

[View Email in Browser](#)



## MENDOCINO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

### March 2022 Newsletter

Are you prepared for fire season? Learn what steps you can take to get ready while you stay up to date with the MCFSC monthly newsletter.

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

Inside this Issue:

- Prepare for Fire Season - Take the quiz to enter a drawing for great prizes!
- FREE defensible space assistance for eligible households: DSAFIE seeking applicants
- CERT Hands on Training in Ukiah April 30th
- Article Spotlight: [Good Fire Report](#) from the Karuk Tribe
- 2022 Fire Safety Micro-Grant Update
- Listen & Learning Opportunities: *Waking up to Wildfire* documentary & Evacuation Resource Round-up
- Save the Date: Homebrew Festival & Wildfire Expo Saturday May 21, 3-5 p.m.

### Fire Season is Coming - Are you Prepared?

Are you taking steps to prepare yourself, your home, and your neighborhood for this fire season? California is entering into the summer of 2022 after yet another historically dry winter. MCFSC wants to help you be prepared this year. Read up at the [Preparing for Wildfire webpage](#) and then test your knowledge with the quiz below.

Participants who successfully complete the quiz will be entered to win a free wildfire risk home assessment, ready-set-go bag, and MORE.

**Take the Quiz!**

There's always more you can do. Visit the MCFSC website and make sure you are working on the 6 steps to be prepared this fire season. If you're looking for more you can do, visit our [home hardening page](#) and start knocking things off your list.

### DSAFIE Defensible Space Assistance Seeking Applicants

Our Defensible Space Assistance for Income Eligible (DSAFIE) program offers FREE home and yard work to improve fire safety for eligible seniors and those with physical disabilities. Apply now and get help clearing your property of hazards before this year's fire season. Seniors and folks with a physical disability are encouraged to visit the website to see if you're eligible for assistance. Applications can be submitted online or in hard copy.

For more information [visit the MCFSC webpage](#) or contact Bobbie at admin@firesafemendocino.org or (707) 462-3662.

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Hybrid Training April 30th

The CERT basic training includes an online component and one full day in-person training. The training is an empowering way to learn disaster response, survival skills, and teamwork. Participants should complete the online portion of the course before attending the hands-on training April 30th.

You can download a flyer with more information [here](#). Please follow [this link](#) to register or call (707) 462-1959.

### Article Spotlight: Good Fire

#### Current Barriers to the Expansion of Cultural Burning and Prescribed Fire in California and Recommended Solutions.



The Good Fire Report was written on behalf of the Karuk Tribe and centers Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and direct experience of cultural fire practitioners to examine barriers to expanding intentional fire in California.

The Good Fire Report recognizes the role of tribes and cultural burners in stewarding California's landscape for thousands of years. It identifies unique barriers faced by indigenous nations and explores legal and policy underpinnings preventing broader use of managed fire in the state. Importantly, the paper goes on to identify legislative, regulatory, and policy solutions that will improve access for both indigenous practitioners and others using fire as a stewardship tool.

*"We must take this opportunity and opening to not just shift on the margins, but fundamentally shift our approach to intentional fire."*  
- pg. 37, Good Fire Report

[Download the Good Fire Report here](#) or read the Executive Summary at [this link](#).

### Neighborhood Fire Safe Council News

#### Fire Safety Micro-Grant Update

The inaugural round Fire Safety Micro-Grant funding received a fantastic turnout! With \$50,000 to award, MCFSC accepted 18 applications requesting a total of \$105,760 in Fire Safety funding. The review process has been competitive, and we are in the process of scoring applications.

**Hold tight - applicants can expect to hear about the success of their application before the end of the month.**

### Listen & Learn



"Waking Up to Wildfires" is an Emmy-nominated film from UC Davis Environmental Health Sciences Center that looks at the aftermath of the 2017 North Bay fires. Fire fighters, researchers, and survivors recount their experience and look to the future, trying to make sense of the impact of disasters such as these.

TW: This film contains footage of wildfire and stories of trauma and death.

**Great info from the Fire Adapted Network - "Evacuation Resource Round-Up"**

### Upcoming Events



The Fourth (Mostly) Annual Homebrew Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Anderson Valley Brewing Company in Boonville. This Mendocino County Fire Safe Council fundraiser also has a concurrent Wildfire Safety Expo which will feature tons of information, service providers, and local first responders. There will be live music, kids' activities, and food available for purchase. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information and tickets!



Copyright © 2021 Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, All rights reserved.  
You were subscribed to the newsletter from Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

**Our mailing address is:**  
Mendocino County Fire Safe Council  
P.O. Box 263  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).