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May 2022 Newsletter

Find out what's new with MCFSC in this month's newsletter.

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Homebrew Festival & Wildfire Safety Expo a Big Success!

Thank you to our vendors!!

Last weekend, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council hosted the 4th Annual Homebrew Festival and the 1st Annual Wildfire Safety Expo at the Anderson Valley Brewing Company in Boonville. The event drew homebrewers from around the North Coast, fire safety professionals, and many Mendocino County residents and visitors.

Attendees enjoyed food, drink, and live music by the Back Porch Trio while learning about home hardening, defensible space assistance programs, county emergency services and much more. The event was well attended and brought many new friends to MCFSC – don't miss out on the fun next year!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and especially our wonderful homebrewers, wildfire safety vendors, volunteers, and the Anderson Valley brewing Company!



MCFSC Secures \$1 Million in Funding for Wildfire Preparedness Projects in Mendocino County

MCFSC has been awarded two direct grants from CAL FIRE to complete environmental compliance work and begin implementation on wildfire preparedness projects around the county, totaling \$1.14 million. Funded projects include environmental review for prescribed burn units in Ukiah's Eastern and Western Hills, a shaded fuel break in the Pine Mountain area, prescribed burn units south of Covelo, and prescribed burn units east of Laytonville. This award will also allow roadside fuel reduction work to begin on Orr Springs Road and will catalyze other roadside clearing projects throughout the county.

MCFSC Board Identifies Priorities for '22-23

MCFSC Board of Directors met for their annual Strategic Planning Retreat this week. Members identified three major priorities to guide this year's actions and build upon last year's successes:

1. Identify funding to maintain County Coordinator position
2. Maintain and expand residential defensible-space programs
3. Maintain and expand home evaluations and home-hardening assistance programs

Science Spotlight: Wildland-Urban Interface Structure/Parcel/Community Fire Hazard Mitigation Methodology



Structure losses during wildfires are largely attributed to embers and direct exposure from a flaming front. New Hazard Mitigation Methodology assesses effective structure, parcel, and community hardening strategies to mitigate structure losses.

As wildland-urban interface fires grow in number and severity, there is a growing need for comprehensive hazard assessment to harden structures effectively and cost-efficiently. The National Institute of Standards and Technology, CAL FIRE, and the insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety has created this Hazard Mitigation Methodology to explicitly address home and parcel retrofits that effectively mitigate fire risk. The Methodology was developed to inform retrofits to the current building stock, but can be applied to new construction in the WUI as well.

"The structures destroyed by WUI fires have devastated entire communities and have cost billions of dollars while significantly impacting the social fabric and economic well-being of entire regions."

[Access the full report here.](#)

More from MCFSC

Upcoming KZYX Radio Shows



Find MCFSC on community public radio! Tune into KZYX at 88.1-FM in Fort Bragg, 90.7 in Philo, and 91.5 FM in Ukiah and Willits June 7th and June 21st at 9 a.m. Our first show will feature a conversation with Scott Cratty, Elizabeth Archer, and Yana Valachovic covering the "6 Steps to Wildfire Preparedness."

MCFSC hosted a KZYX radio program from October 2020 - June 2021. You can listen to the episodes on the MCFSC website for conversations about the people, organizations, policies, and projects that help keep Mendocino County safe when wildfires occur.

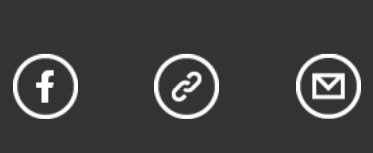
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Check out this Spanish-language educational video series (with English subtitles), geared towards children living in areas with high fire risk.

Wildfire Matters (podcast) from the Bureau of Land Management – Explaining the National Interagency Fire Center



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