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October 2021 Newsletter

Happy Fall! Get the latest news on Mendocino County Fire Safe Council in our October Newsletter.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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 - Save the Date: Homebrew Festival & Wildfire Expo are back!

Stay Up to Date with MCFSC

Applications are open for the **Defensible Space Assistance for Income-Eligible (DSAFIE)** Program! Are you a senior or disabled person in need of assistance creating defensible space? Do you have a friend, neighbor, or family member in need?



Please share the application [available on our website](#) or call (707) 462-3662 to sign up.

2020-2021 Annual Report

This year's Annual Report features the many accomplishments of MCFSC, including being chosen Non-Profit of the Year in State Assembly District Two! Read the full report of accomplishments, programs, and fiscal records on [MCFSC's website](#) or by clicking on the image below.



Science Spotlight: Can Homes be Built to Withstand Wildfire?



This photo captured by a drone shows a house that survived the 2018 Camp Fire among others that were destroyed. Photo courtesy of Butte County

New Research from University of California

New research published in *Fire Ecology* examines the role of vegetation and housing arrangement in determining the survival of structures during the 2018 Camp Fire. Results showed that home age, distance to other structures that burned, and pre-fire vegetation within 100 meters were some of the primary determiners of home survival.

Read the full study by [clicking here](#) or the summary written by UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources [here](#).

Neighborhood Fire Safe Council News

Welcome to our two newest Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils!

Vista Del Lago FSC & Radical Ridge Road FSC joined the ranks this month, helping to make their neighborhoods & our communities better organized, stronger, and more prepared for wildfire.

Interested in Kraft Paper?

Waxed Kraft paper keeps burn piles dry until conditions are right to burn safely. One of our Neighborhood Fire Safe Council's is interested in a bulk purchase to provide individuals & NFSCs with smaller quantities than normally available. In order to gauge community interest, please fill out the following survey to indicate if you would be interested in pooling on a purchase of Kraft paper.

[Click here to fill out survey.](#)

MCFSC in the News



Word-of-Mouth Profile

Visit the [Word-of-Mouth Website](#) to read the recent article on Mendocino County Fire Safe Council. The profile catalogues MCFSC's recent history and highlights current programs designed to help Mendocino Co. residents survive and thrive in our wildfire prone environment.

KZYX Interview

On September 14th, MCFSC's Executive Director Scott Cratty, Ukiah Valley Fire District Chief Doug Hutchison, & CAL Fire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez hosted an in-depth discussion on the Hopkins Fire on Citizen U program on KZYX.



[Listen Here by Searching for Mind Body Health or Citizen U and Playing the Sept. 14th episode.](#)

Listen & Learn

- Ologies Podcast- Listen here for an episode on Indigenous Fire Ecology
- California Natural Resources Agency Panel- 'Good Fire?'
- Watch Butte County Fire Safe Council's Wildfire Ready Music Video

Upcoming Events



The Fourth (Mostly) Annual Mendocino County 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!



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