



## **PB NEWS: Nextdoor Signup, Firewise Event, Code Red, Storm Damage 03-25-18**

### **Hi Folks,**

Nice crisp Sunday Morning with 2" of new snow/ice, forecast is about 9 days in a row of Sun – great chance to come and clean up all your debris.

### **1. Nextdoor Signup**

- . Nextdoor updated our Map so you should be successful in joining now
- . Send a request to Dale Pilgeram [pilgeram@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pilgeram@sbcglobal.net) to get an invite. Include your name(s) and email(s) to register under. Make sure the email(s) provided are not used for Nextdoor somewhere else.
- . When you get the invite, enter the asked for information and use your Pinebrook property address. If they do not immediately verify your address let Dale know and he can Verify for you.
- . If you were previously registered to BLS, FlyIn, Campo Seco, or ???, un-register that membership and then ask Dale for a new invite. Pinebrook currently has about 60 members out of the 330 property owners. Nextdoor will be used by County OES (Office of Emergency Services) to broadcast disaster status, evacuation information, and other critical status and events.

### **2. Firewise Event on May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to Noon at the White Pines Independence Hall**

- . It is recommended that you attend, especially if you are a new property owner.
- . Pinebrook will be there handing out unique Fire Safety Compliance inspection info unique to Pinebrook and Evacuation Maps from Pinebrook. Lunch is provided.
- . National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Event, Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Independence Hall, 1445 Blagen Rd, Arnold, 9:00 to Noon. Description and Agenda:

Residents and property owners in high-risk wildfire areas who want to take action steps to increase their safety but are unsure about how to start can now find the information and the inspiration they need to organize and accomplish wildfire risk reduction projects on their property and in their community. The Volunteers in Prevention Team is partnering with the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) and [State Farm](#)<sup>®</sup> for the 5th annual [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) event on May 5th, 2018, to help individuals and communities prepare for and work together to reduce their risk of wildfire damage.

A number of speakers and booth representatives will provide information on topics relating to the safety of your property and our communities. Planned topics include:

- . The Multi-agency work being done to complete a fuel break around the entire corridor. U.S. Forest Service representatives will present a map showing boundaries between Subdivisions and forests, and where fuel breaks have been completed or are planned. Preventing fires from entering the community and/or forest is the first step in keeping our homes and towns safe.
- . Disaster communications, evacuation procedures and timing, and development of evacuation routes will be covered. You must know all evacuation routes and options in our communities.
- . An overview of the Firewise program and the Volunteers in Prevention (VIP) activities that are directed at maintaining defensible space around our homes and within our neighborhoods. Learn what to expect when property inspections begin this year, and how to be in compliance. You may even want to become a VIP! All you need to know will be presented at this meeting.
- . An expert will speak about the impact and outlook for tree mortality in our area. How many trees have died? Is the bark beetle scourge over? How to get rid of all those logs in your yard?

- . Homeowners insurance: many insurers are not renewing homeowners' policies and are not writing new policies in our area. Find out what's being done, what you can do to keep your coverage or how to get a new policy.
- . If you are not going to clean your lot yourself, a list of approved lot cleaners will be provided and the Pinebrook website [www.pinebrookhoa.org](http://www.pinebrookhoa.org) has a list as well. It may already be too late to sign someone up for cleaning.

Through these educational, individual and group activities, residents and property owners in the Ebbetts Pass Corridor can learn more about the importance of wildfire preparedness and planning, the power of prevention, and the requirements for compliance. There are many new owners of property this year who should take advantage of the information covered at this event to understand their responsibilities to be in fire safety compliance along with planning for any evacuation needs.

### **3. Sign Up for Code Red if you are not on distribution for emergency email/phone directives:**

- . Go to county website [www.calaverasgov.us](http://www.calaverasgov.us) and at the bottom of the home page Click on the Code Red Logo.
- . Then Click on the Code Red Logo for registration – follow instructions
- . Besides Nextdoor emails you can get phone calls, texts, and emails from Code Red, these are serious, no blogs here.
- . Also consider getting on distribution for Sheriff reports and activities on NEXEL distribution.

### **4. Storm Damage in Pinebrook**

- . The heavy wet snow of a week ago and earlier storms took down a lot of trees and branches
- . The damage to houses, decks, storage units is now visible along with all the debris. Look at your place or get a neighbor to check it out and since we have maybe 9 days of sun coming this would be good time to clean up the debris and either burn it or dispose of it to get a start on your Fire Safety Defensible Space Compliance requirements. Make sure you still have power and telecommunications at your house/cabin.