

City of Redlands

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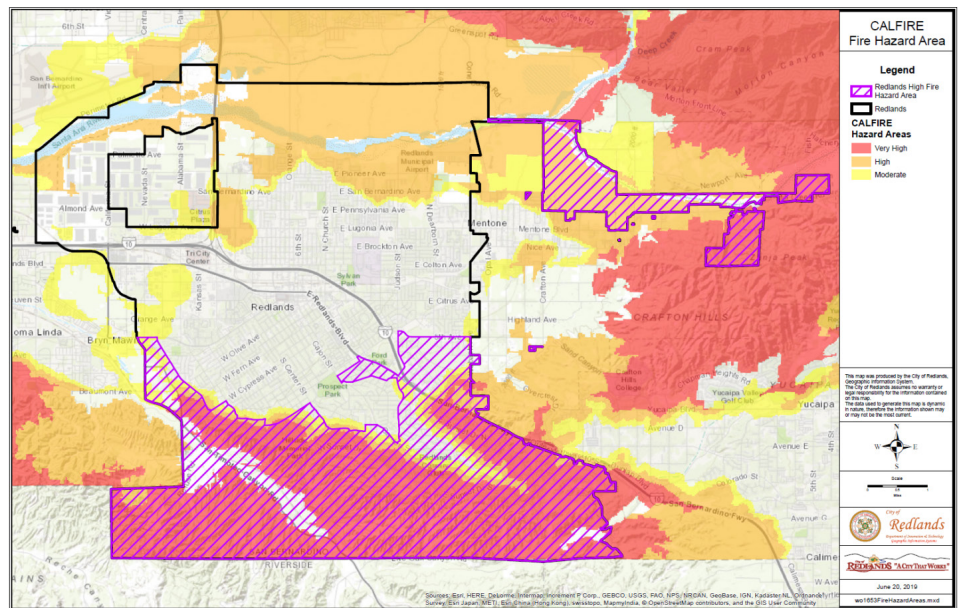
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Be Prepared

California's wildfire season is here and much of Redlands is 'in the zone'

Did you know that approximately one-third of the City of Redlands has been identified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection? This means that the risk of a major destructive wildfire in these zones is very high. It is imperative that our community members do their part to prepare for wildfire. As the 2019 wildfire season approaches, the Fire Department would like to ensure that the community has the necessary information.

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Preserving quality of life and City services

As the City of Redlands plans for the future, we are taking a close look at the public safety services, local infrastructure, public facilities and city programs that our community relies on.

For example, we want to ensure that we are able to keep up with basic repairs and maintenance to public facilities, storm drains and sidewalks

because when these repairs are not addressed, they become a lot more expensive to repair in the future.

We also want to ensure the City has enough police officers, firefighters, paramedics and resources to respond quickly to 9-1-1 emergencies. However, the current public safety facilities are too small and outdated to adequately serve the needs of this

community. Redlands Police operate out of temporary portable trailers and a building that is nearly 100 years old.

As the City continues to evaluate our needs, we want to hear from you! You can provide feedback through our online survey at www.cityofredlands.org/localneeds.

Ready- Be fire-adapted and ready

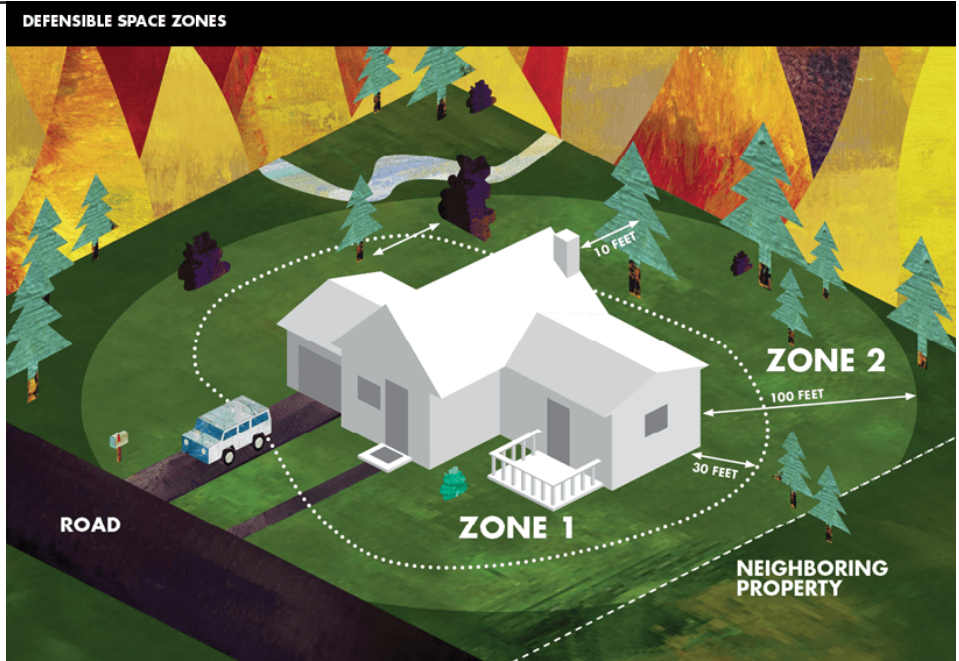
Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing in the home know the plan of action.

Set- Situational Awareness

Pack your emergency items. Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.

Go- Act Early
Follow your personal wildland fire action plan.

Also, be sure to adhere to your local jurisdiction's evacuation processes. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire. For more information on how to create defensible space around your home and how to be better prepared for wildfires, please visit www.readyforwildfire.org. The Redlands Fire Department's Community Risk Reduction Division is available to answer any specific questions you may have regarding our local ordinance or if you need help finding additional resources. Please contact us at (909) 798-7601.



Community preparedness Town Halls

The Redlands Fire Department will host two Town Hall meetings to discuss wildfire awareness for the community. Both meetings will be held at Redlands High School, 840 E. Citrus Ave. in the Grace Mullen Auditorium.

The first meeting will be held at 6

p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. A second meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Both meetings will include identical presentations to inform the community of the wildfire risk to the City of Redlands and its residents and to provide information on how to be prepared.

Receive City of Redlands Emergency Notifications

To receive official emergency notifications from City of Redlands such as wildfire incident information, evacuation information, and other critical updates, please sign up for the City of Redlands Emergency Notification System at <https://www.cityofredlands.org/post/emergency-notification-system>.

The Redlands Emergency Notification System was implemented in order to communicate emergency and other urgent messages to residents and other community members, using both text and voice messages in the event of an emergency affecting Redlands.

Commonly referred to as "Reverse 911," the system will automatically call listed and unlisted "land line" telephone numbers within the area affected by the emergency and deliver a recorded message. If an answering machine is reached, the emergency message will be left on the machine.

Cell phone or Voice over IP (VoIP) phone numbers are not automatically included in the system database. If you wish to be contacted on your cell or VoIP phone, you must register these phone numbers online at <https://www.cityofredlands.org/post/emergency-notification-system>.



New Downtown shopping and dining is on the way

A number of new development projects have been approved in 2019 that will significantly reshape a section of downtown Redlands surrounding the City’s future passenger rail station. These developments, highlighted in the accompanying map, include:

- * Coffee shop with a drive-through lane and new parking lot, located on the southeast corner of Eureka Street and Stuart Avenue. This project will incorporate public art, educational monuments featuring cultural resources found during excavation of the site, electric vehicle charging stations and a plaza

- * on the south side of the building. Phase II of the Packing House District on the south side of Stuart Avenue will include space for new retail and restaurant uses.
- * Escape Brewery will relocate its operations, adding a restaurant component, to the historic Rondor Building located at 440 Oriental Ave. This building’s original purpose was to house trolley cars, and it was later used as a warehouse for the City Transfer and Storage Company. There will be an outdoor patio on the east side of the building.
- * J. Riley Distillery and Restaurant will open in two buildings located on the northwest corner of Eureka and Oriental. J. Riley’s currently operates on Nevada Street in Redlands.

- * This project will include a large outdoor patio area in between the distillery and restaurant buildings.
- * Redlands Public Market will open inside the historic Mutual Orange Distributors (MOD) Packinghouse that was built in 1912 as a citrus packing house and stood vacant for many years until being purchased by Arteco Partners. Now, this landmark building’s rich history will be preserved and transformed into a culinary marketplace that celebrates Redlands’ agricultural heritage and today’s finest hand-crafted cuisines. The Redlands Public Market will showcase more than a dozen eateries and food artisans that will make residents become regulars and turn visitors into food tourists.

Business licensing available online

Effective December 2018, business license renewals are now being sent electronically to the email on the business account. For those businesses without an email on file, these will continue to be mailed until an email is provided.

Effective June 26, 2019, business license renewals may be paid online. You must have a business license number and PIN in order to pay online. These can be found on your renewal email along with the payment site, <https://businesslicense.cityofredlands.org>.

If you have not received your renewal, either by email or mail, contact our office at (909) 798-7557, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15B, Redlands, or businesslicense@cityofredlands.org, Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are closed alternating Fridays. Also check your spam email.

Our information can also be accessed on the City Website at <https://cityofredlands.org>, business tab.



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Library Literacy program to host performance of ‘Seedfolks’

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program will hold a free performance of the “Seedfolks” at 2 p.m. Sept. 7, at the Contemporary Club, 173 S. Eureka St. The community is invited to attend, please RSVP to literacy@akspl.org.

This year the Redlands Adult Literacy Program chose the book, “Seedfolks,” by Paul Fleischman, as its community read. “Seedfolks” is a story about a neighborhood which transforms a vacant lot into a community garden. In the process, neighbors from many different backgrounds get to know each other and form a community of mutual support. “Seedfolks” was selected because it reflects the story of Redlands, which grew out of a history of agriculture and residents from all over the world to form a rich community that values education, the arts, and each other.

An estimated 23 percent of the adult population in the United States struggles to read and write. Even in Redlands, the 2010 census showed more than 10 percent of adults had not earned a high school diploma. Low literacy can impact an individual’s employment, health and participation in the community. Tutors with the Redlands Adult Literacy Program assist adults who want to improve their reading and writing so they can advance their education, improve their jobs, help their children with homework and fully participate in the Redlands community.

Every other year, the Redlands Adult Literacy Program identifies a book for the community to read and holds a community event based on that book. The community event is an opportunity to share the important message that

adults who have difficulty with reading and writing can receive free and confidential assistance. The community event also allows adult learners in the program to share their thoughts about literacy and how they have benefitted from the program.

Adult literacy assistance is free and confidential. For further information regarding the Redlands Adult Literacy Program or information about the “Seedfolks” performance, please contact Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator at dshimota@akspl.org or call 909.798.7565, ext. 4138. Additional information regarding the Redlands Adult Literacy Program is also available on the library’s website: www.akspl.org.