

Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council



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- We've Partnered up with the OC!
Welcome Brea Fire, Olinda Village & Hollydale Mobile Home Communities.
- Thank you to the City of Chino Hills; Law Enforcement & Fire Personnel. Students & Volunteers, Ayala High School, McCoy Equestrian Center, The Red Cross & The Chino/Chino Hills Champion.
- A special thanks to Western Hills Golf & Country Club. Thank you for your facilities and the many meals you provided to the Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement Personnel.

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Triangle Complex Fire The Aftermath

That particular weekend of November 15th proved to be a very challenging one to say the least. As we pass through our canyon we can still see the skeletons of the fire and remember our individual experiences that each of us faced. But more importantly we have many blessings to count and many people to thank for our survival & renewal. A great deal has already been accomplished with the infrastructure repair and restoration in Carbon Canyon and Chino Hills State Park. Ongoing efforts to restore this great community of ours continue. And other good things have also developed... We've

partnered up with the O.C! There is strength in numbers and we are very excited to announce that Brea Fire, Olinda Village, and Hollydale Mobile Home Estates have become a part of our Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council. Rather than start their own council it was unanimous that they join forces & partner up with our chapter of 8 years. We invite and urge all of our residents to attend our meetings and become informed on fire safety and fire safe products and procedures. Our meetings are educational and informative. John Mura

with the City of Chino Hills was one of many guest speakers informing us about our water supply and its substantial improvement. Our great city has increased our water supply capacity by 800 percent since 1990!

So please join us. Ask your questions and get your answers. Leave with piece of mind. Knowledge is power, so let's network and share... and we need your knowledge, skills and input to help us succeed.

Our thoughts go out to those in our Canyon that lost homes, animals or property.

Wildfire Awareness Fair Set for May 30th

Once again we are holding our **Wildfire Awareness Fair on Saturday May 30th in Carbon Canyon at Fire Station #64 and Western Hills Park adjacent to the fire station. The event will take place between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. This event will be better than ever!**

There will be demonstrations with fire extinguishers and Thermo-Gel; a fire protective gel product that when applied with a garden hose will protect your home from fire up to 72 hours. Also new fire safe products on the market for your homes such as roof gutter guards and eave vents that protect homes from flying embers during a wildfire.

We will have door prizes, kid fun, food, raffles & give a way items. Also free hot dogs &

beverages. Take a guided tour of our drought tolerant and fire resistant garden so you can become informed about what to plant and what not to plant in order to stay fire safe.

HOME DEPOT will have a gardening class between 10am-2pm and also host a "kid's craft workshop." In addition they will be giving away 200 plants!

FRESH AND EASY NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET will be giving away reusable grocery bags, & donate a Gift Basket of Fresh and Easy Products for our raffle!

We'll have many agencies there to answer questions

and provide you with information. AQMD regarding air quality after a fire. Evacuation planning and disaster notification. Chino Hills Auxiliary Radio Team (CHART) will be on hand to discuss emergency radio communications. **FARMERS INSURANCE** will be available with their **Free Child & Pet ID software**. And firefighters from Brea and Chino Valley will get a firsthand look at our new brush engine! "grrrrr"

So if you want to become more informed on wildfires and how to prepare, prevent and help save your homes, please join us. We would love to meet you and welcome your support.

Keep your eye out in the Chino Champion & around town for more information regarding this fun and informative community event.



"Wildlife cannot eat it nor can they nest in it."

This article & information courtesy of Claire Schlotterbeck- "Hills for Everyone" Newsletter No. 22 - Winter 2009 www.HillsForEveryone.org

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CHINO VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
WWW.CHINOVALLEYFIRE.ORG

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CARBONCANYONCHRONICLE.BLOG.SPOT.COM

We hope you enjoyed our first CCFSC quarterly news letter. Look for next quarters issue hitting your mailboxes in July! We are currently enhancing our local website. Visit us on line for meeting notes and minutes.

www.firesafecouncil.org
Locate a local council: Chino Hills, CA - 91709

Arundo? Bamboo? Webster's? What the heck is going on with these green things in the canyon?

One good outcome of the recent fire is that nearly all of the nasty, invasive, stream choking, water grabbing non-native reed (*Arundo donax*) was burned to the ground. Originally brought here for erosion control, it has become a menace to natural streams when it gets a foothold. It can grow to 30 feet tall with a 25 foot underground root system. Since it contains silica (glass) wildlife cannot eat it and since it does not branch, they cannot nest in it.

Within days of the fire that burned through the Orange County portion of Carbon Canyon, residents for the first time saw not only a stream, but also water running in it. And the arundo was already six inches

tall in places. Creeks usually act as a barrier to the spread of fire – at the very least slowing it down – but choked with *Arundo donax* it acted as a wick and spread the fire along the creek and across Carbon Canyon Road. Besides acting as a torch, arundo used so much water that it kept our creek perpetually dry and an eyesore. No native tree or plant could compete with the arundo. Removing this scourge once and for all would allow the creek to heal itself and once again provide a place of beauty.

Many agencies, groups and individuals are interested in getting rid of the 25 acres of arundo once and for all. The most expensive part of its removal is getting rid of the biomass, and the fire did that. Brea has committed \$25,000 from

a special fund source to kill the Arundo. Grant applications have been submitted from the Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council for \$40,000 and we hope to hear this month if that grant was approved.

Typically an herbicide is sprayed four times a year for five years. Experts caution us not to be too concerned that it is now six feet tall or more. They say it needs to be sufficiently high and leafed out for the leaves to effectively carry the herbicide to the 25 foot long roots.

So next time you drive through the canyon you'll know just exactly what this plant is and why we need to eradicate it.

Who we are... Our Mission and our Vision

CCFSC MISSION STATEMENT: "TO PRESERVE OUR CANYONS NATURAL AND MANMADE RESOURCES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BY DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF ECOLOGICALLY SOUND AND APPROPRIATE FIRE SAFETY."

The Fire Safe Council on a whole, provides resources for establishing and maintaining local Fire Safe Councils, such as the FSC Handbook, nonprofit and funding information.

Their Mission is mobilizing Californians to protect their homes, communities and environments from wildfire.

Their Vision is that together, people and communities have eliminated the impact of catastrophic wildfires on all they hold dear.

Since its formation in April

1993, the Council has united its diverse membership to speak with one voice about fire safety. The Council has distributed fire prevention education materials to industry leaders and their constituents, evaluated legislation pertaining to fire safety and empowered grassroots organizations to spearhead fire safety programs.

As your **local Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council** we are continually striving to serve our community in the best way possible.

We are a non-profit

corporation and count on volunteers, sponsors, and support in order to continue our efforts.

Please join us at our monthly meetings held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Community Building at 16801 Rosemary Lane. 2nd floor. The center is equipped with an elevator.

Confirmation of the **next meeting, May 6th** will be posted on the website or call the Fire Safe Council number below in advance to confirm.

Telephone numbers for quick reference

Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council	(714)313-2405	California Poison Control System	(800)222-1222
Brea Carbon Canyon Road Hotline	(714)990-7732	National Pesticide Information Center	(800)858-7378
Chino Hills Road Conditions Hotline	(909)364-2828	City of Chino Hills www.chinohills.org	(909)364-2600
Chino Valley Fire www.chinovalleyfire.org (909)902-5280			



IF YOU WITNESS LIT CIGARETTES THROWN OUT IN THE CANYON, REPORT IT TO THE CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT AT (909)902-5280, EXT. 203. NOTE THE DATE, TIME, VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER & MAKE, LOCATION AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.

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