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Upcoming Roadway Survey and Other Fire Prevention Opportunities for Homeowners

Dear Neighbors,

We have some good news to share from your Bayside Acres Firewise Team (BAFT). Working with our local fire departments and FIRESafe Marin, our efforts to reduce the exposure of our neighborhood to wildfire has had beneficial results.

On Tuesday, December 14th, the **San Rafael Fire Department (SRFD)** will begin a roadway survey of Bayview Drive, Main Drive and Manzanita Avenue. The purpose of the survey is to identify vegetation and trees that either impede vehicular traffic or are fire hazards adjacent to the roadway. (See their letter below)

After the surveys have been completed, a City contractor will perform required vegetation management work **FREE OF CHARGE** to residents in early 2022. The cost is covered by your tax dollars supporting the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

For more details and FAQs, please visit: <https://cityofsanrafael.org/roadway-clearances/>

Other Fire Prevention Programs Are Available to Bayside Acres

BAFT is also working closely with the **Marin County Fire Department** to identify residents who would like to participate in their **free programs** to remove vegetation fire hazards, including juniper and Acacia trees, on private property. They have asked our Firewise team to coordinate this directly with residents. If you are interested, please contact Julia Glenister, Firewise@baysideacres.org.

About BAFT and Your Role

BAFT was formally established by the Bayside Acres Neighborhood Association (BANA) on February 2, 2021 to provide a safer community for our families. It was originally set up as a Firewise Task Committee of BANA in July 2019 to initiate the process of applying for Firewise USA recognition with the help of FIRESafe Marin. Thanks to neighborhood participation in reporting annual expenditures and/or

hours clearing defensible space and home hardening of their residences, Bayside Acres was certified into the Firewise USA Program in 2020 and again in 2021. BAFT works closely with FIRESafe Marin, San Rafael Fire, County Fire, the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and AmeriCorps, and has helped our neighborhood remove eucalyptus trees threatening an evacuation route, clear the Bayview Fire Road and a neighbors' large lot for defensible space. Membership in BAFT consists of a Chair, a Secretary and three or more neighborhood "Leads" who represent one of the three sub-communities within BANA (Bayview Drive, Main/Manzanita and Chicken Point). Members must be dues-paying members of the Association. If you would like to get involved in our neighborhood fire prevention activities, please email Firewise@baysideacres.org.

[Click Here](https://baysideacres.org/wildfire-and-disaster-prep/firewise-reporting-form/) to report any 2021 Firewise activity that you haven't yet reported (or go to <https://baysideacres.org/wildfire-and-disaster-prep/firewise-reporting-form/>)

Sincerely yours,

The Bayside Acres Firewise Team (BAFT)

Julia Glenister, Chair (Bayview), Alan Schaevitz (Bayview) & Joseph Tyszkiewicz (Main/Manzanita)

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SAN RAFAEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

11/23/2021

Dear Resident:

The San Rafael Fire Department (SRFD) will be conducting roadway surveys over the next several weeks, including your neighborhood. The purpose of these surveys is to identify hazardous vegetation along roadways pursuant to California Fire Code 4907.3. This survey will identify several hazards including: vegetation that impedes vehicular traffic, fire hazardous vegetation adjacent to the roadway, and hazardous trees adjacent to the roadway. After surveys have been completed for all selected neighborhoods a City contractor will perform required vegetation management work FREE OF CHARGE to residents. Surveys are expected to begin in late November and be completed by late December. Surveys will be completed by a qualified fire department personnel and/ or an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist.

The City of San Rafael is funding this project through the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA). In 2020, Marin County Voters passed special tax Measure C, which established a Joint Powers Authority called MWPA. The MWPA funds and oversees proactive and community-focused wildfire prevention and preparedness efforts within the County. Please refer to the attached map for project details. Please contact the Department with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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