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ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL HERE



To report illegal fireworks, call the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at 510-667-7721. For fires call 911.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

In early 2024, it was time to update the district's Strategic Plan. The Directors engaged a consultant to help in the process which included a four-hour workshop, a citizen-based survey, interviews of each Director and much more. The 2024-29 Strategic Plan can be viewed on our web site. Here is an excerpt from the new plan:

"The district's mission is to:

- Ensure rapid and effective emergency response to our diverse and unique suburban-rural community.
- Encourage safety and prevention through risk assessment and outreach services.
- Maintain fiscal sustainability for the betterment of the entire district."

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & EVACUATION

Sign up for Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP), a 2-hour class taught by firefighters about how to prepare for an emergency and what to do during an emergency. Evacuations will be covered. Offerings will be June 25, 7-9PM and June 22, 9-11AM at the Fire Station on Five Canyons Parkway. Go to our website [contact page](#) to sign up or call 510-583-4930 and leave a message.

OPEN HOUSE REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual open house in September attracted 182 people. Attendees enjoyed meeting our firefighters, touring the station, and eating good food. Please join us Wednesday September 18, 3-7 PM for this years Open House"



JUNE 2024

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NO COST RESIDENTIAL CHIPPING PROGRAM

The no-cost chipping program is administered by the Hayward Fire Department for the Fairview Fire Protection District and is open to all residential properties in Fairview and Five Canyons. Residents are responsible for cutting and stacking tree limbs. Our selected contractor will come to the front of your property to do the chipping. Property owners are advised not to move materials to the front of their property until they have a confirmed chipping date by email.

The application period should open soon for Spring/Summer Chipping. Check our web site <https://www.fairviewfiredistrict.org/fire-district-weed-abatement/> for the link to the chipping application and more information. This program is made available through various grants and the Fairview Fire Protection District supplements this program for Fairview and Five Canyons when budget allows and grant funds are depleted.

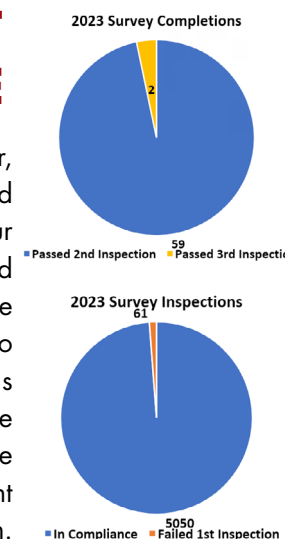
QUESTIONS? Email: firesafehfd@hayward-ca.gov or call the Fire Administration Office at 510.583.4930.

NEED HELP PREPARING FOR THE CHIPPER SERVICE?

Additional grant funding is available to help qualifying residents with cutting, trimming, and stacking. Residents must be seniors, disabled or low income. To request an application please email firesafehfd@hayward-ca.gov. Include your full name, address, and contact information. An application will be emailed to you to fill out. Please email the application back to determine if you qualify for the assistance.

WEED ABATEMENT COURTESY NOTICE

By now, as a resident/property owner, you will have received the 2024 Weed Abatement Courtesy Notice outlining your responsibilities to reduce fire risk around your property. Please get the work done promptly so the inspectors do not need to make follow-up inspections. Inspections will begin May 25 and continue throughout the fire season. Here are some statistics from the 2023 Weed Abatement & Fuels Management Inspection Program.



CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR ANNUALLY

It's important to check your smoke detector batteries so they will function when needed. Units with replaceable batteries should be changed annually. Replace entire unit every 10 years for units with non-replaceable batteries.



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FIRE CHIEF RETIRES

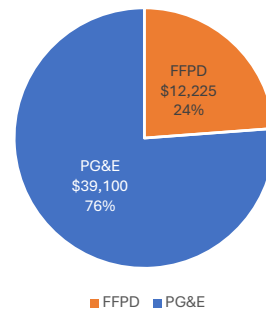
After 12 years as Fire Chief and 28 years of service to the City of Hayward and the Fairview Fire Protection District community, Fire Chief Garrett Contreras is retiring on Friday, June 7, 2024. Chief Contreras' leadership has been a period of innovation, modernization, and genuine commitment to public service. As the Fire Service has taken on a greater role in emergency medical response, he has been a leader in leveraging partnerships to make healthcare more accessible and for the betterment of the Fire Service generally. Chief Contreras, congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!

2023 CHIPPING PROGRAM SUCCESS

The Chipping Program was implemented in the Summer and Fall of 2023, at a cost of \$51,325. A PG&E Grant funded \$39,100 and FFPD funded \$12,225. Over 12 weeks of scheduled chipping took place, with a total of 81 homes in the District receiving this service. The chipping program allowed residents to continue the maintenance of pruning the lower limbs of trees and removing dead materials and aged shrubs. Chipped materials are then hauled away and disposed of offsite as green waste, unless the resident requests to keep them.

To learn more about defensible space and how to participate in our vegetation management programs, visit the program webpage www.hayward-ca.gov/fire-safe on the City of Hayward website, email firesafeffd@hayward-ca.gov, or call (510) 583-4930.

2023 Chipping Program Funding



RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Residents with Disabilities who may need assistance getting out of their homes in an emergency can contact us at 510-583-4930 and we will share their information with our fire dispatch center. This important information can then be viewed by firefighters on the fire engine's computer as they respond to your residence.

If your disability keeps you from quickly opening the door, you can aid fire crews in entering your home by purchasing and installing a **Knox Box** at your front door. You then place a door key in the Knox Box. Only the Fire Department can access this. Below is a link to an ordering site. For residences, the **Knox HomeBox 1500** is the best choice (see the picture). If you need assistance with the online ordering or have questions, call HFD at 510-583-4900. Reminder- you live in the Fairview Fire Protection District so when ordering on this site you must input "Fairview FPD" when entering your "local fire department/agency."

<https://www.knoxbox.com/Products/Residential-KnoxBoxes>

SIGN UP FOR AC ALERT

Road closures. Police actions. Fires. This service alerts you quickly in the event of a local emergency and can provide important information to keep you and your family safe.

The service is free and requires subscribers to "opt-in" (sign up). Go to our web site fairviewfiredistrict.org to learn more and sign up or call Hayward Fire Department Emergency Service Office at (510) 583-4948.

NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Every even -numbered year, the terms of two or three directors end and are placed on the Alameda County General Election November ballot. If you are interested in serving and want to learn more, go to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters web site, and select "how to run."

THERE ARE NOW 3 ALTERNATE EVACUATION ROUTES (AER'S) IDENTIFIED IN THE KELLY HILL AREA.

- (1) AER 1 - The 8' wide concrete path that goes through Lakeridge Park,
- (2) AER 2 - Canyon Dr off Valley View Dr, that exits onto Canyon Terrace DR. in the Five Canyons Development.
- (3) AER 3 - The gate connecting Lori Way to Thurston court

These alternate evacuation points will be available for emergency egress if they are needed to evacuate residents. If they are to be used, emergency personnel will be present to unlock/open any barriers. Please do not assume they will be used unless you receive evacuation instructions directing you to one of them. You should familiarize yourself with the access points to these alternate routes.

Emergency Evacuation Routes out of the Kelly Hill Area

