

Carbon Canyon FSC Board of Directors

President: Charlie Blank
Vice President: Eric Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer:
Paul Spitzzeri


Carbon Canyon FSC
P.O. Box 1328
Chino Hills, CA 91709


SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

*The Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council's mission is:
to preserve our Canyon's natural and manmade resources on
public and private property by development and enforcement
of ecologically sound and appropriate fire safety measures.*

Attend Our Meetings

The Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Sleepy Hollow Community Building, 16801 Rosemary Lane in Chino Hills (Carbon Canyon). Fire personnel are present from Chino Valley Fire District, Brea-Fullerton, and Cal Fire. Come meet your firefighters and neighbors!

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Needs Your Ideas

To remain eligible for grants to make the canyon more fire safe, we need to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) every five years. And that time has arrived. We will be assessing how much we have accomplished and what remains to be done. A CWPP coordinates communities and government to implement a strategic fire safety plan.

After the Freeway Complex Fire torched Carbon Canyon, the CCFSC reached out to neighbors and government culminating in an approved CWPP. A CWPP prioritizes future funding for hazardous fuel reduction projects and guides management practices in our critical wildland-urban interface. Specific goals were achieved related to reducing structural ignitability, resident education, and prioritizing areas for fuel reduction.

We need your ideas for this effort, which makes Carbon Canyon more fire safe. Let us know what's important to you and how we can make our Canyon safer. Feel free to email George Ullrich (George@UllrichLLC.com) or Eric Johnson (EricJ@Mindspring.com) with your thoughts and ideas.



Fire Safe Fair on June 5th



The Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council will host its annual Wildfire Awareness Fair, Sunday, June 5th from 1-3 PM at 16231 Canon Lane (Chino Valley Station #64 in Carbon Canyon). The Fair will focus on wildland fire safety and preparedness. You can

expect information on preparedness, fire safe products, and landscaping. So come show your support for the Canyon, meet your neighbors, and learn about how to keep your home and family safe! Hope to see you there!

Sleepy Hollow Water Supply Finally Improving

The City is installing 2,100 linear feet of 12-inch waterline on Hillside Drive, from the reservoir at the top of the hill, to connect to an existing 8-inch line at Sumach Lane. Rich Construction was awarded the \$862,300 contract. The waterline project is funded through the Water Utility Fund which sets aside a portion of the water rates paid by residents to maintain and improve the water system. Work will continue through the end of April on the Hillside Drive portion of the project.

This new connection provides important improvements to the water system and is beneficial for water service in Sleepy Hollow. It provides a secondary connection which increases the reliability of the overall system.

The Fire Safe Council has been working to sort out and improve this water supply issue for a number of years. We are grateful for the City's efforts. Special thanks to Chino Hills Vice Mayor Ray Marquez and Ron Nadeau, members of the Fire Safe Council.



Calling All Radio Hams

Ham radio, an old yet reliable technology used in emergency situations, is transforming. It will have the capability to transmit digital files either through the internet or by radio waves. Imagine how much easier it is to send a picture or a document instead of reading and repeating five words at a time!

Carbon Canyon radio groups are forming Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to establish internet communication in the event of a wide area disaster. If you would like to help, consider becoming a ham operator. Licensing is required but proficiency can be learned online at HamRadioLicenseExam.com.

We have emergency focused groups in the Canyon including CHART in Chino Hills and RACES in Brea. Email george@ullrichllc.com for more information.



Fuel Reduction Program

Brush drop off and green waste dumpster available to Carbon Canyon residents

**Saturday, April 23, 2016
8 AM - 1 PM**

**Next to Fire Station 64 at
16231 Canon Ln. in Chino Hills**



Contents must be bundled and please be prepared to unload your own brush

Volunteers will be available on-site for those with special needs

FREE TO RESIDENTS ONLY

Please bring ID, Utility Bill or Canyon Resident Pass

**Fire Inspections Begin May 15th
BE PREPARED! AVOID FINES!**



Learn more at:
www.CarbonCanyonFSC.com
or call 909-902-5280 ext 8833

Donations Accepted
Federal Tax ID # 91-2166978

Arundo Removal Continues

Work continues on removal of the invasive giant reed, *Arundo donax* in Carbon Creek. The Fire Safe Council and Hills For Everyone have been successful in obtaining grants to control this insistent weed. The City of Brea recently contributed \$5,000 and the Orange County and Inland Empire Public Interest Green Fund provided \$10,000.

Long term success depends on continued attention—the plant can soak up to 60% of a creek's water and puts further stress on wildlife that depend on the water sources, especially in a drought.

Canyon residents can witness the success already achieved with the return of willows and mule fat all along the creek.



Arundo choked the stream prior to the 2008 Freeway Fire. Photo 2005.



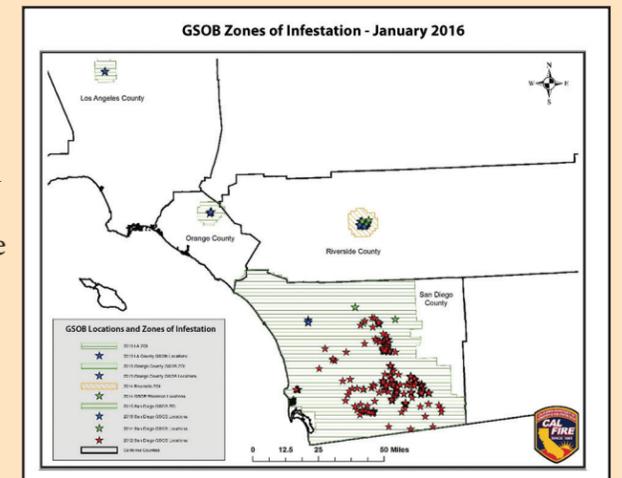
Native vegetation is now established in the Creek. Photo 2016.

Insect Killing Local Oak Trees

The Gold Spotted Oak Borer is a tiny bug that is effectively killing giant old oaks. It has made its way to OC parkland just south of the 91 freeway. The only way a tiny bug can make its way from the infected areas in the San Gorgonio Mountains is to be carried in firewood by humans.

Do not import firewood. Buy firewood locally or we could lose our beloved oak trees to this deadly insect. Please do your part as a responsible Canyon resident.

The map, shown right, outlines the bug's locations (starred areas) and zones of infestation (lined areas).



Regional Alert Systems

The Counties of San Bernardino and Orange have implemented alert systems to keep residents safe during disasters. You are encouraged to register for urgent notifications, but if you haven't heard from the system, please use your best judgment.

If you are a San Bernardino County resident sign up for the Telephone Emergency Notification System at:

www.sbcounty.gov/SBCFire/TENS/TENSContact.aspx

If you are an Orange County resident sign up for AlertOC at: bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp

Quick Reference Guide

All Wildlife Rescue Line	562-434-0141
Brea's Carbon Canyon Road Hotline	714-990-7732
Brea-Fullerton Fire Department	714-990-7655
California Poison Control System	800-222-1222
Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council	909-902-5280x8833
Chino Hills' Road Condition Hotline	909-364-2828
Chino Valley Fire District	909-902-5280
City of Chino Hills	909-364-2600
City of Brea	714-990-7600
National Pesticide Info Center	800-858-7378