

Oak Park Fire Safe Council Meeting: April 7, 2026
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- The Oak Park Fire Safe Council met on April 7, 2026. Attendees included John Faucher (President), Lori Gunn, Robert Convey, and Brian Trushinski.
- Crystal Stratton has offered to advertise the Council's efforts on Supervisor Gorell's website to give the Council greater public exposure.
- The Medea Creek debris clearance project administered through a Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District (RSRPD) contract continues. There are wildlife biologists on site to oversee the protection of nesting birds, protecting and preventing the removal of native plants and trees, and reducing the amount of ground disturbance during the creek cleanup work.
 - This will be a multi-tiered project taking environmental impacts into account and this may result in some starts and stops. This is because Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District has a "Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement" (LSA) with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and all creek work must be done in strict accordance with the environmental requirements set out in the Agreement.
 - The Council decided to post OPFSC-awareness signage and a banner at the work site to remind the community that the Council is helping facilitate this and other fire prevention projects in Oak Park.
- The Resource Conservation District (RCD) has yet to forward grant monies through RSRPD to the Council that would enable them to provide a second Oak Park home assessment flyer mailing. The first mailing was a very effective form of communication to the community.
- Once the Council receives the \$50,000.00 grant money which was secured by California Consulting, \$15,000 of it will be spent to conduct property wildfire assessments and advertising. It will need to be spent by the third quarter of 2026. Another \$35,000 will be spent for brush/ vegetation clearance. The Council acknowledged that clearance might be done using goats or by mechanical clearing. RSRPD staff (Wayne Nakaoka, Director of Planning & Maintenance) is identifying five potential District properties.
- Ventura County LAFCo is the government agency that regulates what community services in Oak Park can be funded from the Community Services Area #4 (CSA# 4) annual budget. Currently, only landscaping and irrigation, crossing guards, Kanan Shuttle, street lighting and sweeping, and certain public utility services are funded. The OPFSC is not included hence, the Oak Park MAC is unable to provide CSA #4 budget funding.

- There were five Firewise assessment requests in March.
- The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping group is designing an overlay of what Oak Park properties have been assessed.
- There will be a training session for Firewise Community Leaders in Calabasas on May 9th. John Faucher and Lori Gunn will attend to represent Mae Boyar East.
- Brian Trushinski is arranging to have the OPFSC present at the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting on May 30th.
- Eric Lundstrum is the Oak Park representative on the RSRPD Board of Directors. The Council is interested in meeting with him and hopes he will support the Council's Firewise efforts.
- There will be a Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection meeting on Tuesday, April 21st and the speaker will discuss insurance related motivations for people to get involved.
- The next OPFSC meeting will be on May 5th starting at 5:00 pm.



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