

BFN Steering Committee
June 30, 2025

Next meeting will be 7 PM July 28 at Robin's house.

In Attendance: Robin Beauchamp, Phyllis Fetto, Rhonda Gray, Michael Grey, Hans & Maria Ritter, Kathy & Krehe Ritter, Terry Tan.

Robin shared various papers for members to spread among neighbors. Most notable was a sheet titled "Reducing Wildfire Risk" (written by Bill Buchholz), of ways to help protect your house from wildfire, listed in increasing difficulty and cost (from least to most). Also useful was a City of Berkeley handout called "Household Fire Weather Planning Tool". Rhonda has put Bill's handout on our website and also put a link in our website to the city handout.

We are all (block captains especially) encouraged to pass these to new neighbors, or less active neighbors. Phyllis pointed out that any effort by us to educate neighbors can help increase general preparedness whenever some actions are taken, even if a neighbor only does part of the recommended items.

Robin mentioned that he had two sign-ups from our January & May get-together. He had saved or forwarded any new information and was going to dispose of them. Phyllis will save them for now.

We decided on our Fall get-together. It will be on the dead-end block of Florida, Sept 28 from 3-6 P.M. [Rhonda has already put this on our website.] Robin will ask Kathy A to get a street-closure permit (has to be someone from Florida Ave. to get the

permit.) Robin will pick up barricades and can deploy misters in case of heat. Robin also offered to ask Jenn Hyde if her daughter would do a flyer for us to pass out and post in the neighborhood.

We will also try planning a separate event where Barbara Morita will give a presentation on First Aid. Daisy has been out of town, so no final date is selected yet. Robin will reach out to Barbara.

Rhonda did some research, and came up with some good ideas in freebies for our parties. Everyone was enthusiastic about a flashlight whose battery is rechargeable by hand power (cute and small - about \$1.50 each). She gave info to Robin who will try to order online.

Another useful item needing more research was a handy first-aid guide (price less than \$1.00). She will talk with Daisy about finding an up-to-date version. Her last idea was a refrigerator magnet with our website on it. Less interest in this because several people have non-magnetic refrigerators.

Rhonda also had preprinted labels with our website <www.bfnprepare.org> which we can attach to whatever freebie we end up with.

Kathy suggested we could aim to have a different freebie at different get-togethers.

Beginning in fall, Michael agreed that he might be able to take on helping less youthful people in our neighborhood with their vent/attic ember screens.