



AGOURA HILLS *Leaflet*

Agoura Hills... Gateway To The Santa Monica Mountains

7TH ANNUAL
AGOURA HILLS
State of the City
Address and Luncheon

Wed. October 23* | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | 29900 Ladyface Ct.

AGOURA HILLS RECREATION & EVENT CENTER | 29900 LADYFACE COURT, AGOURA HILLS, CA 91301

Reservations can be made at www.conejochamber.org

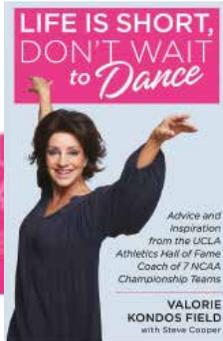
*For those that cannot attend the luncheon event, a second presentation will be made during the City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 starting at 6:00 pm. Civic Center, City Council Chambers at 30001 Ladyface Court. Agoura Hills, CA 91301.

Meet the **AUTHOR**

The City of Agoura Hills and the Friends of the Agoura Hills Library proudly present:

"AN EVENING WITH VALORIE KONDOS FIELD"

Join us as she discusses her inspirational book
Life is Short, Don't Wait to Dance.



Thursday, October 24th, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and desserts
Agoura High School PAEC, 28545 West Driver Avenue, Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Admission is **FREE**, but RSVP is preferred, **SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP TO**
www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us OR 818.597.7361

City Council Meetings

These meetings take place at 6 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at City Hall. Meetings can be viewed live via webstream at www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us during the regularly scheduled meeting. *NOTE: The meetings of November 23 and December 25, 2019 have been canceled.*

- **October 23, 2019**
- **November 13, 2019**
- **December 3, 2019**
(City Council Reorganization)
- **December 11, 2019**

GET READY

Wildfires and post-fire flooding have become something that we need to be prepared for.

Part of that planning is knowing when to leave your home or business and having the appropriate supplies easily available.

The most unpredictable and dangerous fire you're likely to encounter is a wind-driven wildfire. As winds change intensity and direction, a wildfire can either lay down and smolder, or it can turn into a roaring freight train. Knowing how to protect your home, your family, and when to leave in the event of a wildfire will be essential if you are to remain safe when disaster strikes.



When the call comes for an evacuation, it will happen quickly and require you to react immediately to ensure the safety of you and your loved ones. Here are some items that you should plan to have:

- **Keep a pair of old shoes and a flashlight handy for a night evacuation.**
- **People and pets, where are they and how they getting to a safe area**
- **Papers, phone numbers, and important documents**
- **Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses**
- **Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia**
- **Personal computers (information on hard drive and disks)**
- **"Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash**

GET SET

If a wildfire threatens your neighborhood, act immediately. Back your vehicle into the driveway with the hood (front) facing the street. Next, roll up the windows, and load your vehicle with everything you want to take with you. Make certain your valuables are either in your vehicle or are safely stored in a (fireproof) safe.

Remove flammable materials from around your house. This includes patio furniture, firewood, decorations and anything else that could catch fire. Then monitor the news, your fire department's website, and social media for information regarding the fire.

GO

In the past, public safety agencies suggested residents await evacuation instructions prior to leaving their homes.

The latest information suggests that you should not wait to be told to leave. Go early! If you've followed the suggestions noted here you've already done what you can to protect your home and property. Firefighters need room in which to work. By leaving, you give them the best chance to protect your property.

Leaving your home when a wildfire is approaching is a difficult and emotional decision. Many people believe that by staying behind, you will have a better chance of saving your home. During the past year, a growing discussion regarding "stay and defend" has been discussed by both city and fire service officials. The recent disasters in Australia, where so many lives were lost, combined with all of the experience gained in past California wildfires makes it clear that the "stay and defend" concept may sound reasonable on paper, but is extremely dangerous in real-life. People decide to stay before the fire front arrives. When it does, many people change their minds (or panic) and decide to leave - and at that time, it's too late. Many fatalities that have occurred in wildfires around the world are the result of people leaving their homes too late. It's up to you to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

We strongly urge you to learn, adopt, and practice the READY, SET, GO initiative. 🌱

BE AWARE of Credit Bureau Scams

We've all heard about well-known Credit Bureau Companies are being affected by data breaches. Wouldn't you know it? People may have already started putting up fake websites meant to look like the official Equifax settlement claims website.

With these types of breaches, fake websites are popping up, making themselves look like legitimate credit bureau companies offering reimbursement for being a victim of a data breach. But beware these offers are fake, and you will be at risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or scammed straight out of your money.

How This Scam Works:

- Advertisements are posted throughout social media instructing people to file a claim to get money for possibly being a victim of a data breach.
- Once a person is convinced, they are directed to click onto a link that will instruct them to enter personal information.
- Once the personal information is entered, the scammers will have your information which can be used to open fraudulent bank accounts or credit cards.
- Once the claim has been submitted, the victim might get a response indicating they have not been a victim of a data breach.

There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

If you receive an email, advertisement, or phone call advising you may be a victim of a data breach, do not provide personal information until you verify the notification is legitimate. You may be sure you're going to the right site by going directly to the actual credit bureau websites or calling the credit bureau directly.

A couple more things to remember. You'll never have to pay to file a claim for these benefits. And anyone who calls and tries to get you to file a claim is almost certainly a scammer. 🌱

Here are 8 things you can do to harden your home and make it more fire resistant.



Hardening Your Home

1. Roof

The roof is the most vulnerable part of your home. Homes with wood or shingle roofs are at high risk of being destroyed during a wildfire. Build your roof or re-roof with materials such as composition, metal or tile. Block any spaces between roof decking and covering to prevent embers from catching. Use the same ignition-resistant materials for patio coverings as a roof.

2. Chimney

Cover your chimney and stovepipe outlets with a non-combustible screen. Use metal screen material with openings no smaller than 3/8-inch and no larger than 1/2-inch to prevent embers from escaping and igniting a fire.

3. Vents

Vents on homes create openings for flying embers. Cover all vent openings with 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch metal mesh. Do not use fiberglass or plastic mesh because they can melt and burn. Protect vents in eaves or cornices with baffles to block embers (mesh is not enough).

4. Eaves and Soffits

Eaves and soffits should be protected with ignition-resistant or non-combustible materials.

5. Windows

Heat from a wildfire can cause windows to break even before the home ignites. This allows burning embers to enter and start fires inside. Single-paned and large windows are particularly vulnerable.

Install dual-paned windows with one pane of tempered glass to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.

Consider limiting the size and number of windows that face large areas of vegetation.

6. Garage

Have a fire extinguisher and tools such as a shovel, rake, bucket, and hoe available for fire emergencies.

Install weather stripping around and under the garage door to prevent embers from blowing in.

Store all combustible and flammable liquids away from ignition sources.

7. Fences

Consider using ignition-resistant* or non-combustible fence materials to protect your home during a wildfire.

8. Water Supplies

Consider having multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach all areas of your home and other structures on your property. If you have a pool or well, consider getting a pump.

For more information, go to www.readyforwildfire.org



CHESEBRO CROSSING@101 NEWS & UPDATES

Throughout October, crews will advance construction to pour concrete for the new bridge surface on the easterly half of the widening. Once it has cured and the roadway has been restriped, crews will shift traffic and install wood forms for the other side of the overpass deck. Crews will also continue work on drainage improvements throughout the month.

NORTHBOUND HIGHWAY 101 ON AND OFF-RAMPS

Crews continue to work on drainage and grading for one side of the northbound Highway 101 on and off-ramps at Chesebro Road. Once completed, crews will shift traffic over to the enhanced sides of the ramps and then begin work on the other side of each ramp. Construction will include removing old pavement, grading soils, adding new drainage improvements, paving, and installing new lighting. This shift in traffic will result in a minor modification of current traffic patterns so please use caution when driving through the construction zone.

CLOSURES

The majority of construction throughout the month will occur behind safety barriers with lanes and ramps open. Please visit the detour webpage to view detour maps for upcoming temporary closures: www.chesebrocrossing.com/detours.

Please be cautious while driving through the area and remember to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

Current updates and schedules can be found at www.chesebrocrossing.com

Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile from a wildfire.



SPOOKY TRUTHS REGARDING HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house. But for moms and dads, there often is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road way and pedestrian safety.

FOLLOW THIS GHOULISHLY GOOD GUIDE

- 👻 A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on the neighborhood candy runs
- 👻 If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you
- 👻 Agree on a specific time when children should return home
- 👻 Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- 👻 Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- 👻 Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- 👻 At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

TRICK-OR-TREATING

- 👻 Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone
- 👻 Remind your children not to eat any treats until they return home and an adult checks the treats they received
- 👻 Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home

COSTUMES

- 👻 All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- 👻 If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags to make sure they are visible
- 👻 When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- 👻 Remember to remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

In addition to these helpful tips, please note that to ensure the safety of residents and visitors to the annual Halloween festivities on Hempstead Drive, all access points will be closed (open only to pedestrians and/or residents who will need to present verifiable identification) on Thursday, October 31, between the hours of 5pm through 9pm. You can view the City's website at www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us to see an exhibit of the closure locations and special route for large vehicles (ie: vanpools, buses, etc). You may also visit the Public Works and Engineering Department at City Hall and our staff can assist you in understanding the planned traffic control.

If you should have any questions regarding the contents and information contained in this article, contact the Public Works Director/City Engineer, Ramiro Adeva at 818-597-7353. 🌿

HAVE A Happy Halloween

Dig Safely - Call 811

Even if you are just re-landscaping your yard or making improvements to your home that require digging, protect your safety and the safety of those around you by calling Underground Service Alert at 811.

You can also go to www.811express.com at least 2 days before you plan to start your project and submit a "dig ticket."

The necessary utility companies will come out and mark the location of their utility lines. Once you have been notified that the lines have been marked (via email or phone), respect those marks and dig with care around buried utility lines. 🌿



Prevent Fires in your Kitchen Over the Holidays!

The kitchen is the leading area of origin for home fires according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Cooking is the leading cause of fires and home fire injuries.

We have some great tips to help make your cooking experience over the upcoming holidays more enjoyable:

- Stay in the Kitchen when frying, grilling or boiling food. If you must leave for a minute, turn the stove off.
- Keep anything that can catch fire: oven mitts, food packaging, towels or curtains away from the stovetop.
- Unplug unused appliances and never use appliances with frayed cords.
- Become a deep frying expert BEFORE breaking out the oil.
- If you have a pan fire, slide a lid on the pan and turn off the burner.
- Thanksgiving is a peak day for home cooking fires so pay attention to your kitchen.
- Have a child-free zone of at least 3-feet around where hot food is prepared or carried. 🍀

For More Information on Events or Services, check the City of Agoura Hills' website at www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us

Who, What & Where...

City Hall	(818) 597-7300
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Councilmember DEBORAH KLEIN LOPEZ	597-7373
Councilmember DENIS WEBER	597-7371
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce	(805) 370-0035
Animal Control - LA County	991-0071
Building & Safety	597-7334
Building & Safety Inspections	(866) 701-3365
Business License	597-7328
City Clerk	597-7303
Code Compliance (Residential)	597-7335
Code Compliance (Commercial)	597-7335
Dial-A-Ride	707-2005
Disaster Response Team	597-7302
Engineering/Public Works	597-7322
Graffiti	597-7355
Parking Citations	(800) 553-4412
Human Resources	597-7306
Planning & Community Development	597-7339
Recreation Center	597-7361
Senior Center	597-7361
Emergency Info HOT LINE	597-7301

AGOURA HILLS CITY HALL

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RECREATION & EVENT CENTER

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LOST HILLS SHERIFF'S STATION

27050 Agoura Road
Agoura, CA 91301
(818) 878-1808

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCAL DISPATCH

(818) 889-1122

AGOURA HILLS LIBRARY

29901 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(818) 889-2278
Monday 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm
Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday CLOSED

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