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OPEN HOUSE REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual open house in September attracted close to 200 people. Attendees enjoyed meeting our fire fighters and board members, eating good food, and spraying water through a real fire hose! Please join us Wednesday, September 16, 3-7 PM for this year's open house.



WEED ABATEMENT COURTESY NOTICE

By now, as a resident/property owner, you will have received the 2026 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.

NEW FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED AND CHIEF RETIREMENT

In November 2025, Ryan Hamre, a 20 year veteran firefighter was appointed to serve as the new chief of Hayward Fire Department. Over the past 20 years with the Hayward Fire Department, Hamre has worked his way through the ranks, serving as a firefighter, apparatus operator, captain, battalion chief, and deputy chief. As the new fire chief, he will oversee fire suppression and emergency response efforts for Hayward, as well as the Fairview Fire Protection District. Hamre took over this role from Eric Vollmer. Vollmer became interim fire chief after former fire chief Garrett Contreras retired in June 2024. After nearly three decades of exemplary service to the city of Hayward and to communities throughout California, Chief Vollmer retired on December 30, 2025. Please join us in welcoming Chief Hamre, and wishing Chief Vollmer a happy retirement.



UPCOMING TRAINING

There will be CERT training in September. CERT Academy - September 17, 21, 23 (Hayward City Hall - Council Chambers - 5:30-9:00PM). The final exercise will be September 25 (Fire Station 6 - 5:30-9:00PM). Please visit our website to signup <https://www.fairviewfiredistrictca.gov/community-emergency-response-training-cert>. The signup will be posted sometime in July.



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NO COST RESIDENTIAL CHIPPING PROGRAM

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

Funding provided by the Fairview Fire Protection District in 2025 allowed the Hayward Fire Department to administer the department's Defensible Space Residential Assistance and Residential Chipping Program. These programs consist of helping the Hayward Hills and Fairview Fire Protection District in creating defensible space on their own properties. Program goals include improving the resiliency of communities and implementing effective mitigation strategies in high-risk areas.

The application period for summer chipping is now closed, with chipping scheduled from May 18, 2026, through June 30, 2026. The application period for our Fall chipping program is from September 1, 2026, through October 1, 2026. Fall chipping will be scheduled between the weeks of September 14, 2026, through November 13, 2026. Check our web site <https://www.fairviewfiredistrictca.gov/vegetation-management-and-free-chipping-program> for the link to the chipping application and more information. This year's program is made available through funding provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program. The Fairview Fire Protection District supplements this program for Fairview and Five Canyons when our budget allows, and if grant funds are depleted.

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

NEED HELP PREPARING FOR THE CHIPPER SERVICE?

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

ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL HERE



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

NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Every even numbered year 2 or 3 Directors 4-year terms 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".



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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."

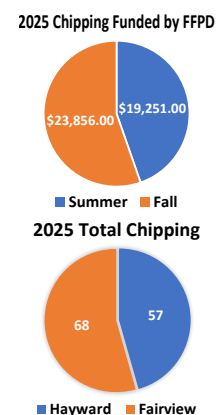


<https://www.knoxbox.com/Products/Residential-KnoxBoxes>

2025 CHIPPING PROGRAM SUCCESS

The Chipping Program was implemented for a total of 9 weeks of scheduled chipping, with a total of **125 homes** chipped and **68 of those homes** were in Fairview. The 2025 chipping program allowed 608 cubic yards of chipped material to be hauled away or kept on the residents' property to be used for erosion control. The program also allowed for approximately **63 acres** of vegetation to be removed. Total cost for the **9-week 2025 Chipping Program** was **\$43,107**.

We are happy to report that in 2026 residents can continue the maintenance of pruning the lower limbs of trees, removing dead vegetation, and aged shrubs by using the Hayward Fire Department's Residential Chipping Program.



WELCOME TODD ANGLIN



On October 20, 2025, we welcomed our new board member Todd Anglin. Todd has been a resident of Fairview for over 15 years, so he understands our suburban rural landscape and knows the needs of our community. He brings vast board and leadership experience, with an extensive background and skillset that will help the board continue the important work for our community. He has worked with the County, Fire and Safety, insurance, contracts/policy, large events, execution of million dollar budgets, grants, and leading teams to deliver outstanding results. He has served in a variety of leadership roles with the Chamber of Commerce, CEA, Rotary, CERT, MAC, schools/bond oversight, and other roles to assist his community. He knows the fire risks of living in this area and is ready to help the board serve this community.

THANK YOU BOBBY!



Bob Clark resigned from the board at the end of August 2025. Bob served on the board for 7 years and helped the District through many achievements. During his tenure, he worked hard to help the District communicate with ALCO to work towards a much needed fireworks ordinance. He also helped the District through many other accomplishments like two five year strategic plans, receiving multiple certificates of transparency, a new and improved ADA compliant website, the taking over of weed abatement and enforcement, and numerous other accomplishments. We appreciate all the years Bob served the District. His insights and focus were always valuable and we wish him well. That southern drawl will be missed!

LET'S GET WILDFIRE READY— HAYWARD, FAIRVIEW, AND FIVE CANYONS

The Hayward Fire Department, in partnership with the Fairview Fire Protection District, is making it easier than ever for residents to stay informed and prepared for wildfire season. We are now using a powerful new tool: Defensible Space Inspection Portal through Fire Aside, LLC, where property owners can view and track the results of their annual inspections.

Each year, the Fire Department conducts routine "windshield" surveys to help identify potential fire hazards. After your property has been inspected, you can securely access your results online. You will need a unique code that allows you to log in to the online portal to view your results. Residents can also sign up for email notifications by visiting the portal to request your unique code at www.defensiblespacereport.org/haywardfiredept

If your property requires any corrective actions, you will receive a mailed notice with clear instructions on how to log in and what needs to be addressed.

Our goal is to build a wildfire-ready community across Hayward and Fairview. As part of this effort, we encourage residents to explore establishing a Firewise USA® program for their community. The Firewise USA® program, led by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), offers a structured approach for communities to enhance their wildfire resilience in California. This initiative promotes collaborative efforts among residents, local fire departments, and other key stakeholders to bolster the fire resistance of homes and surroundings. To get started visit: www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/firewise-communities/. CAL Fire is the official State Liaison to assist with starting a Firewise community program.



Becoming a Firewise USA® recognized community helps neighborhoods reduce wildfire risk, improve home safety through defensible space and home hardening, strengthen access to grant funding, and build a more prepared, connected community. Together, we can take simple steps today to protect our homes and strengthen our community against wildfire.

Please visit the FFPD website, at <https://www.fairviewfiredistrictca.gov/vegetation-management-and-free-chipping-program> for more information about the FFPD abatement ordinance, annual inspection surveys, defensible space, home hardening, filing complaints, and the chipping program.

GENERAL MANAGER POSITION NOW OPEN

The Fairview Fire Protection District (FFPD) is seeking a part-time strategic, high-integrity leader to serve as our General Manager. This role is the backbone of our District's administration, ensuring that our resources, finances, and policies are managed with the same precision and dedication that our first responders bring to the field. The General Manager ("GM") conducts and coordinates the day-to-day business of the District and is responsible for providing managerial, analytic, and administrative support to the Board. Please click on the following link for more information and to apply.

<https://www.fairviewfiredistrictca.gov/general-manager-position-now-open-please-see-the-attached-application-to-apply>

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 <https://www.fairviewfiredistrictca.gov/ac-alert> to learn more and sign up or call Hayward Fire Department Emergency Service Office at (510) 583-4948.

FIREWORKS AND SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE

Sergeant Kurtis Imperial of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has been working on a draft ordinance for the Addition of a Fireworks and Social Host Ordinance to the County of Alameda Municipal Code Banning All Fireworks in the Unincorporated Area and Including a Fine Structure.

The proposed Fireworks and Social Host Ordinance would ban all fireworks, establish enforcement authority for the Sheriff's Office, and create a structured system of citations and fines in unincorporated Alameda County. The proposed ordinance includes strict prohibition on possessing, selling, or using any fireworks. Enforcement options ranging from warnings to citations or arrest. "Social host" liability, meaning property owners or tenants can be held responsible if fireworks are used on their property. A tiered fine system: \$750 (first offense), \$1,500 (second), \$2,500 (third). There is also a formal appeals process, starting with the Board of Zoning Adjustments and potentially going up to the Board of Supervisors and courts. We will post updates to this ordinance on our website at <https://www.fairviewfiredistrictca.gov/all-fireworks-are-prohibited>.