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Fire on the Mountain meets Fire Safe Council

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At the September 17 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council meeting, Gayle and Tom Dowling presented a \$600 check to Captain Karl Hegle of **San Bernardino County Fire**. The donation came care of Fire on the Mountain, an annual concert presented by the Dowlings and benefitting Wrightwood Fire Station 14. This year, Hegle said the money will help fund specialized Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for firefighters this winter. Hegle also reported the station is getting a new SnoCat this winter. He said the station is the second busiest in the county, during the winter season. The new SnoCat model has GPS and is state-of-the-art.

At the same meeting, members of the Fire Safe Council Board, who attended a special presentation concerning the Gold Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB), gave an update on the pest. The GSOB's natural habitat is Arizona. Its infestation of oak trees in California began in San Diego, as the result of infested firewood being brought in from the neighboring state. The oak-killer has spread to Idyllwild, Oak Glen, Sugarloaf, and Green Valley and is expected to hitchhike to our area soon. Trees affected by the GSOB have a 20-inch diameter or larger trunk and branches, and include Black Oak, Coastal Live Oak, and Canyon Live Oak. Although scrub oaks are most common in Wrightwood and surrounding communities, foresters, entomologists, and other experts agree it's only a matter of time before the GSOB moves into our area, traveling on oak firewood.

In May, the adults live in the trees' canopy, eating the leaves. They lay 600 to 800 eggs on the trunk and in 10 to 12 days, the larvae begin to bore into the bark. Inside the tree, the larvae grow until the next spring, when they emerge, leaving the telltale 1/8 inch D-shaped hole. Some of the flat black, round-bellied insects will remain up to two years before emerging. By the time the D-shaped wholes are evident in the bark, the tree will likely die.

Two insecticide treatments exist, but both are costly and there are few experts in the procedures. An exterior spray must be applied within 10 days after the eggs are laid. An injectable insecticide is available, but cost prohibitive for most people with infected oaks. Chipping to three inches or smaller and prescribed fire are the most effective treatments presently.

GSOB has no natural predators, and there are no laws or quarantines that forbid the transport of firewood from one county or community to another. The only way to effectively stop the invasion of GSOB, and other tree-killing insects, is to observe the warning, "Burn It Where You Buy It!" Currently, local retailers are not currently receiving oak from infested areas. Still, CalFire and the National Forests recommend burning only wood harvested in your area. Other hardwoods are also available from local wood yards. Ask your supplier about the origin of their oak and pine wood.

<http://mtprogress.net/opinionsandcolumnist/wrightwoodreflections.html>

Great California ShakeOut at County Museum

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San Bernardino County Museum will present a “Prepare for the Great California ShakeOut,” 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the museum in Redlands.

The event is being offered to help residents get ready for the Great California ShakeOut statewide earthquake drill that will be held Oct. 17.

The museum’s event features a **San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services** earthquake simulator, so visitors can experience the strength of a major quake. Emergency preparedness demonstrations will be given throughout the afternoon. Participants will also get to experiment with tabletop demonstrations about the science of earthquakes and test their knowledge by making their own fault art with clay.

Participating partners include San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services, Redlands CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and Red Cross of San Bernardino. LifeStream of San Bernardino will accept blood donations.

“Earthquakes are on their own schedule, and they can occur at any time wherever we work, live, or travel within the region and beyond,” said Museum Director Melissa Russo. “Everyone, everywhere should know how to protect themselves from an earthquake. We hope this museum event is an annual reminder to our visitors about the need to prepare.”

The museum is at 2024 Orange Tree Lane, at the California Street exit from Interstate 10 in Redlands. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. “Prepare for the Great California ShakeOut” is included with general admission: \$10 (adult), \$8 (military or senior), \$7 (student), and \$5 (child aged 5 to 12). Children under 5 and Museum Association members will be admitted free. Parking is free. For more information, visit sbcounty.gov/museum.

The museum is accessible to persons with disabilities.

http://www.championnewspapers.com/community_news/entertainment/article_bdb68b44-e162-11e9-8f62-bbf8a2bce59e.html

Let's Move on the Trail 2019: Free Health, Safety and Fitness Expo

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Fontana, Ca– On Saturday, October 12, 2019, Let's Move on the Trail will return for its annual appearance along the Pacific Electric Trail (PET) bringing free resources, games, live demonstrations from Fontana Police Department and Fire Department, and much more. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between the blocks of Cypress Avenue and Mango Avenue. The event kicks off with a 2.2-mile family walk/run event and a 5-mile bike ride. To register for the walk or bike ride, visit www.healthyfontana.org.

The PET offers seven miles of opportunity to be physically active for better health as well as connectivity to local schools, businesses, and community centers. The annual Let's Move on the Trail event is a fun and free community event that highlights the PET and engages participants in numerous resources and activities including art and fitness expos, healthy food options, and an open house and live demonstrations from the **Fontana Police Department and Fire Department**.

The family walk/run, in conjunction with Healthy Rialto, will begin at North Cedar Avenue and the PET, and the bike ride will begin at North Heritage Circle. Both the walk and bike ride will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at Miller Park Amphitheater. This year, those who register for the events can receive a free event t-shirt and bike helmet, while supplies last.

A variety of resource vendors will line the PET including Animal Services, Friends of the Lewis Library, local dentist offices, San Bernardino County programs, and West Valley Water District to name a few. Central City Community Health Center will also have a mobile clinic at the event offering free glucose and iron screenings. Make sure to also stop by the Art Depot for fun crafts, engaging chalk wall art, and free frozen fruit bars.

Let's Move on the Trail is not just a health fair that focuses on eating healthy and being active, but reminds participants that "health" includes mental wellness and safety like emergency preparedness for you and your family. "This is a great event for the whole family to get to know your community while picking up a wide variety of free resources. All this, while having fun," emphasizes Community Services Coordinator, Jasmine Sarsadias.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. so you don't miss out on the fun.

For more information, contact Healthy Fontana at (909) 350-6542 or visit www.healthyfontana.org.

<https://inlandempire.us/event/lets-move-on-the-trail-2019-free-health-safety-and-fitness-expo/>

Traffic collision involving school bus takes place in Fontana on Sept. 26

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These vehicles were involved in a collision in Fontana on Sept. 26. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A traffic collision involving a school bus took place in northwestern Fontana on Sept. 26, but there were no children on the bus at the time, authorities said.

At about 12:40 p.m., a white Jeep Grand Cherokee, a black Toyota sedan and an Etiwanda School District bus were involved in the accident in the 15200 block of Summit Avenue.

One person was treated by emergency medical responders for a minor injury, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The collision occurred when one of the vehicles apparently ran a red signal light, the Fire Department said.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/traffic-collision-involving-school-bus-takes-place-in-fontana-on/article_b3f7bfc0-e15c-11e9-8071-9bde254287ce.html