

Safety is our number one priority

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District F candidate

GRF is focused on wildfire mitigation. With a \$3.1 million grant from Contra Costa Fire Department, we have established a shaded fuel break around 85% of Rossmoor. We continue to remove highly flammable plant materials, establish firebreaks at multiple locations and follow CCCFPD Defensible Space Guidelines. Our fire evacuation zone mapping is exemplary. Signage has been posted at each zone and entry throughout Rossmoor. Education of residents is key. We publish important resources for our residents on natural disasters (fire and earthquake) and annually update our "Preparation for Fire Season" info card. Topical town halls and department deep dives are available for review on Rossmoor.com

Rossmoor is a Firewise-designated community. Kudos to our community – a major part of achieving Firewise designation is made possible by the efforts of Rossmoor's invaluable Emergency Preparedness Organization (EPO) and our volunteer Firewise Committee.

GRF is focused on resident safety. Recent security gate upgrades include installation of a new emergency gen-

erator to ensure communication lines and gate security measures are maintained in a power outage. We have enhanced security protocols, installed license plate readers and have installed new control lifting arms. New cameras allow Securitas to see adjacent sidewalks as well as vehicle entry lanes.

Again, applause for invaluable work by Neighbors for Safer Streets. With their partnership we have been able to work with Walnut Creek Police and the City to install flashing crosswalks and crossing flags at a growing number of intersections.

I am thankful every day when I drive down Ptarmigan to a new three-way stop or see our crews removing dry brush and downed trees. All of these require positive partnerships with multiple agencies but especially, working hand in hand with our invaluable community resources. Now, if we could just get the turkeys to obey the street signs!

Editor's note: Candidates running for the GRF Board are permitted to submit up to four articles (maximum of 300 words each) about issues pertaining to Rossmoor and its residents. Cheryl Hines is running for director in District F.