



## GREEN VALLEY LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

***"Committed to the preservation and enhancement of Green Valley's rural character."***

### Spring 2023 Newsletter

#### President's Message -

Who can believe the amount of rain we experienced in the past three months? Or the cold? It seems we never took off our down coats when outside or our down vests when were inside, during this long, cold, wet winter. The upside is Spring is in the Air – and in GV the hills have never looked greener and lusher and the trees and shrubs are showing renewed growth and bountiful blooms.

Like the seasons, things in Green Valley are moving along – with expected and unexpected changes:

- On **April 15<sup>th</sup>** there will be the first-ever **Wildfire Safety Expo at Solano Community College**. Experts and vendors will be on hand to show and discuss best practices for fire protection, defensible space, home hardening and disaster preparedness. There will be food trucks, music and special activities for kids. We hope you will attend.
- The Fairfield Fire Department is now providing our area's fire and emergency response services. The Cordelia Fire Protection District's Board of Directors continues to provide the oversight and management necessary to make this new partnership work.
- CAL FIRE crews are currently clearing and creating a 100' wide shaded fuel break along the ridgetops to the West and North of Green Valley, thanks to the fundraising success of the Green Valley Fire Safe Council.
- The Solano County Board of Supervisors tightened the permit process and regulations for short-term rental houses in the County. Critical for Green Valley's security, fire safety and rural ambiance, the amended code prohibits "Vacation House Rentals" in the Rural Residential zones along Glencannon and its Courts and Green Valley Road north of Rockville Road. As most of the homes in the lower hills and the flats of Green Valley are in RTC (Residential Traditional Community) zones, the County's existing regulations already do not allow any "tourist uses."

These are among the most noticeable, impactful changes that have occurred in the past few months. The GVLA Board continues to work with local agencies, County staff, and elected officials to keep Green Valley a rural community and a great place to live and raise a family.

Happy Spring to All, *Mary Burczyk*



### **Wildfire Safety Expo – April 15 - Green Valley FireSafe Council (GV-FSC)**

The GV-FSC, along with the Pleasants Valley FireSafe Council, CAL FIRE & local fire departments is holding the first-ever **Wildfire Safety Expo on April 15th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM at Solano Community College.**

The Expo has an exciting lineup of activities, designed to engage and educate County residents on wildfire preparedness and fire safety, including evacuation and disaster planning for families, pets, and livestock.

There will be demonstrations, resources and vendors that specialize in vegetation removal, home hardening, landscaping, and emergency response. Activities will include an Inflatable Fire House, Fire Hose Demonstrations, an opportunity for kids to squirt water from a real fire hose ... and much more!

### **Shaded Fuel Break Work Happening on Green Valley Ridge Tops – GV-FSC**

The Green Valley Fire Safe Council in partnership with CAL FIRE and the CFPD, received funding to create and maintain a Shaded Fuel Break along the ridgelines around the top of Green Valley. This will be a 100-foot-wide swath of trimmed trees and reduced vegetation that is meant to slow progress of fire from surrounding areas. Crews are currently working and hope to be finished with the first half of this critical project by mid-summer. An application also has been submitted in order to fully extend the break along the east side of Green Valley, down to Suisun Valley Road.

### **Cordelia Fire Protection District - Fairfield Fire Department Services**

As reported last Fall, the Cordelia Fire Protection District (CFPD) formalized an Interim Contract for Services with the City of Fairfield's Fire Department (FFD) to provide fire and emergency response services for our area. The agencies are currently finalizing a long-term agreement, in which FFD also will assume responsibilities for fire prevention, inspections, and vegetation management.

For more information, please visit the CFPD's website at <https://www.cordeliafire.org/>

### **Vacation Home Rental Ordinance Changed and Strengthened**

Effective April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Supervisors strengthened the County's Short Term Vacation House Rental Ordinance and added Rural Residential Zones 2.5, 5 and 10 (the numbers represent acre lot sizes) to the list of zoning districts where whole house or unhosted vacation rentals are not allowed.

The homes in the lower hills and the flats of Green Valley are in RTC (Residential Traditional Community) zones, and therefore, the County's existing regulations do not allow any "tourist uses" which means unhosted Vacation House Rentals are not allowed in those areas either.

If you are interested in knowing what County Zone your house is located in, click on the link below:

<https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=17724>

### **Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park Update – Asking for “finishing” funds**

The much-anticipated Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park will reflect the beauty, rural character, and quiet splendor of the Green Valley area. With its walkable paths and rigorous hiking trails through stands of blue and live oaks, wildflower blooms and seasonal vernal pools, the Park's 1,500 acres will be a connection to the past and a living community treasure - right in our backyard!

As the park nears completion, the last year has been financially challenging for the Solano Land Trust given escalating material and labor costs due to our long, cold, rainy winter.

At this time, SLT is on the proverbial hunt for some additional funds to finish this decade-long effort and open the park for all.

We know many Green Valley residents have donated in the past, but the current shortfall is requiring a major effort. If you can, please make a direct donation today: <https://solanolandtrust.org/>

### **Make Sure You Are on Our Mailing List:**

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, correct an error in your address or indicate your area(s) of interest, please send us an e-mail, or fill out this form and mail it to: **GVLA, 4160 Suisun Valley Rd., #E240, Fairfield, CA 94534-4027**. A self-addressed envelope has been included for your convenience.



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