



**Greenbrae Property Owners Association**

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Dear Neighbors,

Under the thoughtful guidance of our local Fire Department Fire-Mitigation Experts, soon you will see ground and tree crews working in your median island. Their objectives are to:

- Reduce Fuel Volume, Wind-Blown Embers, and Improve Plant Vitality (remove all dead grass, plants, shrubs, branches and trees; remove growth less than 3" in diameter; rejuvenate older, woody shrubs so they return greener, after the rains, with less fuel.)
- Create Separation Between Vegetation Clusters with more separation on steep slopes (horizontal separation of 2 times the shrub height.) This interrupts *lateral* and *vertical* spread, including up into tree canopies.
- Protect Oaks and Other Trees by deadwooding and thinning canopies plus raising lower limbs to prevent 'laddering' of fire up into their canopies.

This important work was completed recently in many other Greenbrae medians: Via la Paz, Via Navarro, Via la Cumbre, Via Cheparro, and Altura Way.

It is funded by our County Service Area 16 (CSA 16) annual parcel assessment of \$150 (the same amount since 1996)! **This limited fund is dedicated to landscape maintenance, improvements, and now fire mitigation.** The upcoming work is not a one-time activity. It necessarily will be part of ongoing maintenance.

Similarly, you may have noticed flammable species such as pines, junipers, cypress, eucalyptus, and acacias cut down over the past several years in medians across Greenbrae. This supplements ongoing landscape maintenance of hedges, pruning, pulling of French Broom, whipping weeds, removing heavily accumulated leaves and irrigation.

**Learn how to further protect your home and our interconnected Greenbrae community on pages 1-2 in the 'Fall 2020 Greenbrae Landscaping Report,' on our GPOA web site (<https://www.greenbrae.org>): <https://bit.ly/36ilzE6>**

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and 2021,

*Scott*

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