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Overview/Goals

In March 2024, The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association conducted a community survey to gather feedback on the direction of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Firewise Committee and wildfire mitigation efforts directed by the Master Association. The survey opened on March 4 at 9 a.m. and ran for three weeks, closing on March 22 at 5 p.m.

The goal of the survey was to better understand the value that Ken-Caryl's Firewise efforts by staff and the Firewise Committee provide, and how to better serve the needs of the Ken-Caryl community in terms of fire mitigation efforts, initiatives, education, risk reduction and how to adapt to living with wildfire.

A total of 199 residents participated in the survey.

Survey Method and Promotions

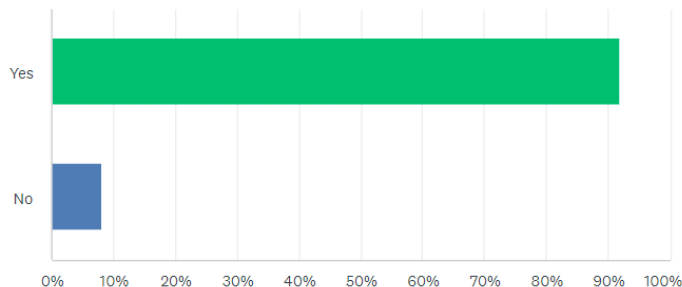
The community survey was designed and implemented using Survey Monkey and consisted of 12 questions, which included multiple choice and open-ended questions where resident respondents were able to submit written comments to provide additional feedback.

The survey ran for three weeks. The survey was promoted across Ken-Caryl's communications channels, including in the March 4, March 11 and March 18, 2024, issues of the e-News, the March 13 edition of *Life at Ken-Caryl* and on Ken-Caryl's Facebook page on March 4, March 13 and March 22, 2024. The survey was also posted to the Firewise Resources page of the Ken-Caryl Ranch website with a direct link to the survey.

Reception / Questions

Question 1: Are you aware of Ken-Caryl's dedicated Firewise Committee, whose mission is to teach residents how to adapt to living with wildfire?

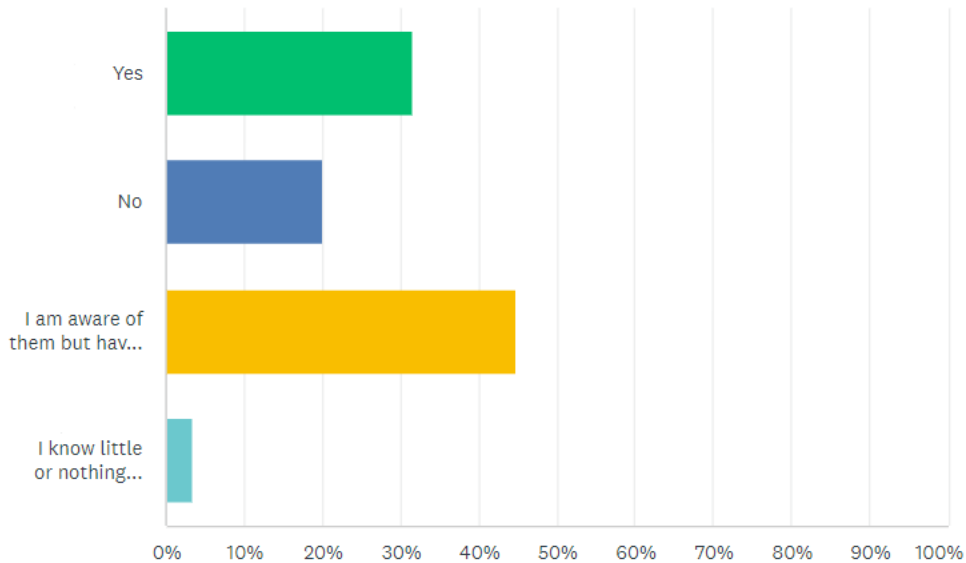
A total of 199 residents participated in the Firewise Community Survey. All survey participants answered this question. A whopping 91.96% of respondents, or 183 out of the 199, reported that they were aware of Ken-Caryl's Firewise Committee and its mission to educate residents on how to adapt to living with wildfire. Only a small fraction of residents at 8.04% were unaware of the committee and its objectives. These responses are indicative of successful marketing and communications efforts by the Master Association in conjunction with the Firewise Committee.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	91.96%	183
▼ No	8.04%	16
TOTAL		199

Question 2: Have you participated in one of Ken-Caryl's SLASH (debris from nature, such as tree limbs, prunings and pine needles) Drop-Off events?

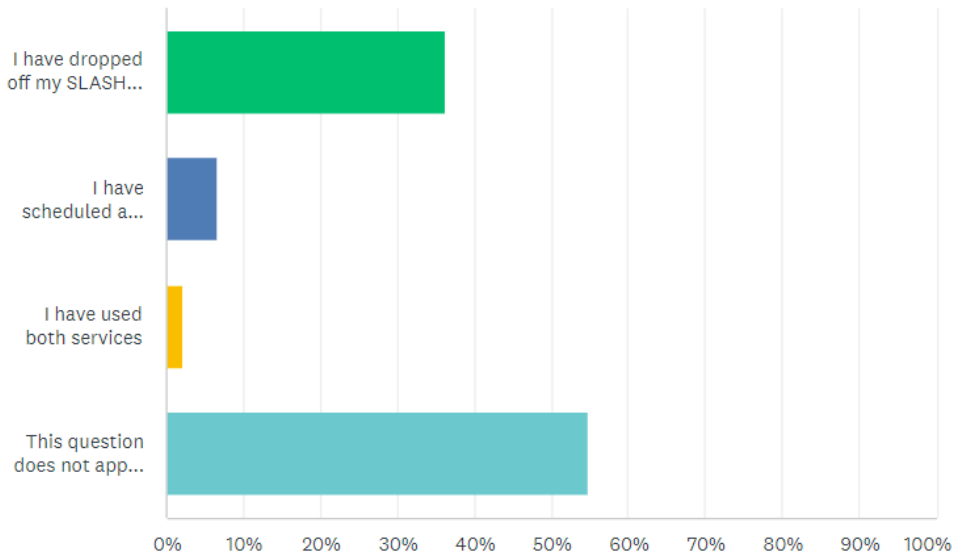
A total of 199 participants addressed this question. A majority of respondents at 76.38% were aware of and/or have participated in community-wide SLASH events; however, while residents were aware of these events, a total of 44.72% have not directly participated in these events indicating a need for more education of their value. Only a fraction of residents at 3.52% knew little or nothing about community SLASH events.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	31.66% 63
No	20.10% 40
I am aware of them but have never participated in an event	44.72% 89
I know little or nothing about it.	3.52% 7
TOTAL	199

Questions 3: If you answered "yes" to the above question, which services have you used?

A total of 135 out of 199, or 68% of respondents addressed this question. A majority of respondents indicated that they have actively participated in a SLASH event. A total of 45.19% of respondents have either dropped their SLASH off at a drop-off event, have scheduled a SLASH curbside pick-up and/or have participated in both types of these events/services. However, 54.81% of participants indicated that this question did not apply directly to them, indicating that they have not utilized these free community Firewise-based services and events.

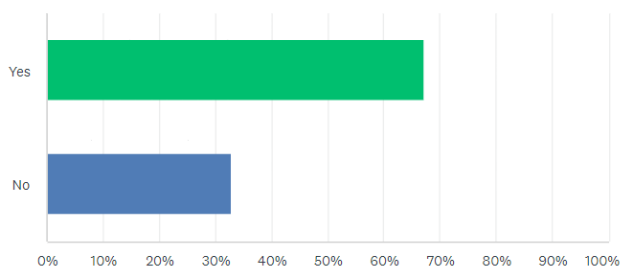


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ I have dropped off my SLASH for chipping at a designated location as part of a SLASH Drop-Off event	36.30% 49
▼ I have scheduled a SLASH pick-up at my home	6.67% 9
▼ I have used both services	2.22% 3
▼ This question does not apply to me	54.81% 74
TOTAL	135

Question 4: Do you know that the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association has a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist/Park Ranger on staff that offers FREE Fuel Hazard Assessments to help identify mitigation measures for potential fire hazards on resident properties for both Valley and Plains residents?

A total of 198 participants addressed this question with only one abstaining. A majority of participants at 67.17% were aware that the Ken-Caryl Master Association has a dedicated Park Ranger and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist on staff who offers free Fuel Hazard Assessments to residents.

Answered: 198 Skipped: 1

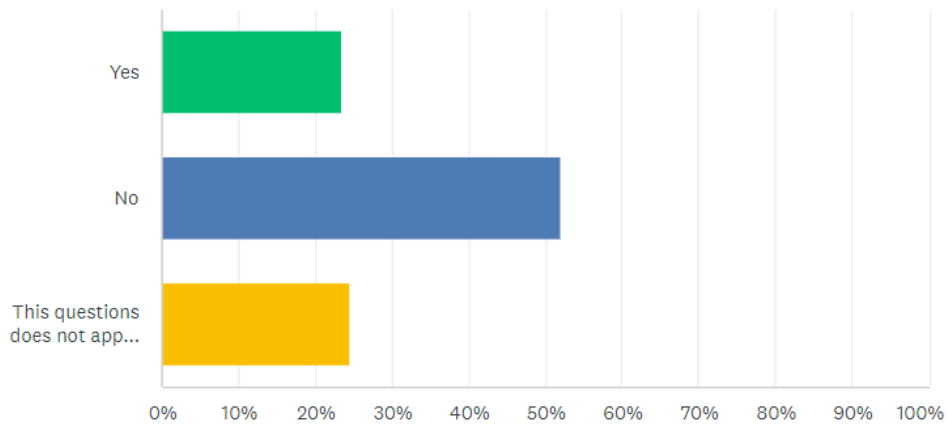


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes	67.17% 133
▼ No	32.83% 65
TOTAL	198

Question 5: If you answered "yes" to the above question, have you scheduled a FREE Fuel Hazard Assessment online via our website for your property?

A total of 171 out of 199, or 85% of respondents addressed this questions. Of the participants who are aware of Ken-Caryl's dedicated Wildfire Mitigation Specialist and Fuel Hazard Assessments, only 23.29% of respondents indicated that they have scheduled this free service designed to help identify mitigation measures for potential fire hazards on resident properties for both Valley and Plains residents. This data indicates a need to continue to target and push promotions of this free service to residents, as a total of 50.05% of respondents indicated that they have not scheduled their free assessment.

Answered: 171 Skipped: 28

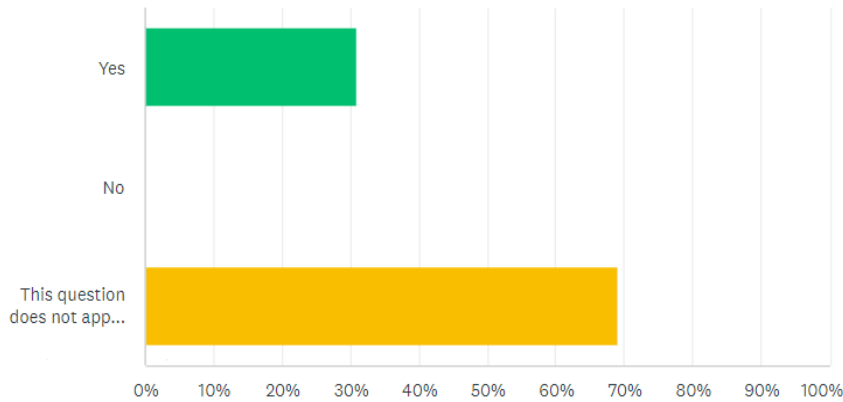


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	23.39% 40
No	52.05% 89
This questions does not apply to me	24.56% 42
TOTAL	171

Question 6: If you answered "yes" to the above question, have you found the information of value for implementation to mitigate your risk of wildfire danger?

A total of 146, or 73%, of the 199 survey participants, addressed this question. Of the residents who have scheduled their free Fuel Hazard Assessment, a total of 30.82% found the assessments helpful and of value. Not a single participant who scheduled a free assessment found the information not to be of value. This is indicative of the quality and thoroughness of the assessment. A total of 69.18% of respondents reported that the question did not directly apply to them, which may indicate the need to provide additional information and education efforts to promote this service by the Master Association, the Firewise Committee and its individual members, which appear to be of value to residents, based on survey data. See chart below.

Answered: 146 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	30.82% 45
No	0.00% 0
This question does not apply to me	69.18% 101
TOTAL	146

Question 7: If you had a FREE Fuel Hazard Assessment, how have the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist’s recommendations helped to harden your home against wildfire?

A total of 43, or only about 22% of survey participants, addressed this open-ended question. Common themes included the following:

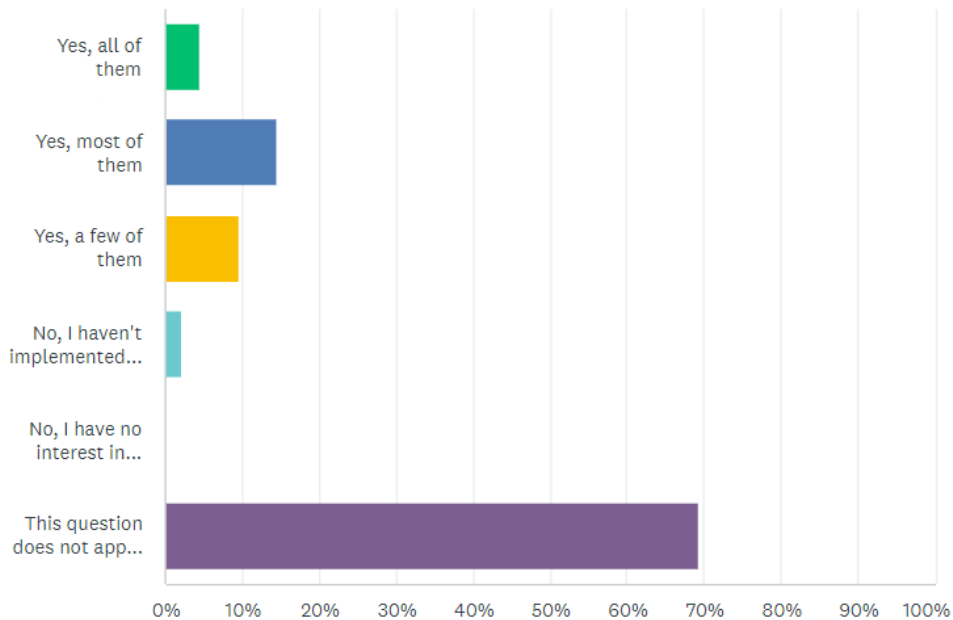
- Many residents implemented easy, cost-effective fire mitigation efforts and initiatives such as cleaning out vents, and in making changes to landscaping like removing juniper bushes and mulch.
- Residents were very complimentary of Park Ranger/Wildfire Mitigations Specialist Keith McMillan’s expertise, knowledge, demeanor, thoroughness of his assessments and his approach in offering free Fuel Hazard Assessments.
- Many residents indicated that they implemented all or most of Park Ranger/Wildfire Mitigations Specialist Keith McMillan’s suggestions on how to harden their homes.
- Respondents indicated their appreciation of having a free Fuel Hazard Assessment and found the information to be very helpful.

**See Firewise Community Survey Addendum #1 for individual responses.*

Question 8: If you answered that you have had a free Fuel Hazard Assessment, have you implemented/completed any of the “to do” list items from the recommendations generated by the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist?

A total of 137, or approximately 69% of respondents, addressed this question. A total of only 4.38% of respondents reported that they have implemented all of Park Ranger/Wildfire Mitigations Specialist Keith McMillan’s recommendations. A total of 30.66% of survey participants indicated that they have either implemented all, some or

most of Keith McMillan’s suggestions and/or planned to do so. Not a single respondent who has had an assessment reported that they *would not* be implementing them. A large number of respondents indicated that this question did not apply to them, indicating that more education can be done to increase resident assessments.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, all of them	4.38% 6
Yes, most of them	14.60% 20
Yes, a few of them	9.49% 13
No, I haven't implemented them yet, but plan to do so	2.19% 3
No, I have no interest in implementing them	0.00% 0
This question does not apply to me	69.34% 95
Total Respondents: 137	

Question 9: If you answered “no” or “most/some of them” to the above question, please provide more information on thoughts/plans for completing the recommendations. Please be specific, i.e., have not had time to complete, concern about removing landscaping, lack of financial resources, lack of equipment/tools to complete the work, unsure of who to hire to complete the work, other.

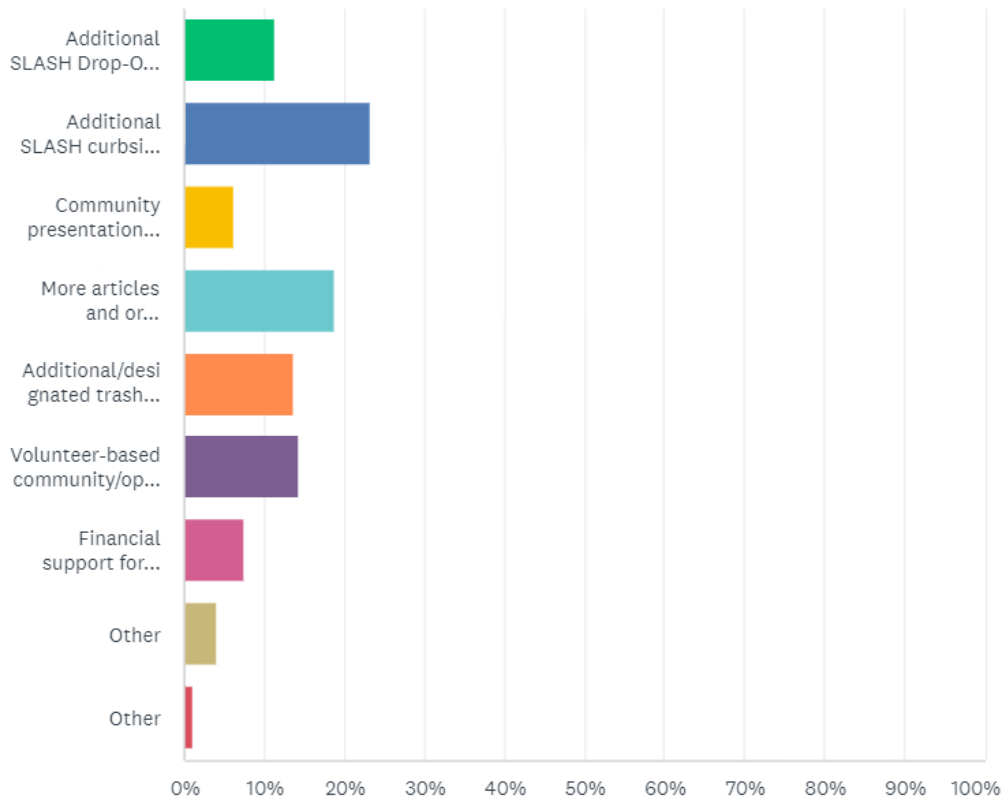
A total of 54 survey participants, or 27%, provided comment on this question. Common themes included the following:

- Too expensive to implement
- Not enough time to implement
- Weather has been an issue
- Wildfire concerns more of a Valley issue than for Plains residents
- More neighbor/neighborhood involvement/buy-in. What’s the point if neighbors don’t take the time to implement Firewise suggestions/initiatives to harden their homes as well?

**See Firewise Community Survey Addendum #2 for individual responses.*

Question 10: What other programs, services, events and mitigation initiatives would you like to see implemented in Ken-Caryl Ranch?

A total of 176, or 88% of survey participants, responded to this question. A total of 23.30% of respondents reported that they wanted additional SLASH curbside pick-ups or chipping services throughout the year; followed by more articles and or educational materials, tips and information across all of Ken-Caryl's communications channels at 18.75%; then additional/designated trash pick-up days for SLASH materials at 13.64%; and then SLASH drop-off events throughout the year at 11.36%. See charts below for breakdown and additional data.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Additional SLASH Drop-Off events throughout the year	11.36% 20
Additional SLASH curbside pick-ups or chipping services throughout the year	23.30% 41
Community presentations to provide information, education and resources on how to mitigate wildfire risk by local/area specialists	6.25% 11
More articles and or educational materials, tips, information across all of Ken-Caryl's communications channels	18.75% 33
Additional/designated trash pick-up days for SLASH materials	13.64% 24
Volunteer-based community/open space clean-up days	14.20% 25
Financial support for completing mitigation projects at my home	7.39% 13
Other	3.98% 7
Other	1.14% 2
TOTAL	176

Question 11: How best can the Firewise Committee continue to serve our community?

A total of 97 respondents, or approximately 49%, provided a written response to this question. Common themes included the following:

- More community clean-up efforts, organized volunteer efforts
- Increase education and awareness
- More SLASH events/curbside pick-ups
- Regular open space inspections and clean-up efforts
- Increase volunteer efforts throughout the community
- Continue to promote free Fuel Hazard Assessments
- Community evacuation plans and communications around evacuation plans
- Incentivize and reward residents to/that implement Firewise initiatives, post before and after pics.

**See Firewise Community Survey Addendum #3 for individual responses.*

Question 12: Do you have any additional suggestions as to how Ken-Caryl Ranch can support Firewise initiatives to help reduce wildfire risk in our community?

A total of 66 respondents, or 33%, responded to this open-ended question. Common themes included the following:

- Determine high-priority/elevated risk areas/neighborhoods to determine where to focus clean-up and educational efforts
- Get rid of wood fencing
- Incentivize residents through contests or tax credits to implement Firewise initiatives
- Community-wide volunteer days to reduce ladder fuels in the open space and/or to assist elderly/incapacitated neighbors
- More community buy-in and organize Firewise clean-ups by neighborhood or street
- Additional clean-up events
- Dead tree removal and cleaning up of the open space
- Host Firewise educational workshops
- Communicate information on community evacuation plans

**See Firewise Community Survey Addendum #4 for individual responses.*

Analysis / Variants

Of the 199 survey respondents, the majority were in support of the Firewise Committee and of community-wide fire mitigation efforts. The majority of participants were complimentary of the committee's work and goals in mitigating wildfire risk in Ken-Caryl. Some considerations and variants include the 2024 spring snowstorms that produced heavy, wet snow that caused an increase in broken tree branches and limbs, and as such, the Master Association and the Metro District have received an increase in resident requests for additional SLASH events, pick-up days, and pop-up SLASH drop-off events. It is reasonable to assume that this data was not captured in this survey as the storms took place once the survey had closed.

Additionally, survey Question #10 only allowed for respondents to make a single selection in regard to what other programs, services, events and mitigation initiatives survey participants would like to see implemented in Ken-Caryl Ranch. Many respondents reported that they would have selected several options, if applicable. However, open-ended question data revealed a more detailed and accurate response regarding additional preferences and an opportunity to capture this additional data.

Addendum 1:

Question 7: If you had a FREE Fuel Hazard Assessment, how have the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist's recommendations helped to harden your home against wildfire?

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- Recommendations were useful.
- Changed dryer vent, took down a tree next to our house, changes to landscaping will come later.
- Reduced mulch. Gates left open. Juniper removed.
- Remove juniper and mulch areas near my home
- Removal of large quantity of juniper bushes (dumpster load), replace with river rock. Major tree trimming
- N/A
- Recognized several areas on our property where fire mitigation would help.
- I followed all of their recommendations
- We trimmed, laid stone, cleaned out vents, put our patio furniture in the garage when we went on vacation, changed our front mat, left out hose and told everyone we knew to take advantage of his services!! It was very helpful!
- We updated our emergency kit, know routes of the valley, and have an action plan to make some updates to our property to be even more Firewise.
- Simple and realistic suggestions made to help make my property more fire resistant. Additionally, I was not made to feel guilty or "bad" about the state of my property.
- Removal of a tree, pouring foundation and building brick encasement around bay windows, removing mulch and putting in river rock, trimming bushes and trees
- Keith McMillan did a thorough and informative walk through of our property. He patiently answered all our questions, gave us examples that were relevant and easy to understand, and helped clarify the level of importance of each thing that we could do better.
- We have begun implementing many of the recommendations but still have a little more to complete.
- He made recommendations for changes to reduce my risk and I have a plan for make the recommended changes.
- We took the advice and made substantial changes to the landscaping around our home as well as changes to the dwelling itself.
- We made some changes
- I removed some flammable vegetation and "hardened" some of my home construction.
- He pointed out how one of my pine trees could cause another nearby pine tree to catch on fire. I removed the small pine tree.
- I have eliminated shrubs and growth next to my house. Great information!
- Yes
- We had the specialist come to Blue Sage a couple of years ago and he helped a group of us with two orphan lots and then talked to various owners regarding those items we all need to address.
- We specifically discussed how to mitigate wildfire moving from the open space on to our house. Open gates, higher trimming of adjacent trees.
- Specific recommendations were made re: dryer vent and one of the eaves. We were commended for efforts already made (replacing bark around foundation with rocks, trimming/thinning trees of dead branches, removing junipers, for example). Like having the resource and believe MA should more vigorously endorse and provide info/resource to guide xeriscape by residents.

- I have been doing what he suggested. He and I both recognize the well known fact that the Marshall fire spread along wood fences. He told you. So why are you insisting the new homes have wood fences? And why are you replacing fences with wood fences? Your message to residents is that looks are more important than fire safety. ???
Another thing we agreed on is that mulch is flammable and my neighbors use of mulch endangers my home. You should not allow mulch or give it away for free. He brought a truckload home and put it close to my fence. We also agreed that homes are too close in the north plains. He said we can never get a green due to this. Please do something about some neighbors causing fire danger for others, especially those of us do everything we can to protect ourselves.
- Significant pruning of shrubs and trees bordering the house. Eliminating ground-based accelerants.
- Na
- We are incredibly grateful and feel so much more informed, empowered and prepared to practice fire mitigation and prevention strategies.
- Keith was fantastic! He reviewed our plans and our "to go" packet and spent nearly 2 hours sharing information and patiently and clearly answered our questions and gave us great examples. We scored 68. All but one issue is corrected. We need to put mesh around the base of the deck. His thorough description of evacuation procedures was invaluable. We have shared our new knowledge with our neighbors and opened some truly important conversations. I now walk the neighborhood with new eyes and see how difficult challenge we face as a community. We've also committed to get a bid on the Cedar bushes behind our deck in common space and will get a bid to remove them at our expense. We realize the Enclave HOA funds cannot do everything at once and we want to do as much as we can.
- We redid our landscaping last summer removing juniper bushes from the front and sides of our house.
- Keith is amazing! we love him
- We removed bushes that were up against our home's bay window which has a wooden base. We removed branches close to our home.
- N/A
- We trimmed trees, removed mulch that was up against house and replaced with rocks, cleaned vents and other small things. I continue to work on the other items that were suggested to us. I thought the service was wonderful. I learned so much and think it's important for our community to work together so more homes are doing fire mitigation.
- I have not had an assessment.
- yes
- N/A
- developed a clear plan with identified priorities
- N/A
- N/A
- It was really helpful to understand the recommendations so we can develop priorities for future landscaping work. We also developed our evacuation plan which makes us feel more confident. We realized we really were focusing on the wrong things.
- We have completed almost all of his recommendations.
- It made me aware of many steps to take to mitigate my fire risk and I have implemented them.

Addendum 2:

Question 9: If you answered “no” or “most/some of them” to the above question, please provide more information on thoughts/plans for completing the recommendations. Please be specific, i.e., have not had time to complete, concern about removing landscaping, lack of financial resources, lack of equipment/tools to complete the work, unsure of who to hire to complete the work, other.

- Have not had time to complete
- Our wildfire assessment has been scheduled for March 25th so we cannot answer questions yet...
- need to replace mulched area with rocks-weather has been interfering with this project need to replace dryer vent-have vent, need handyman to install
- all of your suggested responses
- We live in the Plains so I guess I always assume there is more of a need in the Valley but that may not be true!
- Too much noise/static around the issues...reality is that if it is going to burn it will.
- Have not taken the time
- I plan on participating in the SLASH event this April and I will sign up for a FREE Fuel Hazard Assessment.
- I hope to have a full Firewise consultation, but I did have an informal one (Keith is a neighbor) we are in process of doing a landscape project to mitigate risk.
- Difficult and expensive to do.
- This is information that should be pushed out to all residents in the area.
- Haven't had time, and it's been a long time since I've seen an ad for it.
- A Firewise person met with our HOA and the HOA shared recommendations. Also don't want to become a zeroscape community!
- I have a lawn service that maintains my beds, trees, etc. I have very few trees/bushes.
- We are unhappy that the yard from the school that butts up against our fences is not mowed but maybe once a season. We have to pay to have it done because we can't get our mower through it. It's difficult to find someone to just do that. It needs to be done on the entire perimeter-not just our yard and if everyone dodo it, what good is it?
- I will be working on some projects in the summer when I have more time.
- Additional tree trimming
- Need to get estimate on removing juniper bushes that if we do it immediately it will be at our own expense since Enclave HOA has these on low priority for budgeting purposes. Must wait for better weather to complete the installation of mesh screening surrounding the bottom of our deck.
- I'm guessing they would recommend removing some trees and bushes. The time and expenses associated with removal and re-landscaping are deterrents. Just sayin'... I recognize losing a house to a wildfire would also be costly and time consuming. I have had a number of trees removed from our property and have re-landscaped a number of areas. It's expensive and a lot of work!
- I think the committee contact information needs to be more visible, more readily accessible, shared via socials more often, so raise visibility and increase the chances that neighbors use this service.
- I'd love to have a free fire hazard assessment!
- I removed my junipers and I have plans to replace some wood chips with rock and make other changes as recommended.
- I'm not worried about it
- Keith came and spoke to our whole block twice. We also did a street-wide dumpster filling of slash twice. I live on Blue Sage
- Just have not taken the time to complete a few smaller projects. The biggest project was the landscaping and that is complete.

- Did most of the major work but have not had time for little projects like garage door adjustment.
- Completed major items, leaving minor items for later
- Lack of funds, I'm sure it will require the removal of trees and that cost is outrageous.
- time
- Haven't done the hazard assessment due to all of the items listed in the question
- I work directly with Keith and help organize the fire mitigation efforts through trail club so am well aware of things that can be done and have in fact done many of them already.
- Planning on addressing remainder during a larger landscape project
- Previous owners pruned pine tree limbs that were close to the house and ground and rock beds all around the house. Yard clean up from pine trees are cleaned weekly.
- NA
- Unsure of who to hire to complete work.
- We plan on having hazard analysis just haven't scheduled yet. We did remove several junipers next to our house though! Would love more slash days.
- Concern that there would be a ton of things we need to do, which comes at a large expense.
- 1) hard to find a trusted tree removal company that doesn't price gouge
- I haven't had the specialist do an evaluation of our property. Will do sometime soon.
- All completed but need to buy mesh to put around the deck as the weather warms up. So much of our list requires ongoing upkeep and we are committed with calendar reminders to ensure we do not forget to schedule proactive maintenance on gutters, cutting back early fall, keeping lint from dryer vents.
- I think it would be an idea to have a group of neighbors do the Firewise meeting together - so maybe the Firewise person could look at a grouping either by inspection or neighborhood and ask if they want to meet as a group. I say this because my neighbors pine branches meet my pine branches... It would be great to have the Firewise person come and share with the neighbors together how these pine trees increase the fire likelihood to "jump" in the air and light the top parts of the house on fire. It would be great to feel like we are working on these things together.
- We are unsure of who to hire to put screening in our roof vents.
- I answered 'no' to many questions. We just moved here in Nov 2023. I feel this is solely directed to the homes on the west side of 470... we live in the North Plains so I'm not sure why this is important to us.
- N/A
- We have already taken recommended fire mitigation steps around our home.
- I live in Sunset Ridge and our landscape contractor does a very good job.
- N/a
- Our trees are a buffer of privacy from our neighbors and were planted 33 years ago. They have been pruned from ground up to 6 feet and needles/leaves are regularly cleaned up. Technically they are a hazard but removing them is not feasible. One can only do so much and maintain privacy.
- N/A
- A little of everything you list above - lack of time, lack of money to hire, wanting to coordinate with landscaping work so waiting for that. The rainy, green summer we had last year also made us feel a little less at risk and allowed us to put things off.
- Am trying to find a landscaper to remove the junipers and holly shrubs that crowd my lot & replace bark mulch with rock. No luck finding someone, unfortunately, but it is a goal we absolutely want to accomplish. Already replaced concrete roofing and siding materials w/Hardie, but shrubbery is a big problem.
- I have a fairly good understanding of my house's fire mitigation status.
- Unsure of who to hire. Don't want to lose all the shade in my backyard.

- We moved to KCR Plains in October from a nearby neighborhood. We have been aware that KCR MA has a wildfire mitigation program, but not that a park ranger is available for assessments! This is valuable information. We will take advantage of booking an appointment with such person in the very near future.

Addendum 3:

Question 11: How best can the Firewise Committee continue to serve our community?

- Can the Firewise advice and subsequent to do list be used to lower our insurance since we live in a red zone for fire.

Before and after photos of Firewise suggestions would be great. Post on Facebook and ask neighbors to comment with pics.

Post a map as it moves throughout the neighborhood for slash cleanup, I feel people are more likely to help when they can plan for and schedule to help immediate area.

- Firewise does absolutely nothing for the Plains. It is all about the Valley and just another unconscionable way to suck dues money out of the Plains, add rangers for the Valley, divert more \$ to trails and open space. The committee does not care about the Plains, so please stop pretending like you do. Disband the committee and use the \$ on maintaining the Plains. All efforts will prove futile during a wildfire.
- overall this is a waste of resources. money/time could be better served policing our trails, e.g. making sure bikers yield to hikers, maintaining rutted trails (cougar, blue bird etc.).
- We appreciate the week KCR is doing to mitigate fire risk in the community. We couldn't answer many of the questions since we have not yet had our survey. Question 10 did not allow for multiple selections..
- monthly section in kc e-news letter with updates, fire warnings and procedures and reminders of where to find resources on the website.
- Maintain Open Space with regular inspections and cleaning up debris. Make sure that no residences bordering the Open Space have ANY encroachments so that the fire department and other emergency responders know where the Open Space actually is and can access the Open Space without interference.
- More publicity about free assessments for residents-it's a great program and greatly underused.
- Remember residents east of C470 who have zero control over what people upwind do. What can we do? Or what can YOU do to motivate upwind residents to consider those downwind?
- I have not used slash drop off yet but plan to this spring. Please continue to host event
- Better evacuation plans are needed, particularly for possibility of fire during school hours. Community should understand how access into and out of the valley would work in a fire emergency, how school and equestrian center evacuations would be handled, etc.

Expand open space mowing near homes if that can be shown to reduce risk. If there needs to be a surcharge to lots backing on open space, so be it.

Address concerns about water availability and water pressure issues, which have been responsible for deaths and property loss in recent large fires in Hawaii, Chile, Australia.

- Advocate to change our outdated and downright foolish covenants like wooden fence requirements

- Educational articles in our newspapers.
- Onsite hazard assessment is wonderful. Ranger did a great job. Incredibly helpful!
- Stop wasting resources better used by other groups
- Pop up slash centers after major storms so we all can immediately get slash picked up
- Allow for multiple Answers on your survey when asked a question that may merit multiple answers.
- Keep up the wonderful articles
- Renting a chipper to have at the community volunteering events makes sense. It felt like a waste of time stomping on branches to fit in the dumpster. There are plenty of volunteers to bring slash to a mobile chipper.
- Planning and community education.
- I really appreciate the slash event and the free Firewise assessment
- Continue doing great marketing.
- The Firewise Committee seems to focus on educating and assisting individual homeowners. There seems to be nothing happening with open space mitigation? Is this the responsibility of the Firewise committee or the MA?
- I am very concerned about the dead tree branches, etc in the open space immediately adjacent to homes including mine. Removing this slash should be encouraged and planned for by neighbors in "remove open space slash days"
- I would like to see dead trees on the hill coming in to the Valley to be removed.
- I think it's fine the way it is, doesn't need to expand
- Be thoughtful and respectful that we all don't have ability, physically and financially to do projects.
- Provide some before and after pictures of neighbors that have done fire mitigation
- Most homes in the valley are fairly well mitigated but the open space and community areas are huge potential hazards so feels like we need more planning, resources and volunteers to tackle those areas
- Volunteer services to help with wildfire mitigation. Happy to volunteer.
- We are very thankful for your help. KC had many elderly who are reluctant to ask for help. Search them out and advise them what needs to be done and offer help.
- Minimize spending on specialists, slash pick ups, and resources used for mowing and weed trimming in greenbelt/open space.
- Proactively alert owners to visible risks much like the HOA alerts owners about violations.
- Educate residents on what must be done to mitigate.
- Evacuation awareness
- Encouraging and using volunteers to clean debris and slash from open space.
- Get more involved with Ranger Staff
- continued communication with new practices and updates on progress to keep residents focused and supported with our efforts. Recognize those that have implemented changes with before and after pictures.
- What's the evacuation plan? I have no idea.
- Continue to make their presence known and the services they offer.
- I've been very concerned they will start cutting down live trees. I'm in favor of removing limbs up to about 4 feet from ground. Also mowing 10 feet from house borders. Maybe even 15-20 feet. Also consider replacing fencing with fire resistant fencing.
- Keep offering the free assessments so individuals can get help from a knowledgeable resource.
- more organized community events for mitigation
- Try to get the information out to all of us who cannot attend meetings easily

- Above, we were only permitted to select 1, but many of those options are valuable. I selected curbside pickup because I don't have a truck or a good way to get all that stuff to a drop off site. Additionally, a group clean up date - that allows kids - would be GREAT. Kids need service hours, opportunities to give back, a chance to invest in their own neighborhood - and too many places don't allow kids to participate because of liability so they don't get these concepts until they're much older.
- All the above !! And A plan to escape fire out of only 2 exits in our neighborhoods !
- More efforts, paid for with community dues, to significantly minimize the threat of a Marshall Fire event.
- Continue to educate and communicate to the community on how individual homeowners to reduce their risk in the event of a fire.
- Encourage fencing other than wood or plastic
- Keep doing what it's doing
- Educate and get with the MA to pay for and drop additional dumpsters throughout the community for residents to fill with slash
- Educate the community and then educate us again and again. I think this the best way to get the word out.
- Make question 10 able to answer multiple items
- Try to reach the non-participating residents
- Biggest issue is transporting slash for most people who don't have a truck. So need more home pickup or trash day options.
- Continue to provide information to the community, add more community/open space clean-up days, and have additional curbside pick-up.
- Don't just give attention to the Valley. Expand to our other neighborhoods.
- Keep the potential fire danger "in front" of the residents. Repeat, repeat, repeat.
- From my perspective, the committee is doing what they can in regard to helping homeowners with their properties, given that compliance with recommendations is voluntary.
- Education
- the above only allowed me to select one answer....I would like to add more articles in the communication channels.
Additional trash pickup days
The hills and farm neighborhood (Blue Sage, Penstemon & the attached cul-d-sacs) organizes our own clean up day and the last 2 years we have been able to tackle some problem areas. I would like to see that continue.
- Ensure our public spaces (like the ranch house, community center, etc) are as 'fire safe' as possible.
- Build more trails for firefighters
- More public awareness of events/services - fire evacuation planning and education for valley residents
- Provide info, and services when possible
- Help develop a plan for fire mitigation in the upper portions of our open space, particularly the south end where there has been little to no work completed.
- You could allow survey respondents to select more than one answer in the question above... ridiculous to have only one answer/preference to apply above!
- Continue to identify fire risk areas in the neighborhood and plan accordingly to mitigate and maintain. Once and done is not the solution. Stress to residence importance or make it an HOA policy to have property checked.
- Unfortunately, I could only select one option for question #10, but we would like to see any kind of slash pick up and/or drop off.
- Please make fire hazardous neighbors get rid of mulch, dead trees, and pine needles close to my house. This isn't fair to me. Please require replacement fences to be metal going forward, including NADG. Firewise will require MA help for this.

- More mitigation in open space.
- Continue the education
- Ensure trees and shrubs throughout the neighborhood that are not homeowners get removed and/or replaced.
- Be active in the Ken Caryl Facebook groups. Sometimes there is information going out that is incorrect, and it would be good if the fire wise group could chime in. For instance, there are those who encourage others to not clean up leaves in the fall, because it is more natural to leave the leaves. I'm not sure people think About fire mitigation.
- More slash pick up curb side, more volunteer clean up of fire unsafe habitats
- Publish evacuation plan for the north ranch
- Information with follow up questionnaires that request each household respond and rate themselves.
- All of the above
- N/A
- Education and resources
- Continue to clean out areas that are overgrown with dead vegetation. Continue mowing the additional 10 feet into the open space behind homes.
- Inform residents on measures they can take specific to their property
- I'm glad the Firewise Committee is in place and I want to learn more about it as I think fire is our greatest risk!
- Focus on action—removing dead branches and dead/dying pine trees and other dead/dying trees that are fuel for fire; clean up the landscape mess along the rock wall along Valley Parkway across from Wynterbrooke; It's not only unsightly, it's an example of fuel for sparks and fire. There are undoubtedly other common area and open space areas that could benefit from fire mitigation measures that would also improve landscape appearance. More action and less "talking".
- I really appreciate the mowing around the open space and our home. Continuing that would be great. The assessments are needed as every situation/home is different. The slash pick ups seemed early in the season for us.
- See 12.
- Continue to pump up the distribution of informational materials. Walk/scout neighborhoods to identify areas that need help and contact those people to organize cleanup projects. Each neighborhood has "leaders" who will be happy to help organize events.
- Continue to emphasize how much risk our valley is in re: Fire danger.
- I would have clicked several of the options above but it only allowed one. More education is always needed - we have neighbors that are very reluctant to hear what is being said, but with more education and more action from other neighbors we could get to a tipping point where it becomes the accepted norm.
- Recognize that fire risk is exceedingly low on a statistical basis. Only one one thousandth of Colorado burned last year - so simply put, there is a one in a thousand probability that we will suffer a fire. BUT...trees serve an aesthetic purpose 100% of the time, therefore people making statements such as "a tree is a fire hazard just waiting to ignite", as many who are not fully informed claim, would rather make Ken-Caryl into a desert for everyone for all time, than accept a one in a thousand chance of a fire.
- Question 10 I would have liked to select several options not just ONE
- By keeping this issue front and center in the community. Would also like some fresh referrals to landscapers who can help. The online resident-referrals book is very outdated.
- Education and communication at the home owner level.
- Be more visible. Host educational events in different neighborhoods

- Please do a community wide curbside chipping (not curbside pick-up) with no limits on pile size or limb size. 2x per year would be good.
- Keep educating residents via various means (articles, presentations, volunteer clean-up days) about risks, ways to mitigate risks; provide more SLASH pick-up days.
- All of the above, within reason (i.e. more articles and information provided through communication channels, more opportunities for additional / designated trash pick up for slash materials.
- list of fire resistant plantings we might consider.

Addendum 4:

Question 12: Do you have any additional suggestions as to how Ken-Cary Ranch can support Firewise initiatives to help reduce wildfire risk in our community?

- Some homes look to be ready for a possible fire, some homes look like they should be a controlled burn in preparation for a possible fire. Mandatory clean up for some may be needed:)
- No. You can not force residents to be Firewise, and the primary risk is that houses are fuel and built too close together. It is an incurable problem and the KCRMA should not be wasting money on mitigating Valley anxieties about wildfire risk which homeowners freely chose to accept when they bought their homes. Nothing the committee is doing will have any substantial effect in preventing firestorm destruction of the KC Valley. Just teach people how to leave rapidly and stop wasting our dues on this.
- Continued education and mitigation activities. There is a need to balance environmental beauty with fire mitigation and there are many residents who do not take those efforts seriously.
- organize fire mitigation by street or neighborhood--more protection if your neighbors have taken steps to make their property more fire resistant
- Please don't cut any more of plum trees in open space & along trail near pump house. They have historical value and enhance the beauty for residents. Thank you.
- Not at this time.
- Work w CDOT to remove combustibles on the east side of 470 so cigarette butts + wind pose less of a threat.
- Create zones where mitigation needs are high so neighborhoods can know they are at higher risk and contact them directly.
Be willing to make clear that not mitigating puts everyone at higher risk.
Ultimately, we will have to enforce mitigation in order to manage property insurance mandates to obtain reasonable rates. So start ratcheting up compliance and messaging now to combat the mentality that "it won't make a difference because the houses are too close together".
Let people know about Colorado tax credits for fire mitigation so they can spread out costs over several years.
- Change our outdated and downright foolish covenants like wooden fence requirements
- Continue mowing behind fences. Be more aggressive on managing fire breaks in the foothills/open space.
- A certain resident with a huge agenda needs to be decoupled from this org for more interest
- Survey perimeter homes specifically and communicate with those homes/land that may use some mitigation suggestions
- We have open space behind our house and are questioning if the mowing operations are a good use of financial resources. It also reduces the esthetics of the open space. If a fire was threatening the neighborhood wouldn't a fire line be cut into the dirt at that

time?

Thank you for your efforts to educate and reduce fuels in our neighborhood.

- I am wondering if my huge increase in home owner insurance could somehow be mitigated with this program. I remember something about the West Metro district upgrade that lowered by insurance in the past. Is this something worth exploring?
- Schedule more clean up events. Continue marketing.
- There needs to be more focus on fire mitigation in the open space. It doesn't do any good for a home owner to do fire mitigation when abutting open space is still choked with abundant fuel!

I understand that open space is supposed to remain "natural", but leaving the open space alone does not recognize that the open space is no longer "natural". Years of artificial watering from homeowners has dramatically increased vegetation in the open space - any photo of the ranch prior to development shows this minimal vegetation beyond prairie grass. We now have 40 foot tall cottonwood trees that are technically in the open space (outside the 10 foot "mowing zone", that abut homeowner property. As far as I know, there is currently no way for home owners to bring Firewise issues in the open space to the proper authority for fire mitigation consideration.

If the Firewise committee is given the authority, and a process set up for issues to be vetted, decisions on fire mitigation in the open space could be implemented in a timely manner.

- No smoking signs in the open space and parking areas might be helpful. It only takes one cigarette butt or roach to create a major fire. Thanks for all you do and for having this survey!
- Remove the dead trees coming into the Valley
- I wish HOA would look just past the fence line to backyard's where many people have piles of sticks/tree limbs just sitting for years at a time or have tree branches touching neighbors houses. I wish they got HOA notices for this and were required to handle.
- Not sure all of this is needed. Homeowners ought to be able to look at their yard and see what needs to be done and we should NOT help financially
- Yes - would there be a way to ask elderly residents if they would want volunteer help for slash removal at their homes if they are unable to do the work themselves? Neighbors could sign up to help a fellow elderly or incapacitated neighbor?
- Keep up the good work!
- Continued updated information each year during fire season to show evacuation routes with any clarifications/cautions that will keep us all on same page should it be necessary. Keith taught us to evaluate whether to stop before a grass fire that is crossing the evacuation route or proceed. He taught us to remain in our car vs. trying to outrun it.
- Provide workshops on Firewise landscaping options.
- Include more specific information in paper regarding specific areas they may be focusing on.
- A community event that highlights the Firewise program and/or having information about the program at other community events.
- No I don't but fully support this cause
- Offer incentives? Contests? Make it social, fun. Like, an example - offer a program where a FIREWISE volunteer comes out to inspect and see what steps were taken to improve the safety of a resident's property, and given "points" for that - and depending on whether it's an incentive or a contest, you could say - "Contact a FIREWISE person, have them come out, implement at least 5 verifiable steps and get 2 free pool passes for the 2024 season." OR, the first 10 neighbors in a given "sub/mini neighborhood" to _____, get a food truck party for 2 hrs this summer." Something like that - get people involved beyond reminding them of the risks/dangers and reminding them why they "should" implement FIREWISE measures. We've had 2 fires in about 18 months in the valley - and still neighbors need motivation to do these steps.

- A list of what to prepare to grab in case of last minute escape of fire.
- See above.

- No
- Encourage fencing other than wood or plastic
- see above
- Offer free “fire-wise” nursery trees to replace hazard trees, such as non-native evergreens, that residents voluntarily remove.
- Focus on open space volunteer days.
- Continue with the Open space tree/shrub reduction and removal
- Keep the potential fire danger "in front" of the residents. Repeat, repeat, repeat.
- I am disappointed with the MA response to Firewise needs in the open space. There is currently NO WAY for a resident to bring issues in the open space forward for resolution, short of bringing each “little issue” to the board. A process is needed, and authority granted to resolve issues. Something like the architectural approval process is needed - submit a form for requests, and document an answer from someone with MA authority. This doesn't necessarily require spending MA money. I know several homeowners that would gladly do fire mitigation on their own expense in the open spaces near their properties if authorized! There is no reason this could not be done NOW!
- Get rid of the wood fencing. It's decades old and tinder dry.
- Not sure how the mowing around the open spaces have been going throughout the valley, but would like to see that continue and make sure homeowners are maintaining that space around their homes.
- More visual reminders of daily fire risk
- Have all KCR activities and decisions consider and follow FireWise protocols
- - rent a chipper monthly and do pickups to gather, sub-neighborhood by neighborhood

- redirect the \$30k a year being spent on mowing grass behind people's houses to mitigation work in the backcountry open space

- work with the MA and MD on their joint efforts to xeriscape and/or “water-wise” our most overgrown common spaces

- identify private homes who are most at risk because of lack of effort to firewise their properties and offer to them to organize a volunteer day to give them a “makeover” - we can publicize it and, one at a time, tackle these at-risk properties which threaten the neighborhood

- More curbside slash pickup, more resources/experts who can recommend plantings, design, etc for firewise, deer-resistant, HOA endorsed xeriscaping.
- Maybe have it an HOA policy to have an inspection periodically. Possibly when applying to have your home painted or have to have the architectural committee evaluate a project. Individual residence need to take action on their own property and unfortunately not all do.
- Yes...see my ther comments...no more mulch or wood fences. Make neighbors do the right thing....our homes are too close together.
- Hold homeowners accountable
- More pick ups for slash. We have a small car, and are unable to get the slash to the Dakota Lodge or wherever they're being collected.
- Mail out postcards to every resident and have a desk set up at a playground on a sunny day educating people about the program with a sign up sheet
- Continued focus in every newsletter with examples and suggestions.

- We need an evacuation plan for an emergency. We need state and federal foresters to advise on fire breaks between the foothills and homes
- Additional funding for fuel load removal/fire breaks (trails?) in our open space. Additional volunteer opportunities as well.
- No
- See previous comment.
- There a lot of young teens that advertise for work in the KC paper. Maybe some of them could be trained or help out with the mitigation. It is hard to find help and its expensive.
- What are we doing about replanting trees when we keep taking trees down in the neighborhood? Are we sure we aren't just taking out trees? I think we need some messaging around this for the Community. Overall conservation management that is firewise, but also keeps our area beautiful, creates green places, oxygen, etc. How are we balancing this.
- Many homes border open space and these homes are at higher risk. To encourage owners to help with continued mitigation, offer to rebate part or all of monthly HOA dues for the times the owners clean/clear KC property bordering their property.
- Continue the 10-foot buffer along open space. I mow it myself, but it's good it is now standard.
- Change the fencing from wood to what the fencing is in Sunset Ridge, which is a Trex product. It would be much less flammable for the community.
- Seeing how the trails helped provide access to firefighters as well as provide a natural fire line for the high meadow fire several years ago made me appreciate the role the trails can play in keeping KC safe from fires. I would love to see the trails maintained and the vegetation on the sides cut back to provide fire lines in our open space.
- Stop the cause of 96% of fires - HUMAN CAUSED. Ban smoking on trails. Aggressively patrol trails and fine smokers. Restrict trail access to KC residents. Close trails during red flag days and aggressively patrol and fine those who are non-compliant.
- Exit planning in the event of an evacuation
- Increase the budget!!!
- Share more details from MA, MD Board meetings steps they are taking to reduce wildfire risk - improve communications from Boards to residents.
- We must find a way to BALANCE fire mitigation with preserving whatever wildlife we have the privilege to enjoy. Fire mitigation not only helps humans, it can also ultimately save wildlife habitat, but again, it must be done very consciously and responsibly. Let's use common sense!!
- Restriction of fireworks to those certified to use them