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June 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Wildfire-Ready Workshops – presented by Natasha Saxena, Ventura Fire Safe

Council – at the Ojai Library and the E.P. Foster Library

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DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2023; 5pm (Ojai Library)

Wednesday, June 28, 2023; 5pm (E.P. Foster Library)

Natasha Saxena from the Ventura Fire Safe Council will visit the Ojai Library at 5pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, and the E.P. Foster Library at 5pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, to deliver a Wildfire-Ready Workshop.

The <u>Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council</u> offers **no-cost** home wildfire assessments to anyone in Ventura County to educate on the latest fire science. The assessment only takes 1 hour, a short time to potentially protect your home and family.

Wildfires have grown in size and impact in Ventura County in the last several years, such as the Thomas Fire, which burned 281,893 acres and 1,063 structures, and Woolsey Fire, which burned 97.000 acres and 670 structures.

How would this assessment help protect my home? Based on the latest science from the Insurance Institute for Home & Safety (IBHS), the structure and vegetation modification recommendations given by their team may reduce your home's wildfire risk up to 75%. Recommendations could include affordable actions such as removing debris from gutters, or larger actions such as trimming back overhanging trees.

How do I sign up? Residents can sign up with a simple appointment made on the website <u>VenturaFireSafe.org</u> or call (805) 746-7365. As a nonprofit, the team at the Fire Safe Council are here to educate, not enforce. Funding for this Project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire Prevention Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.

About Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council: Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council is a 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to reduce wildfire threats to farms, ranches, urban neighborhoods, and infrastructure through an aggressive program of action, education, and collaboration.

This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146 or ron.solorzano@ventura.org.

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The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Avenue in Ojai, CA. Hours of service are 10am to 8pm Monday through Thursday and 12pm to 5pm Friday through Sunday.

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