

**YOU are needed
to build community resilience to
WILDFIRE!**



We are your neighbors who want to join with YOU to create a Firewise Community. In order for us to become Firewise, we need to work together to make it happen as no one does it for us, we need to join together and do it ourselves.

Come **Sunday February 9th 4pm – 6:00pm** to San Rafael City Hall (thanks to Kate we can meet in the chambers) to learn more about preventing wildfire and take an important step towards protecting your home, property and our neighborhood.

We want to connect with you no matter what! So please email us at forbesfirewise@gmail.com and let us know if you can come to the meeting and/or want to learn more. Please include your name and street address in the email.

We look forward to seeing you and working together to make our neighborhood safer!

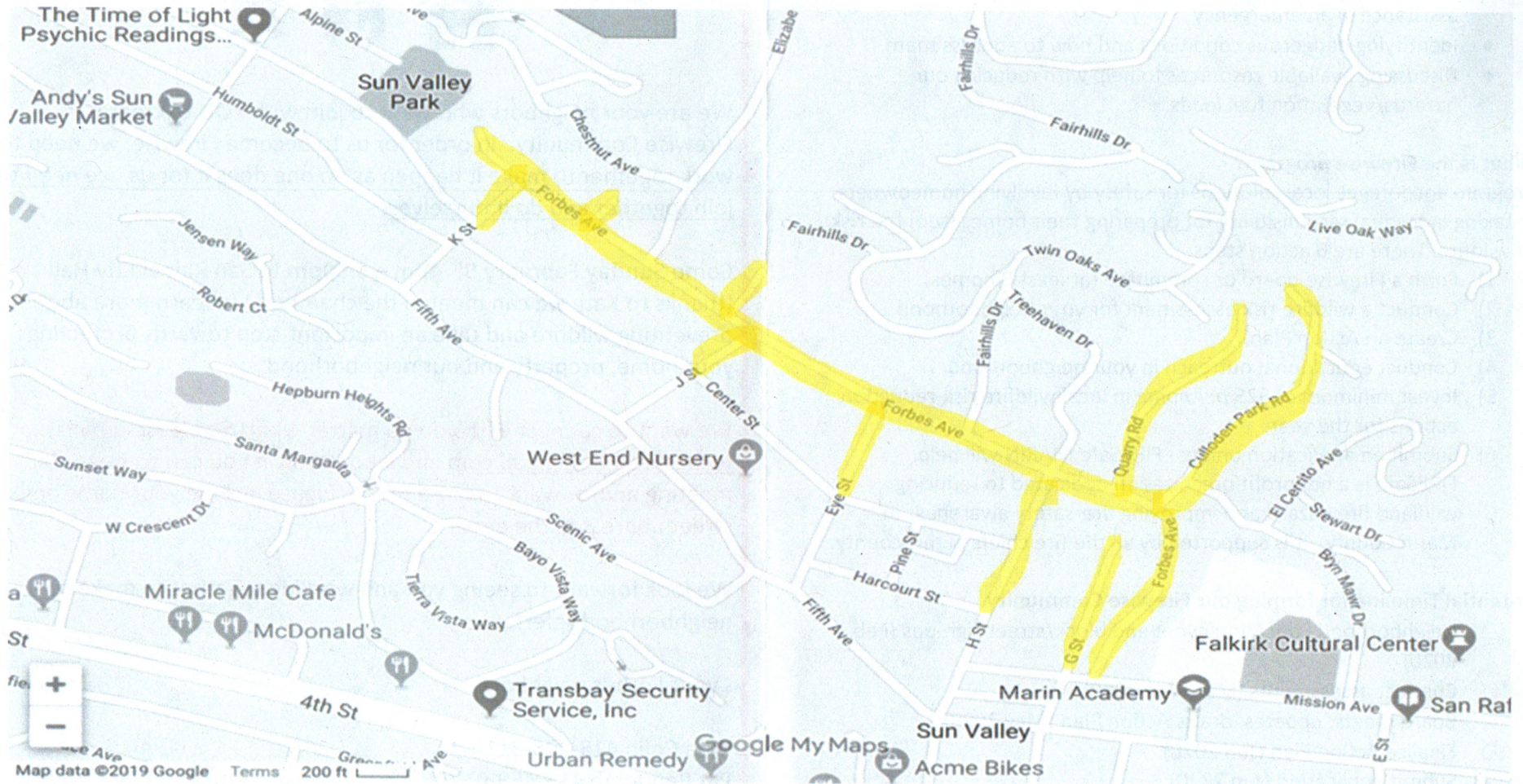
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We are forming the FORBES CORRIDOR FIREWISE COMMUNITY and on January 24th – 26th we left flyers with the properties that are highlighted in **yellow** below. This is our initial outreach but can change depending on who is interested. *All are welcome to attend the February 9th meeting!* Email us at forbesfirewise@gmail.com to learn more.



 Learn more at <https://www.firesafemarin.org/firewise>

Why become a Firewise Community?

- ◆ Makes us safer and in case of a fire, our neighborhood will be easier to defend
- ◆ May have positive insurance benefits

Added bonus of:

- ◆ Knowing each other face to face as neighbors
- ◆ Knowing whom in the neighborhood may need extra help or assistance in an emergency
- ◆ Identifying dangerous conditions and how to address them
- ◆ Discussing available resources to help with reducing our hazards/vegetation fuel loads.

What is the Firewise program?

Program encourages local solutions for safety by involving homeowners in taking individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfire. There are 6 action steps:

- 1) Form a Firewise board or committee (at least 8 homes).
- 2) Conduct a wildfire risk assessment for your neighborhood.
- 3) Create an Action Plan.
- 4) Conduct educational outreach in your neighborhood.
- 5) Invest minimum of \$25 *per home* in local wildfire risk-reduction actions for the year.
- 6) Submit an application online - FIRESafe MARIN will help.
FIRESafe is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing wildland fire hazard and improving fire-safety awareness in Marin County. It is supported by all the fire chiefs in this county.

Potential Timeline for forming our Firewise Community

- ☐ Neighborhood Education event and block/street sign-ups (Feb 2020)
- ☐ Conduct assessments (Mar - Apr 2020)
- ☐ Board meets: updates, drafts Action Plan (May 2020)
- ☐ Finalize Action Plan (Jun 2020)
- ☐ Submit application (Jun 2020)

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