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## **Morgan Hill's Holiday Lakes Estates Homeowners Association Earns National Recognition**

**Morgan Hill** – Efforts to reduce the vulnerability of homes and landscapes to wildfire has earned the Morgan Hill's Holiday Lakes Estates Homeowners Association, the Firewise Communities/USA® recognition status from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Firewise® is a nationwide initiative that provides formal recognition to communities for taking actions to protect people and properties from the risk of fire in the wildland/urban interface (WUI). It's a framework for communities and neighborhood associations that take strides to create resiliency against wildfire by adopting and implementing the Firewise® program's criteria.

The Holiday Lakes Estates Homeowners Association worked with the Morgan Hill Fire Department and CAL FIRE to complete a community wildfire hazard assessment and developed an action plan that produced risk reduction benefits to the residents and their homes. Implementation of their plan has begun and will continue as part of the program's annual renewal requirements.

The Holiday Lakes Estates Homeowners Association has become the second recognized Firewise community in Santa Clara County.

“The tragic fires throughout California in 2017 focused new attention on the real fire safety risks presented by our neighborhood's unique landscape. In 2018, a group of concerned homeowners were elected to the Holiday Lake Estates HOA Board with fire safety being their primary goal. Thus, extensive fire safety projects were tackled in 2018 that have dramatically reduced the fire risk and earned the Holiday Lake Estates community a coveted Firewise USA designation. The recent tragedy in Paradise has further driven home the importance of fire safety to our residents.

And while there is still a long way to go, with the Firewise USA designation in hand we are making great strides and our residents will continue to work towards reducing our community's wildfire risks." David Frazier, Holiday Lakes Estates HOA Board Member

"Firewise Communities are invaluable partners. They provide real grass roots resources to help homeowners deal with the risks of living in wildland areas. Owning property in wildfire prone areas of our state is a huge responsibility and I would urge every homeowner to seek out and become involved in local Firewise efforts." Dwight Good, Fire Marshal, Morgan Hill Fire Department.

Communities interested in participating in the program can learn more at [www.firewise.org/usa](http://www.firewise.org/usa).

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