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Dear community,

Welcome back to your Coast Ridge Community Forest newsletter! It has been a while since we've written, and we have much wonderful news to share. But first, we'd like to tell you that **Marshall Turbeville will be coming to speak to our coastal hills community** about recent wildfires and what we can do to prepare for the next wildfire that comes to our area. His presentation will include videos from the 2020 Walbridge Fire.

Marshall is an incredible resource for our community and we are so grateful for his continued support our of work. **He will be presenting this Saturday the 11th at PPI on Fort Ross Road at 1pm, or next Sunday the 19th at the Timber Cove Fire house at 10am.** Details are below.

Now, what have we been doing over the past year?

We are now a 501(c)3 organization. We are so pleased that after much administrative effort, our organization, the Coast Ridge Forest Council, has been formally recognized by the IRS as a public benefit charity. Thank you all so much for your support; your contributions have made a huge difference! We gratefully welcome your tax-deductible donations directly here: [CoastRidgeCommunityForest/Support Us](#)

Our Fort Ross Road Fuel Reduction project has been funded. The Sonoma County Vegetation Management Program has awarded us one of the largest grants in the county for our project, developed by, for, and with our community to make our major road more firesafe. We are moving ahead with our due diligence and excited to get to work once the rainy season begins in earnest. If you are a Fort Ross landowner, please make sure you have signed our participation agreement by visiting: [CoastRidgeCommunityForest/ShadedFuelBreakProject](#)

We have more projects in the works. The second phase of our fuel-reduction project will focus on our major ranch roads, including sections of Nistrath, Big Barn, Blue Jay, Danoha, Hamsa, Kalinda, Brainridge, Hazels, and Seaview Ranch roads. If you are a landowner on any of these roads, please help us move ahead on our grant applications by signaling your participation on the same grant page here: [CoastRidgeCommunityForest/ShadedFuelBreakProject](#)

Community Meeting Details:

Marshall Turbeville presents:

Modern Era Fire Behavior: What We Can Do Before the Next Fire

This Saturday 9/11, 1pm

Padmasambhava Peace Institute (PPI), 23125 Fort Ross Road, Cazadero

When you arrive: At the second building on the right after you drive in, there will be a shaded outdoor area, with room for up to 60 people to sit a little distanced.

Parking: please drive past the central garden and park down at the end of the buildings, on the left.

Seating: bring a chair, or grab a folding chair from outside the conference room by the parking area.

Public bathroom: bathroom is in the last building near the parking, with the door clearly marked.

COVID protocols: It's fine to walk around outside mask-free, but for the presentation since we may need to sit closer to each other, please wear a mask. A mask is also required for entering the bathroom.

Smoking on PPI property is not allowed. Please respect the privacy of guests in the orange house on the left as you drive in.

If you can't join us, Marshall will give another presentation on Sunday, September 19, 10 a.m. at the Timber Cove Fire Station.

Thank you for reading, for your support and participation, and for all we do together to ensure our landscape thrives for years to come.

Yours truly,

The Coast Ridge Community Forest

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