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Three Carson City subdivisions form chapters of Nevada Fire Safe Council

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Three west Carson City subdivisions have formed local chapters of the Nevada Fire Safe Council and will hold organizational meetings in early June.

People who live there are encouraged to attend.

Chapters for Kings Canyon and Lakeview subdivisions meet Thursday and the Timberline subdivision homeowners meet June 7.

Working as groups, the chapters can create fuel breaks in their neighborhoods to slow a fire's spread or work on longer term ways to increase the water-storage capacity in their area, said JoAnne Skelly, Carson City-Storey County extension educator for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

"We are encouraging residents of neighborhoods to work together because they can accomplish more as a group," said Skelly. "Homes are much safer if a whole block has instituted fire-safe practices, than if just a few homes in the neighborhood have done so."

Skelly has been advising local property owners on rehabilitating their landscapes and making their properties more fire safe since last summer's Waterfall Fire in Carson City that claimed 17 homes and burned more than 8,000 acres.

o The Lakeview homeowners meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Carson City Fire Department Station #1, 777 S. Stewart St.

o The Kings Canyon homeowners meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Carson City Library at 900 N. Roop St.

o The Timberline homeowners meet 7 p.m. June 7 at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension office, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 12.

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