

Miranda Bacon

From: thomas tereszkiewicz [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2023 12:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: thomas tereszkiewicz
Subject: reducing fire risk in Grass Valley

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Dear Official,

The easiest way to reduce fire risk in this community is to ban open burning, the hideous practice done by a small minority of residents, which is the biggest source of Autumn, Winter, and Spring, pollution in the community. There have also been numerous escaped burn piles that further endanger the community. If it is not banned, then it most definitely needs to be more tightly controlled, for example, limiting it to certain hours and days. This last burn season, it was permitted 24 7 almost all three season and well into the summer, insanity. I have spoken to the air district, Julie Hunter, and proposed limiting open burning between the hours of nine and six pm. I hope that goes through. That would be the easiest and cheapest way to make our city safer and cleaner. Letting the open burners burn as much as they want when they want is equivalent to allowing smokers to smoke anywhere and everywhere. This is 2023, time to put some controls on this hideous, dangerous, and polluting practice. We have green bins now, do the Open burners have them??

Tom Tereszkiewicz

Miranda Bacon

From: WIRELESS CALLER <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (2 minutes and 48 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Yes, I just read your article today in the paper about your upcoming election you're hoping to do in March for a general tax of half cent. I don't understand why you don't realize why it failed the last time. It failed because it was a general instead of a special tax that couldn't be used for anything else. And you're going to spend \$100,000 to do it again. You need to upgrade that to a special tax that can't be used for anything but its purpose. My name is Camille Muir. My phone number is [REDACTED]. Thank you.

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From: Georges Pelpel [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Fire Protection

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Hi Bob,

Thanks for being involved in the City of Grass Valley issues. Any measure to protect the area in the event of a fire is welcomed and, obviously, an urgency in the current climate evolution.

We live just outside the city limit and belong to the Slate Creek/Deer Creek Firewise community. The community was actually initiated from one of our development resident. Our development, Foxwood Estate, has invested a lot of efforts and money in the last 4 years to mitigate fire risks.

Most local residents are interested and willing to work on their own properties but a limited few are totally deft about the need to do so and have cut all communication with their local Firewise. I understand that the current County law protects them from being sued for endangering their neighbors properties as anyone suing a property owner not properly maintaining his/her land must agree to cover 50% of the cost involved in cleaning the unkept area.

In addition to being a safety concern, it is also a huge financial one as the cost of insuring our properties become exorbitant. We won't be able to see insurance cost be lowered if any of us doesn't get active in fuel reduction management. The strength of our community is only as strong as our weakest link.

As such it seems a priority for the City to act at the County level to amend any law protecting land owners not willing to maintain their properties and endangering their neighbors'.

Georges Pelpel

Miranda Bacon

From: Richard Calkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 5:34 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Fire Risk

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Read YubaNet reports: The greatest fire risk to Grass Valley is the failure of people living in acreage in the COUNTY to control burn piles because the COUNTY and STATE does not charge the huge fines necessary to stop these frequent events and pay for services to put out fires. The CITY should stand up for us!

Miranda Bacon

From: WIRELESS CALLER <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:43 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 7 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Hi, my name is Danny Silberstein. 10505 Bragg Ave. Grass Valley. I forgot what else you wanted. Something else? I don't know my age. Anyway, my comment for tonight's meeting, town hall meeting at Sierra College is could you please explain why access to the Grass Valley Fire Marshall or whatever he is called is so difficult and actually, in my efforts, impossible. Yeah, and people at the front desk have me fill out forms and no response, go down to the fire chiefs office. It's a locked door. And it just seems very ironic that when you say you're interested in helping us do fire preparation, we don't actually have access to anybody who can answer our questions or help us with our problems. OK. Thank you very much. Bye.

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From: Norma Solarz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: YES on the fire tax

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My husband and I live in Grass Valley and want you to know we are in FAVOR of a city wide tax to support firefighting and fire prevention in our city.

We cannot attend a public meeting but want our YES on the FIRE TAX recorded.

Thank you,
Norma Solarz
Steve McClary
800 Freeman Lane #301
Grass Valley 95949

Miranda Bacon

From: Thomas Burchfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 3:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Response to Bob Branstrom article re Grass Valley Council Meeting on Fire Reduction:

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Greetings:

Recently, Grass valley City Councilman, Bob Branstrom published an article in Yubanet asking Grass Valley citizens for input regarding the reduction of fire risk in Grass Valley in preparation special city council meeting to be held this Tuesday evening, which my wife and I are unable to attend.

I concur with and support the exploration and consideration of all of Mr. Branstrom's suggestions about the city playing a bigger role in fire prevention. Nevada County seems to be doing a great job with fire prevention and the City of Grass valley should has a role to play. This is a problem that involves everyone in Nevada County and beyond. I am on the side of whatever works—the approach favored by Franklin Roosevelt in dealing with the Great Depression of the 1930s-- in dealing with this ongoing threat of destruction to person, property, nd the land we love.

As for how to pay for all this, I don't have much expertise in these matters, but it sounds like a parcel tax would be the best approach, both politically and practically. The crisis is too important to leave the money in a vulnerable spot like the general fund.

I hope my comments are of help. Thanks to Bob Branstrom and the Grass Valley City Council for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Thomas Burchfield

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