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STONERIDGE COMMUNITY ON PARIS MOUNTAIN RECEIVES EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT



The Stoneridge community located on Paris Mountains actively participated in creating the Paris Mountain Wildfire Mitigation Annex. On the 20th of December 2023, the community was presented with their official Firewise USA Community Sign, marking their successful efforts in mitigating fire risks in the area. The community went beyond the planning process and became a Firewise community, which is a remarkable achievement. Stoneridge is the only Firewise USA Community in Greenville County, and this prestigious status was awarded to them in the fall after months of planning by the Firewise Committee, led by Mrs. Patricia Lanning.

The sign presentation was held at the community entrance, where members of the Firewise Committee, HOA President Ken Kraning, Chris Revels, Upstate Wildland Urban Interface/Firewise Coordinator, and Battalion Chief Kent Spencer from the Piedmont Park Fire Department were present. The ceremony was a great display of community involvement and appreciation for the efforts put in by the committee members, who strived to achieve this commendable status.

The Stoneridge Firewise Community is one of nearly 40 Firewise Communities in South Carolina, setting a great example for other communities to follow and mitigate the risk of wildfires effectively. The national Firewise USA recognition program provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level.

The Firewise USA program is administered by NFPA® and is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. While the NFPA administers this program, individuals and communities participate on a voluntary basis.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WINTER CAMP



The Blue Ridge Council organized a winter camp in 2023 at Camp Old Indian, which is situated north of Travelers Rest. The camp saw participation from over 100 male and female youths who attended several merit badge classes and topics for three days. One of the programs offered at the camp was the Search and Rescue Merit Badge, where the scouts learned about different types of emergencies, the planning process, and concluded with a missing and injured hiking exercise within the camp.

Special Operations Coordinator Steve Hunt discussed various types of search and rescue teams in Greenville and the surrounding region. He also shared how being part of the scouting community as a youth helped him prepare for his career.

In addition, the Glassy Mountain Fire Department also brought their rescue truck, and they showcased specific tools used in rescue missions. They also discussed the roles of firefighters and EMS in rescue operations.

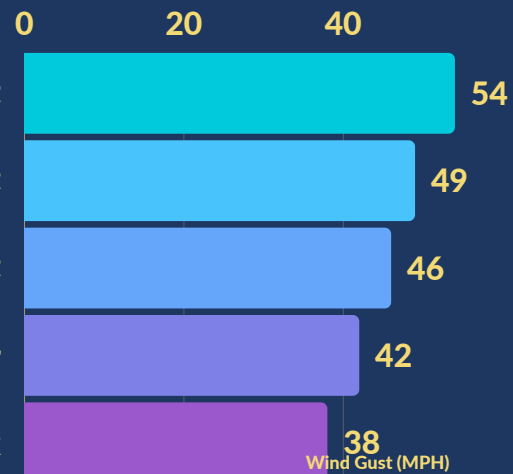


SEVERE WEATHER EVENT

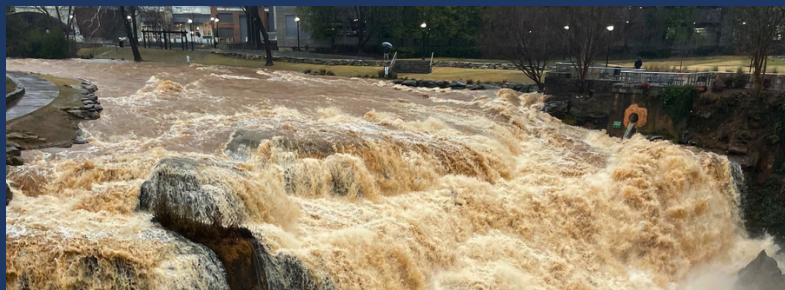
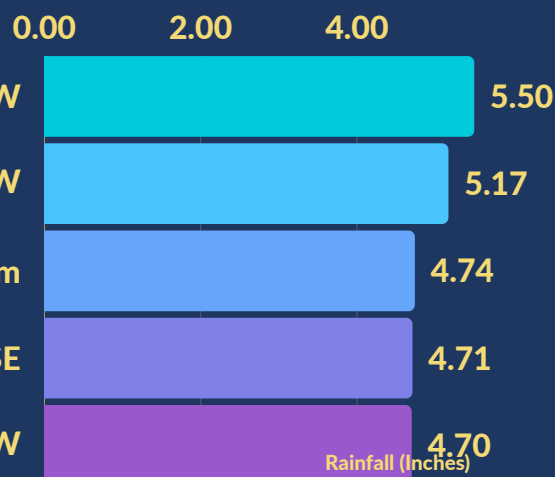
On January 9th, Greenville County experienced severe weather that resulted in scattered flooding, fallen trees, and power-related issues. Wind gusts were as high as 54 MPH. The rainfall ranged from 3.01 to 5.50 inches, causing 42 roadways to close due to flooding or debris. It's important to never drive or walk around barricades during flooding, as most flood fatalities occur in vehicles. Even 12 inches of fast-moving water can sweep a car off the roadway.



Wind Gust



Rainfall



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Organizations within the Community Infrastructure (MGT 341)
When: February 19-20, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Location: Charleston Marriott - 170 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston SC
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Course Name: Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection (MGT 414)
When: February 19, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Location: Charleston Marriott - 170 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston SC
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Course Name: Critical Decision-Making for Complex Coordinated Terrorist
Attacks (PER-335)
When: March 12-13, 2024
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Spartanburg, SC
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