

**Defensible Space Action Team Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**La Pine Fire Station #101**

*This is the monthly meeting of the Defensible Space Action Team, an Action Team of the Newberry Regional Partnership.*

The Defensible Space Action Team is a part of the NRP's broader efforts to create a more wildfire-adapted and resilient community. The team works in partnership with other organizations to educate and assist homeowners with creating and maintaining defensible space. Defensible space is the area around a home that is strategically managed to reduce the risk of it catching fire during a wildfire.

By promoting defensible space, the Defensible Space Action Team helps to create safer neighborhoods for residents and provides a safer environment for firefighters responding to a wildfire.

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## **INTRODUCTIONS & CHECK-INS**

### **Wildfire Home Protection Strategies Workshop - Heather**

#### **• GRANT UPDATES**

- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 3 - Lauren
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant 4- Austin
- EPA Thriving Community Grant - Megan/Kathy

## **2025 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **2026 GOALS WORKSHEET**

- Wildfire Preparedness Fair
- FireWise communities

## **Scheduled 2026 EVENTS**

- **Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Meeting in La Pine**  
April 16, 2026, La Pine Senior Activity Center, 2pm to 3:30 pm
- **Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Meeting in La Pine**  
September 17, 2026, La Pine Senior Activity Center, 2pm to 3:30 pm

**JANUARY MEETING:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm at La Pine Fire Station #101

## **Defensible Space Action Team**

*We envision a Resilient Newberry Country, where we develop information and resources to prepare for, prevent and respond to wildfire and other adverse events that threaten our community's health, safety, and well-being.*

See **“RESILIENT NEWBERRY COUNTRY – Our Plan for Wildfire & Public Safety”** on page 8 of the Strategic Action Plan 2025-2030.

## **Expand Funding and Education for Wildfire Preparedness and Prevention**

Game Changer Strategy: *Establish local government and community-based support for fire-safe education and funding for property owners' wildfire safety improvements. Conduct regular community-based meetings with fire officials to educate residents about wildfire preparedness and prevention steps. Identify resources to help property owners create defensible space, install fire-safe landscaping, and undertake fire-safe building retrofits. Create a community-based Fire Prevention and Protection Coordinator position that serves Newberry Country.*