Is there a wildfire?

Here's one way to HEAR about it *and FIND OUT if it's near you*

1. **Sign up for text alerts from *The Union* and from *Cal Fire*.** These will be *general alerts to fires in our region* (**not like CodeRED**, which alerts you only to fires that are – or could become – a threat to your home).
   - To receive Breaking News texts from The Union: text "UnionNews" (without quotes) to the number 86677.
   - To get texts from Cal Fire: visit incidents.readyforwildfire.org. In the box "Sign Up for Text Messages," enter your cellphone number and zip code, then click SIGN UP. Sign up your household members, too (and tell them).

2. **If you receive one of the above text alerts, or you just hear something about a wildfire *(beware of rumors on social media – this is how to check them out)* follow these steps:**
   - Visit YubaNet.com, click *Happening Now* **on the top navigation bar**. Scroll to find an entry about a fire. If the fire is already big, you may find just one entry with a link taking you to a page that's *only about that fire*, with ongoing frequent updates. **Keep that page open in a tab on your web browser and re-load the page frequently to stay updated on the status of the fire.**
   - **In a new tab** on your web browser, visit ReadyNevadaCounty.org/dashboard. Note: this County Dashboard is *not activated for every fire*, only for those that become threatening to homes and lives. If you don't see active fire information, go back to YubaNet and follow it that way. If the fire keeps growing, check the Dashboard again. If the Dashboard is activated, **re-load the page frequently to stay updated.**
     - **On a desktop computer or laptop**, the Dashboard's left panel should name the fire and give a few statistics (once they're available).
     - The middle panel will have a map. Zoom in to see if you can see Zones that are under Evacuation Orders or Warnings and note where they are compared to you. (Keep zooming in until you can read a street name.)
     - Click the **Current Weather** tab on the top bar and ***see if the wind is blowing in your direction.*** Wind direction can change abruptly, but for now, this will tell you if the fire is being pushed in your direction (or not).
     - The right-hand panel is a Twitter feed from the County, constantly updated with Cal Fire and Sheriff's Office tweets on fire activity and evacuations. These tweets are very current and helpful -- review them as they are updated.
     - *NOTE: the Dashboard **mobile (phone & tablet) version is very different from the computer version** – you won't see the left statistics panel, the wind direction tab or the Twitter feed. Small phone screens make it difficult to present multiple types of data. **To see all available information, view the Dashboard on a desktop or laptop computer screen.***