Logtown Fire Safe Council
Spring 2014 Newsletter

A Firewise Community Since 2009

LOGTOWN FSC 2014 CALENDAR

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Watch for flyers or postings for these and other upcoming community events.

Last Year  We started sending the Newsletter by email rather than USPS. The response to this was overwhelmingly positive. So, If you received this Newsletter in the mail it’s because we don’t have your email address. To save the cost of printing and mailing newsletters we will be using our email list to distribute this and all future newsletters. You can help us save money by sending your email address to khasse6861@gmail.com. We will continue to mail the Newsletters via USPS to those of you who do not have email.

Public Resource Code 4291 requires that residents provide 100 feet of defensible space around their homes and other structures to keep flames from reaching your home and to provide space for firefighters to work in case of a wildland fire. In some cases additional cleared space is recommended because of steep slopes and heavy fuel loading. Make sure that you have at least 100 feet of defensible space. Trim tree limbs up to at least 10 feet, and provide clearance along roadways and driveways. Your Logtown Fire Safe Council offers defensible space “evaluations” on request to determine whether you meet the PRC4291 requirements. Contact your Neighborhood Coordinator, Ken Hasse or Pat Dwyer to arrange for an evaluation of your defensible space.

Spring Cleanup  Roll up your sleeves and get out the rakes, the Logtown cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday April 12th from 7:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The main event will be held in the parking lot of Bobby’s Market at Hwy 49 and Crystal Blvd. Snowline Hospice will have a donation truck on site to accept gently used clothing and household items as well as an electronic waste recycling, old computers, televisions, cell phones and other electronic devices. If you have items you would like to donate but are too large to bring to the collection site, you can call Snowline at 530-344-4444 to arrange a pickup.
El Dorado Disposal will have free trash dumpsters available for bagged household trash (no tires, mattresses or hazardous materials please). There will also be a Fire Safe Council booth with information on how to make your home and property “Fire Safe”. You can drop by and sign up for our telephone alert program and volunteer opportunities.

Green Waste Dumpsters will be available at Station 44 (6109 Quartz Drive) and at the Golden West CSD Common Area adjacent to Dolomite Drive. The green waste dumpsters will be available for two weeks starting Saturday, April 5th through Saturday April 19th.

Chipping The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council will be "between" grants during our spring clean-up. A Community Chipping Day will be scheduled as soon as funds become available

Please remember to track your time spent on the Spring Cleanup. Your time is used as an "in-kind" match for our annual Firewise Communities renewal. Time sheets will be available at the FSC booth in Bobby's parking lot. Weed spraying, weed whacking and other activities to improve your defensible space all can be counted. If you pay someone to do this for you, the cost can also be used for a cash match. Watch for a “Timesheet” in your email. If you don’t get one it means we don’t have your email address. Call one of the Board members or your Neighborhood Coordinator to request one.

Green Waste Carts The Green Waste Voucher service that allowed you to haul a pickup load of green waste to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Diamond Springs was discontinued last year. In its place we suggest that you make use of the Green Waste Carts provided, free of charge, by El Dorado Disposal to customers using their trash disposal service. Contact El Dorado Disposal at (530) 626-4141 for more information.

Burning If you plan to burn your trimmings please obtain the necessary permits and call (530) 621-5897 to make sure it is a permitted burn day. A burn permit can be obtained at the CAL FIRE station at Mother Load Drive and Pleasant Valley Road or at Station 49 in Diamond Springs. Be considerate of your neighbors and follow all regulations. Remember you are responsible for damage and suppression costs for fires that start on your property.

E-mail List Get on our e-mail list. Send your name, email address and phone number to khasse6861@gmail.com and you will get Meeting Agendas, Meeting Notes, Red Flag Warnings and other
information important to all Logtown area residents. *The Logtown FSC e-mail list is confidential and will not be shared with other agencies or individuals.*

**Phone Trees** The Logtown FSC has established phone trees in most neighborhoods. These phone trees are used to alert residents of fires in the area, red flag warning days and other important information. If you don’t know whether you are on a phone tree, or if you want to help with a phone tree contact one of the Board members or your Neighborhood Coordinator. *For the first time in several years we have coordinators for all neighborhoods, but we still need backups for the phone trees.*

**Text Message Alerts** - With the increasing popularity of text messaging we are conducting a survey to determine how many people would rather receive alerts and advisories by text messaging instead of the phone tree. If you would prefer text messages please email Pat Dwyer at rpd123@att.net and ask to be put on the Text list.

**Logtown Fire Danger Sign** A Smokey Bear fire danger sign was selected as the winner from among three entries in the “Design the Sign” contest. The sign was installed on the Bobby's Country Market sign pole last May.

**Red Flag Warnings** - Red flag warning days are determined by the National Weather Service on the basis of temperature, humidity and wind conditions in specific areas. Red flag warnings and fire weather watch information can be found at: [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/cafw/northfwz.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/cafw/northfwz.php). We are in Fire Weather Zone (FWZ) 267 just east of Sacramento. This and other information is used by Cal Fire and local fire agencies to determine readiness levels. *The Logtown Fire Safe Council* will post red flag warnings at two or more locations within the Logtown area. We will also use email and the phone trees to alert you to red flag warning days.

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Monitor Fuel Reduction Project Update.

Construction on the Logtown/Monitor section of the East Side Fuel Break has finally begun. The contract for the project was awarded to The Paul Roen Company. Mark Egbert from the Resource Conservation District is the Project Manager. Jim Davies, the project Forester will be on site as needed. The work began on February 26th and will be completed by March 31st. By the time you read this and, more importantly, by the beginning of fire season the work will have been completed.

The map on the left shows the 50 acres that have been flagged for potential treatment, but only about 40 acres will be treated. The photos below show a portion of the work that has been completed and an area where treatment has begun at this writing (February 27th).
**Contributors to the 2013 Logtown Hot Dog Social** We want to express our appreciation to the following merchants for their contributions to the annual Hot Dog Social.

- Placerville True Value Hardware
- True Value Hardware – *Missouri Flat*
- Lee’s Feed – *Shingle Springs*
- Front Yard Nursery – *Placerville*
- Bobby’s Country Market – *Logtown*
- Canines on Main – *Placerville*
- Food 4 Less – *Cameron Park*
- Thomas Fogarty Winery – *Portola Valley*
- Vino Noceto – *Plymouth*
- Amador Flower Farm – *Plymouth*
- Single Leaf Winery – *Somerset*
- Starbucks – *Placerville*
- True Value Hardware - *Plymouth*
- Clifton & Warren - *Placerville*
- Carizma – *Cameron Park*
- Slate Creek Animal Hospital - *Placerville*
- Stoves & Stuff - *Placerville*
- The Bookery - *Placerville*
- Sweetie Pies – *Placerville*
- Lofty Lous – *Placerville*
- Annabelle’s Chocolates – *El Dorado*
- Ghirardelli Chocolates

We also want to thank the numerous community members who donated time, money and prizes for the Hot Dog Social and the drawings and auction. You made this event a huge success.

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**Support you local Logtown merchants;**

**Bobby’s Country Market, Ellen Day Real Estate, and Good-Tidings Hair Care.**

They help support our Fire Safe Council.

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**The Logtown Fire Safe Council** operates as a satellite of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, a non-profit public benefit corporation made up of volunteers from El Dorado County communities. We encourage you to visit the EDCFSC website at: [www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org) and while you are there follow the Local Fire Safe Councils link to the Logtown pages. There you will find past newsletters, meeting notes, our Community Wildfire Protection Plan and more. The Logtown Fire Safe Council meets at 9:00 A.M. on the second Saturday of each month at Station 44 on Quartz Drive. Your attendance at these meetings counts as “in kind” match funding for grant applications and Firewise Communities renewal.

Watch for signs announcing the meeting.

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**Be Firewise**

**Stay Fire Safe**