LOGTOWN FSC 2016 CALENDAR

April 1st – 30th  Logtown FSC Spring Cleanup Month
April 1st        Green Waste Dumpsters Available
April 9th        Trash Dumpster, Hospice Collection
April 29th – May 1st  EDC Home & Garden Show
June 11th        Logtown FSC Annual Meeting and Board Election
October 8th      Logtown FSC Hot Dog Social & Firewise Day

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

Text Message Alerts – There are now about 250 people on the text alert list. With the increasing popularity of text messaging we expect this system to replace the phone trees in the future. If you would prefer text messages please email Pat Dwyer at logtownfsc@att.net and ask to be put on the Text list. We will need the name of your cell service provider as well as your cell number to set up the email to text protocol.

Are you on our Email List?
You can help us save money by receiving this Newsletter by email. You will also receive notices of monthly meetings and the meeting minutes. We will continue to mail the Newsletters via USPS to those of you who do not have email. Sign up by sending your email address to logtownfsc@att.net.

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 or Pat Dwyer to arrange for an evaluation of your defensible space.

Spring Cleanup The annual Logtown cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday April 9th from 8:00 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 or drop them off at 180 Industrial Drive (off Missouri Flat Road). Free hot dogs will be available courtesy of Bobby’s Country Market.

**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 text message alert program and volunteer opportunities or just to say hello.

**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 2nd.

**Chipping**  The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council chipping program is fully funded. You can sign up at your convenience online at: [http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program/](http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program/). *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 to request one.*

**Burning**  If you plan to burn your trimmings please obtain the necessary permits and call (530) 621-5897 to make sure it is a permissive burn day. Burn permits are typically required after May 1st. Permits 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.

**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 on the web at: [www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/?wfo=sto](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/?wfo=sto). 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, usually on the “Responsibility” signs. We will also use email and text alerts to advise you of red flag warning days.

**Ken & Nancy Hasse to Retire**  Ken Hasse has announced that he will not seek re-election to the Board of Directors of the Logtown Fire Safe Council in June. “It’s been 10 years, and now it’s time to move on.”  Ken has been the backbone of our Fire Safe Council. After the untimely death of Allen
Yeager, soon after our council was formed, Ken stepped in and took over our fledgling group. He led the effort to complete the Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The plan was essential to obtain grants and complete fuel reduction projects to help to protect our community. Ken has been working for ten years, writing grants, managing projects and tromping up and down the hills to make our community safe. At this point there is a grant application to complete a section on the east side of Monitor. One more section and the "circle of protection" around Logtown will be complete, thanks to Ken.

Nancy has been Ken's partner in Logtown Fire Safe activities. She can be found at each monthly meeting providing delicious homemade cakes and cookies, helping people sign in and keeping Ken on the straight and narrow. Nancy has been the driving force behind the extremely successful Hot Dog Social. She has contributed a lot of time and talent, making baskets for the raffle, organizing equipment rental, assigning tasks and overseeing the event. She (and Ken) are the reason we have a healthy bank balance and can fund community projects that benefit us all. We are very proud of Ken and Nancy and are fortunate to have them as part of our community.

Their "retirement" from our council will leave a void. Now is the time for you to help us fill in behind Ken and Nancy. Help us by volunteering to serve on the board, help with the Hot Dog Social or assist with meetings. -Pat Dwyer

**Fuels Reduction Projects Update.**

**LT-10**  In 2014 we received a Proposition 40 grant to construct the Monitor section of the LT-10 fuel break. Unfortunately because of the weather and some equipment failures the contractor was only able to complete 14 acres of the project before the grant expired. This year we have submitted another proposal for an SRA grant (that’s your fire fee money) to complete the project. The location of the completed fuel reduction zone is shown as a green line extending along the eastern side of parcels on Monitor on the map below. The red section represents the remaining unfinished portion. We also plan to submit a grant proposal to the Forest Service through the California Fire Safe Council’s Grants Clearinghouse to complete the Dolomite portion of this fuel break represented by the white line.
**LT-9a** Using a combination of funding from the Logtown FSC ($1000 for the California Conservation Corps spike), up to $1000 from the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council for environmental compliance, flagging and mapping and about $58,000 donated by the CCC from SRA funds, this project was completed in February. The map below shows the location of the project between Crystal Blvd (near the top) and Highway 49 at the bottom. The lightly shaded area on the map indicates the planned location of the project. The area outlined in red shows the “as built” fuel reduction area. Completion of this project provides another link in the reduced fuels zone around Logtown and an added measure of protection from fires originating on Highway 49. The photos below show examples of the appearance before and after treatment.

![Area 3 before treatment](image1)

![Area 3 after treatment](image2)

![Area 12 before treatment](image3)

![Area 12 after treatment](image4)
Contributors to the 2015 Logtown Hot Dog Social

We want to express our appreciation to the following merchants for their contributions to the annual Logtown Fire Safe Council 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
Visconti Ristorante – Folsom
Vino Noceto – Plymouth
Amador Flower Farm – Plymouth
Starbucks – Placerville
Spot-on Signs – Placerville
Main Stree Buzz – El Dorado
Costco – Folsom
Good Tidings Hair Salon – Diamond Springs
Way Back Bakery – El Dorado
Habitat for Humanity – El Dorado
Larry’s Produce – Suisun Valley

True Value Hardware - Plymouth
Carizma – Cameron Park
Slate Creek Animal Hospital - Placerville
Stoves & Stuff - Placerville
The Bookery - Placerville
Annabelle’s Chocolates – El Dorado
Safeway – Placerville
High Sierra Quilters – Placerville
The Gallery – El Dorado
Candy Strike – Placerville
Robinson Pharmacy – Placerville
Boa Vista Orchards = Placerville
Hartwick House – El Dorado
Forklift – Cameron Park
Terra d’Oro Winery - Plymouth
Oakstone Winery - Fairplay
Gold Country Hair Salon – Placerville

We also want to thank John “the DJ” Maricich, Ray Nutting the auctioneer, Shiva Frentzen and the numerous community members who donated time, money and prizes for the Hot Dog Social drawings and auction. You made this event a huge success.

Support your local Logtown merchants;
Bobby’s Country Market, Ellen Day Real Estate, and Good-Tidings Hair Care.
They help support our Fire Safe Council.

Be Firewise
Stay Fire Safe
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 and while you are there follow the Cooperation/Associate 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 except December 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.

Has your email address changed? Let us know so we can keep you informed.