You will find this newsletter longer and hopefully more informative than previous newsletters. Our mailing list has been improved and we hope to reach everyone within the Logtown FSC area. This is made possible because of your generous contributions to the Hot Dog Social and participation in the fund raising raffle last fall.

The Logtown Fire Safe Council operates as a satellite of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, a non-profit public benefit corporation. We encourage you to visit the EDCFSC website at 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 CWPP and more. Of particular importance is the Evacuation and Preparedness Plan. We recommend that you download this document and use it as a basis for making your own personal plan.

The Logtown Fire Safe Council meets on the second Saturday of each month at Station 44 on Quartz Drive or Station 49 in Diamond Springs, depending on availability. Your attendance at these meetings counts as “in kind” match funding for grant applications. Look for signs announcing the meeting location.

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

May 4 – 30 Logtown FSC Spring Cleanup
May 16 E-waste collection 9AM – 3PM, Hwy 49 & Crystal Blvd
(Gently used clothing donations to Snowline Hospice also accepted.)
June 6 Golden West CSD Annual Meeting (10 AM, Station 44)
June 13 Masonic/Marshall Blood Drive 10 AM – 2 PM, 2820 Cold Springs Rd. Contact Dave Doten at 620-2778 for details or e-mail brian_becky@sbcglobal.net to register.
October 4 Logtown FSC Hot Dog Social (Station 44)

Spring cleanup time is here. 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. You can turn in your request for chipping online this year at http://www.edcfiresafe.org/chipper_program.htm.
Or, if you don’t have access or prefer to submit a written request (attached) we will collect them and submit them in bulk to the contractor. Please make sure that your brush piles are properly stacked to facilitate chipping. An example of a proper chipper pile is shown in the drawing at right.

Although the chipping program runs all year long we would like to get as much done as possible in the spring and before we bring in the Green Waste

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Defensible Space  Public Resource Code 4291 (PRC4291) requires that residents provide 100 feet of defensible space around their homes and other structures on their property. In some cases additional cleared space is recommended because of steep slopes and heavy fuel loading. Such is the case in many areas in Logtown. The attached map, (page 7) taken from the Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), shows these areas with color codes to indicate lots with additional clearance. This map and other useful information can also be found on the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council website: http://www.edcfiresafe.org

We strongly recommend that you follow these guidelines. When the Logtown PFRZs are completed they will connect with your extended defensible space and provide increased protection for you and your community.

Your Logtown Fire Safe Council offers defensible space “evaluations” on request to determine whether you meet the PRC4291 requirements. Contact your Neighborhood Coordinator, an “Evaluator”, Ken Hasse or Pat Dwyer to arrange for an evaluation of your defensible space.

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.weather.gov/alerts/ca.html. 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 the phone trees to alert you to red flag warning days.

A “red flag warning” day means high fire danger—high temps, low humidity & strong winds.
Do Not:

• Use Mowers, Weed Eaters, Or Chainsaws
• Build Campfires Or Barbeque Outdoors
• Park Or Drive On Dry Grass

Please use caution at all times when outdoors. A small spark can ignite a large wildfire!

Remember to call the burn day information line at 621-5897 before you burn.

Logtown Fuel Break Project  Last February your Logtown Fire Safe Council submitted a grant application for the Logtown Fuel Break Project. This work included a Perimeter Fuel Reduction Zone (PFRZ) from Lollipop Lane on the east side of Crystal Boulevard around the south end of Crystal and back up to Oak Ridge South on the west side, a shorter perimeter fuel reduction zone on the west side of Stope Way, roadside clearing along the Mica Street evacuation route and a shaded fuel break along Rattler Ridge east of Union Mine Road. This work was outlined and prioritized in our Community Wildfire Protection Plan and is shown on the map on the last page of this newsletter.

The official start date of this project was December 15, 2008. At this writing the environmental compliance documents have been completed and are being posted for 30 days. Surveys will be done next and the job will go up for bids. Actual clearing work should begin this summer.
New Fuel Reduction Projects  This February your Fire Safe Council submitted grant applications requesting funding for five new fuel reduction projects. All of these projects were listed in the Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and most were assigned priorities. These projects are, by priority:

1. **Oakridge N./Ranch Lake Rd Roadside/Power Line Clearing**
   This area has a history of fire ignitions from downed power lines. Working with PG&E and local landowners this project will trim or remove all trees that could potentially hit power lines along the lower end of Oak Ridge North and Ranch Lake Road.

2. **Logtown East Side Fuel Break**
   This project will create a 300 feet wide PFRZ from the northernmost end of Dolomite Drive to the southern end of Monitor Road similar to the PFRZ along Crystal Blvd.

3. **Union Mine Roadside Fuel Reduction**
   This project will remove brush and ladder fuels for 100 feet on each side of Union Mine between China Hill East and the intersection with Hwy 49.

4. **Highway 49 Roadside Fuel Reduction**
   This project will remove brush and ladder fuels for 100 feet on each side of Hwy 49 between Dolomite Drive and the intersection with Union Mine Road.

5. **Hwy 49 Roadside Fuel Reduction (2)**
   This project will remove brush and ladder fuels for 100 feet on each side of Hwy 49 between Union Mine Road and the Amador county line.

**Firewise** Your LFSC Board of Directors has agreed to participate in a program that will allow us to become a recognized Firewise Community. The goal of the Firewise program is similar to that of the Fire Safe Council: to reduce the community’s vulnerability to wildfire. The Firewise program is widely recognized and is favored by some agencies for grant applications. It may also have long term potential benefits for homeowners insurance. The Firewise brochure has this to say.

“While the benefits can vary, there are a number of positive outcomes experienced by communities that become members of the Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program, Being “Firewise”

- Creates defensible space that prevents fires from advancing and endangering homes and lives.
- Improves property value while reducing risk of loss.
- Improves community relationships with local fire staff since firefighters can concentrate their efforts on fighting wildfires rather than devoting often limited resources to protecting homes – which may ultimately be lost if the fire can’t be contained.
- Encourages good neighbors, since the more homes within a community that adopt “Firewise” practices, the greater the impact on reducing the heat and speed of the fire.
- Offers peace of mind, knowing that your home is prepared to survive a wildfire in the event one should occur.”

Specific requirements are:
1. A site visit by Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) specialist and local fire officials.
2. Select a committee of community representatives. This may be our Board and/or other FSC representatives.
3. Create a plan. Our existing CWPP will probably be the plan.
4. Observe Firewise Communities/USA Day involving evaluations and/or community projects
5. Requires $2.00 per capita (in kind) investment from meetings or volunteer work.
6. Submit an annual report.
E-mail List  Get on our e-mail list. Send your name, address and phone number to khasse@internet49.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.

House Number Signs  First responders rely on house number signs to locate you in an emergency. Proper signs should have four inch high reflective numbers on a reflective background and be placed in a highly visible location alongside of your driveway. Your Fire Safe Council can obtain 6-inch by 18-inch County approved reflective house number signs at a discount. Double sided signs are $21.45. Single sided signs are $19.31. Both prices include tax. Contact Ken Hasse at 620-7220 or khasse@internet49.com to order. Talk to your neighbors; we need to order in quantities of five or more.

Phone Trees  The Logtown FSC has established phone trees in most areas. 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 your neighborhood coordinator.

Logtown FSC Contact Information

Neighborhood Coordinators
Here is the contact information for your neighborhood coordinators. The locations are only approximate. Maps showing the neighborhoods by color code can be found at: http://www.edcfiresafe.org/logtown_fsc/documents/appendix_f_maps.pdf

Quartz/Stope  Pat Dwyer  622-7121  green
North Crystal Blvd  Dominic Gregorio  344-0807  yellow
Oak Ridge N/Ranch Lake/Sodalite  Dave Smith  295-0312  blue
Central Crystal and sides roads  Ken Hasse  620-7220  red
                    Richard Englefield  620-3877  red
South Crystal and side roads  David Doten  620-2778  black
Dolomite loop  Kathy White  642-0102  orange
Monitor  coordinator needed  silver
Maric Road/Rattler Ridge  Bob Miller  622-6726  purple
Little Canyon  Bill Grey  626-5909  purple

Call or e-mail Ken Hasse at 620-7220 or khasse@internet49.com if you can’t locate your neighborhood coordinator.

Board of Directors

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The EDCFSC has received grant funds to provide chipping for neighborhoods willing to work together to be fire safe. All you need to do is complete the items below:

- Create defensible space by clearing brush 100’ from buildings and 20’ from roads. Please refer to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pamphlet enclosed for further guidance on creating defensible space. **We encourage participants in the program to have a residence on the property.** Scheduling priority will be given to those who have a residence on the property.

- Place brush piles so the chipping machine and crew can have access. The piles need to be adjacent to a driveway or street. Preferably pile brush on the uphill side. Also, when placing the brush piles place it in an area that will be out of your way and in a location that there is access for the equipment to turn around. Refer to the picture for an example of the equipment.

- Recently removed vegetation will chip better than old dried out branches and shrubs.

- It is easier and more efficient to chip the piles if they are wider and spread out rather than taller. All the cut ends need to be facing the same direction. Please follow the diagram below for additional instruction on preparing your piles.

- The chipper can handle material up to 7” in diameter (no root balls). The equipment does not chip individual branches that are small (rakings) or old-decayed wood well.

- Keep all piles free of rocks, dirt, wire, lumber, spiny plants, **poison oak, and blackberries.** The chipper cannot chip piles of pine needles or leaves. You can dispose of this material in green waste trash cans or dumpsters.

- The FSC requires the “Request for Chipping” form be completed and signed before chipping is done on your property. Please mail your form once your piles are ready for chipping. Currently, it takes approximately 2-weeks from the time we receive the form to the date you are assigned for chipping. The fire safe council does not operate equipment on RED FLAG warning/watch days as determined by the National Weather Service. If you are scheduled for chipping on a day that is a red flag warning/watch day you will be rescheduled.

- Pre-inspections are available upon request.

- You **do not** have to be home the day you are scheduled for chipping. The EDCFSC will provide a maximum of 1-day chipping services per residence per year.
# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

## REQUEST FOR CHIPPING

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**Chipping:** Number of piles: ____  Total size of piles combined: W (X) L (X) H ____

**Approximately how many acres of property did you clear?** __________

**Where is the material?** On the shoulder of a Road [ ]  Driveway [ ]  Other [ ]  __________

**What would you do with this material if this program were not available?**

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**How many hours did it take you to prepare your material?** __________

**If you hired someone to cut and stack the material for you, how much did it cost?** __________

I have completed the requirements on the attached form (checklist) and agree to allow the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council’s (EDCFSC) private contractor admittance onto my property in order to access the pile for chipping. I understand that the material will be chipped back onto my property. I understand that the EDCFSC provides this service through contracts with private chipping companies. The contractor has final authority to determine if a pile is suitable for chipping. I understand that if the pile is not prepared per the checklist, it will not be chipped. EDCFSC provides the contractors with a preferred weekly schedule, but final decisions for scheduling of chipping are made by the contractor. In addition, I will comply with the chipping crews’ decisions as to where chipped material is deposited because safety is their foremost concern. I will not make any attempt to load brush into the chipping machine. I understand that all work will be halted if this attempt is made. I understand that EDCFSC is not obligated to perform this service and that EDCFSC is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for the negligent performance of this service.

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**Please mail the completed form to:** P.O. Box 1237 Pollock Pines, CA 95726

The EDCFSC gratefully accepts donations for services rendered. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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**Note:**

1) The Fire Safe Council is not responsible for your pile of chips. It is the property owner’s responsibility to spread the chips.

2) Your property may be located where there are federally listed species. It is your responsibility to contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if a Section 10 Incidental Take Permit is required prior to conducting fuel reduction activities on your property.

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Find your lot on the map on page 7

MAY IS CLEANUP MONTH