A Firewise Community Since 2009

Logtown Fire Safe Council
Spring 2018 Newsletter

LOGTOWN FSC 2018 CALENDAR

March 10th Monthly Meeting – Master Gardener
April 14th Monthly Meeting – Power Equipment
May 1st – 31st Logtown FSC Spring Cleanup Month
May 5th Wildfire Preparedness Day
May 4-14 Greenwaste Dumpsters
May 12th Spring Clean UP Day Trash Dumpster, Hospice Collection (Bobby’s parking lot)
June 9th Logtown FSC Annual Meeting and Election
July 14th Monthly Meeting CAL FIRE -(Mackwood)
August 13th Monthly Meeting – OES Todd Crawford
September 8th Monthly Meeting – Insurance Jim White
October 13th Hot Dog Social & Firewise Day
November 10th Monthly Meeting CAL FIRE (Newman)

Subject to Change: Watch for flyers or postings for these and other upcoming community events.

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ARE YOU READY FOR WILDFIRE? HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED?

- Check out the new app www.readyforwildfire.org. It has an interactive checklist that steps you through a self-inspection. Very helpful! You can also sign up for email and text notification of wildfires in the Logtown area.
- Register for the U.S. Forest Service’s https://www.wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com/. The system will notify you – on any device – of any wildfires within your area as soon as Camino dispatch is notified. Then, turn on your scanner app for real time information.
- Sign up for “Code Red,” the El Dorado Sheriff’s emergency notification system. Go to http://www.ready.edso.org to register your mobile devices. This will notify you about evacuation notices no matter where you are, reverse 911 only calls your landline.
- All of these sites are available from the County Fire Safe Council: www.edcfiresafe.org.

The bottom line is: Be aware and be informed.
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.

Logtown Proud! Logtown tee shirts, hats and coming soon Logtown coffee cups are available for purchase at our monthly meetings. Get yours before they are gone!

Use Logtown’s Spring Cleanup to Prepare for the Fire Season

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. Use the app readyforwildfire.org for an interactive checklist. If you prefer an in person review, your Logtown Fire Safe Council offers defensible space “evaluations” on request to determine whether you meet the PRC4291 requirements. Contact us at logtownfsc@att.net to arrange for a defensible space evaluation.

Spring Cleanup The annual Logtown cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday May 12th from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. 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.

The Logtown Fire Safe Council will be there with information on how to make your home and property “Fire Safe”. Please drop by for Fire Wise information, to sign up for volunteer opportunities, or just to say hello.

El Dorado Disposal will have free trash dumpsters available for bagged household trash (Please, NO tires, mattresses, construction debris or hazardous materials).

El Dorado Disposal has also generously donated green waste dumpsters! They will be available adjacent to Station 44 on Quartz Dr. and in the Common Area on Dolomite Drive from May 4th-14th.

Chipping: El Dorado County Fire Safe Council operates the chipping program under a grant from the USFS. Check the web page, www.edcfiresafe.org, for instructions and sign up form.

Your time counts!! 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 or email Logtownfsc@att.net.
**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 1. 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: [http://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.

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

**Thank You! Contributors to the 2017 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 Hardware
- **Helwig Winery** – Amador
True Value Hardware – Missouri Flat
- **Larry**’s Produce – Suisun Valley
Front Yard Nursery – Placerville
- **Stoves’n Stuff** – Placerville
Bobby’s Country Market – Logtown
- Oakstone Winery – Fairplay
Visconti Ristorante – Folsom
- Cascada’s – Placerville
Vino Noceto – Plymouth
- **Trader Joe’s** – Folsom
Amador Flower Farm – Plymouth
- Slate Creek Animal Hospital – Placerville
Starbucks – Placerville
- Safeway – Placerville
High Sierra Quilt Shop – Placerville
- **Gallery El Dorado** – El Dorado
Main Street Buzz – El Dorado
- Candy Strike – Placerville
Costco – Folsom
- The Bookery – Placerville
Annabelle’s Chocolate – El Dorado
- Lee’s Feed – Shingle Springs
Larry’s Produce – Suisun Valley
- Canines on Main – Placerville
Home Depot – Folsom

We also want to thank John “the DJ” Maricich, Ray Nutting the auctioneer (who almost auctioned his beard), 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.