



Logtown Fire Safe Council Spring 2020 Newsletter

A Firewise Community Since 2009

LOGTOWN FSC 2020 CALENDAR

**Meetings cancelled due to Covid-19 precautions.
We will notify you when they resume.
Eager to restart when you will be safe.**

March 14th Monthly Meeting – Cancelled
April 11th Monthly Meeting- Cancelled
April 14th Radio for the Rest of Us, Virtual Meeting
May 9th Monthly Meeting– Cancelled
June, Logtown FSC Spring Cleanup Month -
Cancelled
June 13th Logtown Monthly Meeting - Cancelled
July 11th Logtown Monthly Meeting - TBD
August 8th Monthly Meeting – TBD
September 12th Monthly Meeting – TBD
October 10th Monthly Meeting - TBD
November 14th Monthly Meeting – TBD
Subject to Change: Watch for flyers or postings

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Who we are. 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 Logtown Fire Safe Council website (generously provided by the El Dorado County FSC) at <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/about-the-council/satellite-councils/logtown-fire-safe-council/about%20logtown/>.

The Logtown Fire Safe Council meets at 9 am on the second Saturday of each month (**when meetings resume**), except December, at Fire Station 44 on 6109 Quartz Drive, El Dorado, CA 95623. Your attendance at these meetings counts as “in-kind” matching funding for grant applications and Firewise Communities renewal. Watch for email notices and signs announcing the meetings. **To join the email list**, go to <https://mailchi.mp/9655af3dae11/joinlogtownfscmemberlist>. You can help us save money by receiving this Newsletter by email. You will also receive notices of monthly meetings and the meeting minutes.

Using Radio for Neighborhood Watch. Virtual Meeting, April 14, 5:30pm. You are invited to a Zoom Webinar sponsored by The Oak Hills Area Fire Safe Council, and presented by the El Dorado Amateur Radio Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting local Community Safety.

The Webinar underscores the limitations of 9-1-1 and emergency-response services and emphasizes emergency preparedness and self-reliance during disasters. The presentation outlines how amateur radio operators can implement a simple "Neighborhood Radio Watch" program to help keep our neighborhoods safer from disasters.

Please click the link to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/495625937?pwd=em9GbmRUcTBtSjhOOEFiTFJJZFJIZz09> The password is: 770916. You will be prompted to install the free Zoom App on your computer. If your computer lacks speakers, you can join by telephone: 669-900-9128 (San Jose) or 253-215-8782 (Washington State). Toll calls. The webinar ID is 495 625 937. More details are in the email announcement of the webinar sent separately.

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.
- Sign up for "Code Red," the El Dorado Sheriff's emergency notification system. Go to <https://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.

Logtown community cleanup CANCELLED FOR 2020

Normally, your Logtown Fire Safe Council would hold our community cleanup day on Saturday June 13th in the parking lot of the Logtown Market (thanks Shane). Cleanup **normally** involves:

- Hot dog social.
- Household trash dumpsters available for bagged household trash, one pickup load per family.
- A donation truck available for gently used clothing and small household items.
- Green waste dumpsters at Station 44, 6109 Quartz Drive and in the "common area" on Dolomite, from Monday, June 8th through June 16th.
- On June 15th and 16th we had scheduled free chipping of material you drag to the edge of your driveway or road.
- We regret having to **cancel these clean-up program events** due to the need to shelter-in-place to avoid Covid19 exposure. A big thank you to the Logtown Market, Snowline Hospice and El Dorado Disposal along with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council for arranging to offer these dumpsters and chipping programs. We will resume the Cleanup Program next year.

Your time counts! Please remember to track your time spent on cleanup of your property in preparation for fire season. Your time is used as an "in-kind" match for our annual Firewise Communities renewal. Time sheets will be available in the next emailing and at the next in-person meeting of the FSC. 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. 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 Ldennis@eldoradohc.com.

El Dorado County Vegetation Management Ordinance. Did you know that El Dorado County has a vegetation management and defensible space ordinance? In April 2019, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors put in place an ordinance to assist with enforcing State requirements for defensible space on private property.

What does that mean for you? As a homeowner, State law requires that you maintain a minimum of 100 feet of defensible space around all sides of your habitable structure. Beginning in June 2020, the County will begin conducting defensible space inspections in pre-identified areas, called County Emphasis Areas (CEAs). Additionally, local fire districts and CALFIRE will also be conducting defensible space inspections throughout the County.

Vegetation management and creating defensible space is a process and must be maintained over time. Get started today. For more information, please visit the following web sites:

- <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement>
- www.readyforwildfire.org

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. 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.

Outdoor Burn Permits. You may now obtain a burn permit online at this CAL FIRE site <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Red Flag Warnings - The National Weather Service issues, Red Flag Warnings & Fire Weather Watches to alert fire departments of the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather and dry conditions that could lead to rapid or dramatic increases in wildfire activity. A Red Flag Warning is issued for weather events which may result in extreme fire behavior that will occur within 24 hours. During these times extreme caution is urged by all residents, Californians to be extremely cautious, especially during periods of high fire danger. It's important all residents and visitors take steps to prevent wildfires. One less spark could mean one less wildfire.

- **No burning or outside fires**
- **Do not use power tools outside**
- **Be alert**

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

The Logtown Fire Safe Council will attempt to notify neighbors on our email list and we will post signs at key locations in our community.

For burning debris in small 4-feet x 4-feet piles:

- Maximum pile size 4 foot in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10-feet of the outer edge of pile and down to the bare earth.
- Keep a water supply close to the burning site.

- An adult should be in attendance with a shovel until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.

No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences. Burn permits are only valid on “Permissive Burn Days” as determined by the State Air Resources Board or the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

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

Call 530-621-5897 before burning. This is the Air Quality number and provides permissible air quality burn info. It does not mean it is safe to burn. For example, a stiff breeze may be good for air quality but may not be

safe for burning and ember spread. **Always remember the property owner is responsible for damage from escaped burn piles.**

Logtown East Side Fuel Reduction Project LT-10 Update. We are pleased to report that the Logtown East Side Fuel Reduction Project will resume in May. This project creates a shaded fuel break along the east side of our community between Monitor / Dolomite / Galena and Union Mine Road. Link to map of the Logtown community <https://tinyurl.com/uadsr2g>. The Logtown area is outlined in purple. This project is part of our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). It is a 300-foot-wide break nearly three miles long and includes approximately 100 acres. As many of you know this is our third attempt to get this project accomplished. We are confident that we will be successful. We have contracted with the county Resources Conservation District for project management and professional forestry support. We have also contracted with Red Mountain Enterprises to do the work on the ground. Their current contract calls for work starting in May and lasting for approximately 100 days. Of course, this schedule and could be affected by weather and other events. We will be posting updates as they occur, and we have installed three project signs where we will provide updated project information. Thank you to all the property owners who have provided us with right of entry agreements and are willing to help protect our community from wildfire.

Please be advised that the crews are working with heavy equipment that is very hazardous and safety precautions should be made. We request that you not come within 300’ of the work area. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact our Project Coordinator or District Manager below:

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