



DOLLAR POINT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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Here in the greater Dollar Point Community, we've likely been spared the many devastating and destructive wildfires we have seen in recent years. Still, we only need to look at the horrific video news clips and images coming out of Lahaina, Maui's inferno this month - exactly as Paradise, CA was turned to ashes and rubble in 2018 - to be reminded of the chaos, death, destruction, displacement, and trauma these fire bring. Lahaina's death count has recently surpassed the 85 souls killed in the Camp Fire, becoming the deadliest fire in the United States in recent history.

Recently, [CalMatters](#) debuted a new way to track major wildfires in California—an innovative dashboard that boasts an up-to-date map presentation that combines state and federal information, exploring the current and historical context of wildfires and much more. The dashboard was produced by CalMatters' data and interactives editor John Osborn D'Agostino and data journalist Jeremia Kimelman and features:

California's wildfire history is where one can observe more than a century of our state's wildfires with an animated map. Starting from 1900, you can see where fires often originate and the increasing frequency of wildfires in recent decades. Half of California's 20 deadliest wildfires have occurred in the past two decades, and their intensity is exacerbated by our increasing climate change.

The toll of wildfires covers not only the lives and acreage lost but also presents data on wildfire "dollar damage" or the property and contents damaged by fire and smoke. Visitor users will learn what year wildfires caused \$12.1 billion in damage—the largest amount in California's history—and more about our most destructive state fires.

The cost of fire suppression talks to how much it costs to fight wildfires. [Cal Fire](#) routinely spends more money than is budgeted to defeat wildfires, and in 2020, fire suppression costs skyrocketed to more than \$1 billion for the first time. Visitor users of the dashboard can find out how much Cal Fire's emergency fund has been since 1979 while reading more about the new

technology and analytics being used to fight today's wildfires.

The impact on firefighters shows us that firefighters not only risk their lives in every fire they fight, but they also face significant PTSD and suicidal thoughts after battling huge blazes. In fact, mental anguish is so prevalent today that firefighters are more likely to die of suicide than in the line of duty—a truly sobering thought to be sure. This part of the dashboard also presents how rates of suicide, grief, and substance abuse have increased among firefighters over time. Lastly, the dashboard lets the reader spend some time with the award-winning “Trial by Fire” series by CalMatters’ Julie Cart.

The wildfire dashboard is a follow-up to CalMatters’ water and drought tracker to keep up with another consequence of climate change.

FOCUS ON: Proposition 65 Warning

Our Dollar Point Community service provider, Liberty, uses natural gas and petroleum products, solvents, and other chemicals in their operations. They also use wooden utility poles that are treated with wood preservatives. Petroleum products and their combustion by-products, wood preservatives and other chemicals used in their operations contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Moving forward, please avoid contact with Liberty’s wooden utility poles. More safety information can be found at <http://oag.ca.gov/prop65/chemicals>

OUR LATEST JULY 28th DPA DUMPSTER DAY - GREAT SUCCESS STORY:

Once again the Dollar Point Community comes through with timely and true green form and function. On July 28th, there were 27 households that brought green waste to the dumpster, and of those 27, there were 45 loads (an average of 1.7 loads per household). The total amount of green waste collected was 60 cubic yards (2 dumpsters).

DPA members who did not participate in the latest Dumpster Day are invited to join us next time and to report any costs incurred for hiring a landscaping company or other service provider to remove green waste from their DPA property. Please help us measure our community's fire prevention efforts by reporting your volunteer hours as well as the dollar amounts spent on vegetation removal by following this link: <https://www.dollarpoint.org/annual-firewise-certification-data>.

2024 DUMPSTER DAYS (Green Waste Only!)

Friday, May 24 (Friday before Memorial Day)

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)

Friday, July 26 (Friday before Annual Meeting)

Thank you once again, Dollar Point Community!

GREEN WASTE PROGRAM

Free Drop-Off Through October 31st
Monday to Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Eastern Regional Materials Recovery Facility
900 Cabin Creek Road

- Maximum 6 yards total
- Placer County residents only

REMINDER! Be sure to pick up your punch card on your first visit...Thanks!

Please visit the [Fire Awareness Page](#) of the Dollar Point website for help with defensible space, home hardening, evacuation, and living with wildfires.

There is still time this summer season to make our homes more defensible. And investing in your family's safety while reducing the negative impact of wildfire. Home hardening can include improvements to vegetation, roofs, gutters, vents, siding, skylights, and more. The efficacy of doing so can't be argued, ignored, or understated. Thank you, Dollar Point Community!

NORTH TAHOE FIRE SEASONAL CURBSIDE CHIPPING

Did you know [North Tahoe Fire](#) provides a free chipping service for DPA residents? This is a great opportunity to have larger items chipped curbside, and then the owner can spread the chips on their property from there. The last day to request for the 2023 chipping season is 10/9/2023. For questions about chipping and scheduling, please call: 530-584-2322.

HELP DOLLAR POINT QUALIFY FOR FIREWISE CERTIFICATION IN 2024

Please [report your defensible space](#) labor and related costs on our community website.

Thanks for doing your part!