DOLLAR POINT FIRE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

DUMPSTER DAY 9/6 is CANCELLED Plan to Reschedule 9/26 (TBA later)



FIRE FIRE FIRE

The air is full of unhealthy smoke and the news is full of sad reminders that those of us who have homes in the forest are vulnerable to wildfire. Countless interviews on TV have shown that defensible space can save homes and being prepared and ready when it is time to evacuate is crucial!

IN EVENT OF A LOCAL WILDFIRE:

Make sure you will get emergency alerts by registering to receive them from placer-alert.org

Go to our DP website under Fire Awareness and click on <u>Wildlife Evacuation</u> <u>Checklist link</u>. This will provide you with evacuation plans, go bag suggestions, what to wear, how to prepare, etc.

Also on our website, Click the link for the Hi-Lo Siren to know when you hear it to <u>"Evacuate Immediately"</u>

Keep your tank full during the summer.

FYI, SW Gas has confirmed with us that in a wildfire event, they can shut off gas to our neighborhood remotely.

As we learned at the Annual Meeting from Officer Long, the Tahoe Basin has limited exit routes so being aware and leaving quickly or when asked is a matter of life and death. Please view the links below:

TAHOE EVACUATIONS:

https://www.sfgate.com/renotahoe/article/tahoe-evacuation-wildfires-traffic-16399123.php

GRIZZLY FLATS FIRE: Defensible Space Saves Home

https://kcra.com/article/miracle-woman-learns-grizzly-flats-home-still-standing-caldor-fire/37354621

CAL FIRE DEFINITIONS:

Mandatory Evacuation is an immediate threat to life/property. This is a lawful order to leave.

Evacuation Warning is a potential threat to life and property. Allows additional time to evacuate.

We have another name to add to the list of Defensible Space Clean-Up help: Fernando Garcia 530-715-5001

Lastly, we have received many calls from members who have received requests from their insurance company to provide inspection reports on the defensible space around their properties in order to continue receiving fire insurance coverage. These members have already cleaned up their properties. Here is what we suggest:

Go on-line to North Tahoe Fire ntfire.net and request an appointment for a Defensible Space Inspection (currently 2-3 weeks out). An Inspector will come to your property, provide you with a defensible space report that you can then provide to your insurance company. In addition to this report, you can also go to the DP Website and download our Firewise Community Certification to provide with your defensible space report.

Let's continue to strive for the safest neighborhood environment we can achieve and stay educated on how to evacuate safely. Hopefully we never need to use that knowledge!

Please stay safe and well. We will get through this together!!

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