

## **Subject: Firewise 2021 Certification – Need Your Help**

Congratulations to all on the 2020 Firewise certification. The certification recognizes our community for fire safety actions, education, and community participation. Dollar Point is one of only 3 communities within the Tahoe basin to achieve Firewise certification. The two others are Carnelian Woods Townhouse Association and Lower Montgomery Estates located in South Lake Tahoe. Outside the basin certified communities include Alpine Meadows, Northstar, Lahontan, Martis Camp, Schaffer's Mill and Tahoe Donner. To see the certified Firewise sites, click on the [Firewise USA Map](#) and zoom in on our Tahoe basin.



### **Why Certify for Firewise Each Year?**

- Increased awareness of wildfire impact on our community
- Reduction of combustible fuels in Dollar Point
- Community engagement and education on fire safety
- Preparation for a wildfire event
- Fire insurance discount (select carriers recognize certification)

### **What's Required to Recertify?**

- Up-date our 3 year plan
- Educational outreach within the community (including events, newsletters, etc.)
- Vegetation removal events and volume metrics
- Risk reduction investment to reduce fire fuel and hazards

### **We Need Your Participation with Metrics**

We are now tracking the vegetation removal events (Dumpster days) and associated volume removed. However, we need your help with metrics on direct costs paid and any volunteer hours invested in reducing fire risk. Such items would include vegetation/needle/pinecone removal costs, dumpster days, hydrant painting, shake roof replacements and association property clean-up. Firewise USA uses this info to measure community involvement and community ranking for grant money via NTFPD for fire safety programs. For example, grant funding this year is helping to reduce the DPA cost for dumpster days. Yes, this means you can help us find more funds to improve our fire safety.

### **Need your help with the following information:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dumpster day – we missed the opportunity to collect this info during the event
- Remaining dumpster days – we will be collecting info at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dumpster days as members drop off material
- Hydrant painting – we will be collecting info at the event
- Shake roof replacements – we will be collecting info later in the year

### **Did you participate in the May 25 dumpster day?**

If yes, please email the following info to: [njwus@comcast.net](mailto:njwus@comcast.net)

- Name
- Lot number

- Address
- \$ spent and/or person hours spent on yard clean-up for dumpster day disposal
- \$ spent and/or person hours spent haul material to dumpsters, include time waiting in line to empty car/truck/trailer

**Have you cleaned up your lot this spring to meet fire safety defensible space guidelines and had the material hauled away?**

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- Lot number
- Address
- Name
- \$ spent and/or person hours spent on yard clean-up
- \$ spent and/or person hours spent on haul of material to dump. This includes dump fees.

If you have any questions, please email [njwus@comcast.net](mailto:njwus@comcast.net) for more information.

Thanks you in advance for supporting our Firewise certification for 2021!

Stay safe and well,

Dollar Point Fire Committee

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