



Dear Members,

The Board of Directors fully supports our fire committee and commends its members' fantastic work. The following newsletter contains important news and opportunities for our members to get involved in fire prevention efforts. One way to volunteer is to join the crew for fire hydrant painting. We will enjoy a great time together while advancing fire safety here in Dollar Point.

Sincerely,
Your Dollar Point Association



FIRE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER - AUGUST

LAST DUMPSTER DAY

August 7, 8 am - 2 pm (beach parking lot)

FOCUS CLEAN-UP ON:

(Ground fuels, thin and trim Manzanita, clean needles off roofs)

HYDRANT PAINTING - is now complete. A huge thank you to Debra Szidon who coordinated this event and all the hardworking volunteers who cut foliage scraped and painted. Here are some highlights:



REMINDER: Firewood must be **completely covered** by an ember resistant fire cover. The North Tahoe Fire Department has shared with us that flying embers are the leading cause of fire spread. Covers can be bought on-line or at our local Ace or True Valley Hardware Stores.

FIRE PREPAREDNESS

ALERT: Thanks to some quick thinking and aware neighbors, a bbq fire on a neighboring deck was quickly put out with an available fire extinguisher. This drives home how important it is to have a working and available fire extinguishers and that gas bbq's can also develop dangerous flames.

We have focused our attention in the past months on creating defensible space by clearing out as much fuel from around our homes as possible. **GREAT JOB SO FAR!**

WEATHER plays a huge role in fires during the summer months. Wind, humidity, and the common thunderstorm activity that adds cloud-to-ground lightning strikes. During these events and right before they occur, the Weather Service will issue a **RED FLAG WARNING**. ***During those events, NO OPEN FLAMES are allowed.***

Our Committee and our DPA Board are working to create a sign that we can post for residents to be aware of during these alerts.



HOWEVER, our best defense is becoming aware of the weather conditions as they can come on us quickly here in the mountains and using our common sense.

EDUCATION:

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team will be conducting a Tahoe Home Retrofit Workshop to share tips on how best to keep your home safe during a wildfire. You can find this workshop posted on the Tahoe Living with Fire, YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCUwSiaORZ6KLkh7y194xbA>

For more educational information on living with fire in Tahoe to tahoelivingwithfire.com. You can sign up for a newsletter and find red flag day information.

This team consists of representatives of the Tahoe Basin fire agencies; CAL FIRE, Nevada Division of Forestry and related state agencies, UC and Nevada Cooperative Extensions, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, USDA Forest Service, conservation

districts from both states, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Their mission is protecting lives, property, and the environment and engaging the public in becoming a Fire Adapted Community. Dollar Point's becoming a Firewise Community has opened the door for us to receive educational materials from this agency.

GO BAGS

What is a Go Bag, you might ask? The Fire Department has given us a list of what they believe you should have "at the ready" when a wildfire breaks out in our basin and threatens our development. We have two at our house, one for us and one for our pet.

GO BAG: Financial and Medical records, Cash, Medications, prescription glasses, water, non-perishable food, radio, flashlight, drivers license and or passport (copies...hopefully you grab your wallet/purse), cell phone and charger, computer back up files, clothing for a few days, personal toiletries, list of important contacts.

- Suggested for insurance: pictures of interior and exterior, inventory of home contents,
- Reminder list (if the time to grab) family heirlooms, photo albums, videos
- Bag for a pet: food, water, bowls, medications....

So much to remember, right? Our committee is committed to keeping you educated and informed. We are stronger together; neighbor helping neighbor!

Stay safe and well,
Dollar Point Fire Committee

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