

Coalition of Firewise Communities: Meeting Notes

Tuesday March 5, 2019 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Our Mission: The coalition promotes fire safety through advocacy, education, and community involvement with other stakeholders interested in working toward stronger fire safety practices.

Welcome and announcements -- Bob Long 5 minutes

Who's here for the first time? Everyone sign in, confirm phone/email

Reminders –

- Sign up for Code Red (see mynevadacounty.com – button on home page)
- Complete requests for those shovel-ready projects, send to Fire Safe Council. Those contracted to do the work must be licensed and insured.

Defensible Space: Ask a Master Gardener Cathé Fish 30 minutes

Presentation can be found on the Coalition website:

- <https://sites.google.com/site/coalitionoffirewisecommunities/fire-safety-articles-videos>
- How do we become firesafe? What have we learned from past urban/WUI fires? The best way to live in Nevada County is to become a fire adapted community. What does this mean? This is about “us doing our job. We are responsible,” explains Cathe.
- There are four steps to firewise landscaping: (1) Observe, (2) Design, (3) Select and (4) Maintain. Take out the fire hazard plants/mulch and possibly replace with firewise plants/mulch. Learn more about this incredibly informative presentation by Cathe Fish, Master Gardener in the link above.

Report on Fire Safe Council Board meeting Susan 5 Minutes

- New Board Members:
 - Steve Eubanks
 - Wanda Mertens
 - Hank Weston
 - Sue Hoek, County supervisor
- Americorps is not coming this year. A crew from the California Conservation Corp should be available. More information will come when available.

Support the Fire Safe Council: promote to your residents Bob 5 minutes

- Get those reflective address signs, \$50 w/ metal pole. In an emergency, seconds matter. Help First Responders (ambulance, Fire, Police, etc) find you/your neighbors *fast*.
- Join as a member - \$49 gets chipping priority and supports a viable Fire Safe Council for us all.

Websites for Coalition Communities - If you're creating a website for your community - Susan

- Focus on YOUR local community's information: meetings, neighborhood map, committees, etc.
- Have LINKS to official information such as Cal-Fire, Fire Safe Council, NFPA, Coalition of Firewise Communities, etc. The information changes constantly, and it's too much to try to keep up with this.

Heads Up re: May Month-long initiative: “Ready Nevada County” Susan 5 minutes

- www.readynevadacounty.org Look on website for speaker series. Rood Center.
- More information available as we get closer.

Starting Up Neighborhood Groups: Tips and Guidelines - Virginia Gompertz 10 minutes

- Tips & Ideas to get your neighborhood group organized and begin the important conversation:
- Setting Up a Coordinator’s Meeting
- Your 1st Neighborhood Meeting – Agenda & Handouts
- Your 2nd Neighborhood Meeting – Agenda & Handouts
- Subsequent Meeting ideas
 - Contact Virginia, and she’ll email you the Agendas and handouts: virginia@bellaombra.com

Subcommittee and Partner Status Reports (as available)

- Cal Fire – Matt Furtado
 - Grant funds coming in, Benefits to Nevada County:
 - 13 new fire trucks (need 34)
 - 4-6 Type II Hand Crews: Vegetation/Fuels Management w/ masticator and excavator. On ground, ideally this Spring. They can keep doing fuels reduction during high fire season and backfill projects.
 - National Guard Training – fuels management
 - Work on S. Yuba Fuel Break – on going: N slope of S. Fork.
 - Ponderosa Way Fuel Break – East to West fuel break.
- Fire Safe Council – Donn Thane
 - In-Training Firewise Communities:
 - Maps close to finishing
 - 10 Communities to finish up – funding 2 per supervisor district
 - Defensible Space Training – 50 to 75 ppl, Lake Wildwood. Sign up: office@areyoufiresafe.com
 - April Green Waste Drop Off – community volunteers to be a site. **Begins MAY 4th for month of MAY.**
 - Cal-Fire/FSC – 2 WUI Fire Drills: Lake of the Pines and Champion Mine. Donn needs help, ppl with Fire background. Answer questions from community.
- OES - Jen Tamo. Jenn.tamo@co.nevada.ca.us
 - Fire Safe Council Received Grant funding for Green Waste Sites begins May 4th/5th Weekend.
 - 30 yard walk in container dropped of a few days B4 and picked up a few days after each weekend.
 - Please help get word out about program.
 - **Need volunteers/labor hours for each site to coordinate volunteers and collect forms. 2 shifts/day, couple ppl/shift.**
- Evacuation – Jeff Peach, Friends of Banner Mountain
 - Evacuation Presentation – Sheriff’s Office Coordinating
 - Jeff to Report back on how to organize for community
 - And, work w/ your own Fire Agency on evacuation planning for your neighborhood.

- Enforcement -- Susan Rogers for Dario Davidson
 - Remember to use the 30 Day Notice Program – on Coalition Website. Neighbor-to-Neighbor help very important.

- Real Estate – Susan Rogers
 - Truckee Fire Protection District has passed a new ordinance #01-2019 requiring a Defensible Space Inspection prior to close of escrow and eventual conformance to PRC4291. Will accept inspections up to 3 years prior. This could be a model for a similar future ordinance for the rest of Nevada County.

Next 2 Meetings:

Tuesday April 2nd, 2019 and Tuesday May 7th, 2019 -- 5:30 – 7:00 PM

NEW LOCATION!!!!

Esterly Hall at the NC Assoc of Realtors: 336 Crown Point Cir, Grass Valley

ATTENDANCE: 3/5/19 Meeting - Coalition of Firewise Communities

	NAME	FWC
	Allen, Scott	Bitney Springs
x	Archbald, Greg	Nevada City - In Town
	Auld, Pam	Sherwood Forest
	Babiarz, Charlie	Mt Lakes Estates HA
	Baldock, Ray	Forest Knolls III HOA (FBM)
	Becker, Bill	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
	Beesley, Peter	Alta Sierra POA
	Bell, Kevin	Bear River Ranch
x	Bleile, Nancy	Greater Champion
	Bottomfield, Marlene	Tumbling Creek (FBM)
	Bowman, Sue	
	Boykin, Chris	
	Boykin, John	

	Branstrom, Bob	Wolf Creek Lodge
	Browning, Steve	Bitney Springs
	Bryant, Nathaniel	Foxwood Estated
	Buschman, Gena	Greater Cement Hill
x	Cameron, Sheila	Friends of Banner Mountain
	Chandler, Steve	Lake of the Pines
	Coe, Pat	The Cedars
x	Cook, Kristen	You Bet Community
	Corless, Lana	6B's
x	Cuccia, Mike	Mt Lakes Estates HA
x	Cunnighham, Trish & Rob	Friends of Banner Mountain
	Curtin, Ed	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
	Dary, Raymond	
x	Davidson, Dario	Lower Colfax
	Davis, Dennis	Toller Ridge Ct
	Diamond, Eve	Owl Creek/Jones Bar Neighborhood
	Dodge, Charolette	Wolf Mountain
	Dover, Lynne	
x	Dow, Georgia	Craig Lane
	Drummond, Joanne	Alta Sierra POA
x	Drutz, Lauren	6B Ranch Estates
x	Ellisor, Jim	Rattlesnake Ridge Estates
x	Emery, Jack	Echo Ridge Neighborhood
	Emlaw, Christy	
x	Enoch, Beth	Greater Cement Hill
x	Ericson, Krista	Wolf Creek Lodge
	Ericson, Laura	
	Evans, KJ	
	Fautz, John	
	Feiler, Larkyn	Wolf Mountain, Orbit Road
	Fish, Cathe	Squirrel Creek Ranches HOA
	Fites, Jo Ann	East Sages - Salmon Mine
	Fleming, Nancy	
x	Forbes, Lynn	Thoroughbred Loop
	Freeman, Chrissy	Lower Colfax
x	Frizzell, Randall	Greater Champion
	Fusshoeller, Pascal	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
x	Gardner, Scott	Sierra Knolls HOA
x	Gardner, Suzanne	Sierra Knolls HOA
	Gilbert, Ames & Nancy	Lower Colfax
x	Gitchel, Sam	Greater Champion
	Gompertz, Virginia	Lake Wildwood HA
x	Gotham, Rorie Lin	Washington
	Guerwitz, Phyllis	Lake Wildwood HA

	Gulserian, John	OES
x	Guthrie, Lynda	
x	Hall, Helene	Banner Mountain Neighbors
x	Hanna, Bob	Forest Knols III HOA (FBM)
x	Hardy, Joan	Cascade Shores HA
	Hawkins, Vicki	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
x	Hedman, Jan	Dalmatian Drive
	Herron, Rebecca	Greenhorn Rd.
	Hertzler, Pam	NRCS
	Hofeling, Russ	Forest Knolls Estates (FBM)
	Hoff, Barbara	Tumbling Creek (FBM)
	Hood, Dave	Stonebridge HA
	Houdyschell, Bill	Tahoe-Donner Assoc
	Israelian, Thomas	Dalmatian Drive
	Jansen, Sandy	You Bet Community
	Jeffrey, Nancy	The Gazebos
	Johnson, Ryck	Buck Mountain Rd Assoc
	Jones, Jamie	Fire Safe Council COO
x	Jorgensen, Frances	Greater Champion
	Keyes, Joan	Alpine Lane GV
	Knox, Christine	Red Dog-You Bet Community
	Kosinski, Grego	
	Kruger, Barbara	
x	Leach, Pat	Salmon Mine East Sages
	Lee, Bob	Lodestar HOA & FWC
	Lee, Rick	
x	Litton, Alice	Alta Sierra-Rattlersnake
	Long, Bob	Chair – Sherwood Forest
x	Main, Martin & Sue	Bear River Ranch
	Mann, Gordon	Lake of the Pines
	Mason, Jackie	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Mathias, Jim	Cal Fire
x	Mazorra, Debbie & Don	Lake Wildwood HA
	McGillicuddy, Paul	Lightening Tree Rd Assoc
x	McLean, Mike	Ridgeview Woodlands HOA
	McMahan, Terry	Nevada County Consolidated Fire
	Merritt, Scott	
	Mezzetta, Jim	Rough & Ready Estates
x	Miller, Allison	
	Mills, Martha	The Gazebos
	Minett, Erin	
	Minett, Peter	Nevada City
	Muldord, Steven	Friends of Banner Mountain
x	Novak, Gloria	Lake Vera-Round Mtn

x	Peach, Gale	Friends of Banner Mountain
x	Peach, Jeff	Friends of Banner Mountain
	Peach, Justin	Friends of Banner Mountain
	Peck, Tom	No Affiliation
	Perreault, Adrienne	Scott Flat Pines
	Pettis, David	Wolf Mountain
	Pierce, Anna-Maria	
	Pierce, Jonathan	
	Porter, Debbie	Golden Oaks HA
	Porter, Laurie (Greg Zaller)	
x	Pridemore, Karen	6B Ranch Estates
x	Proano, Robert	6B Ranch Estates
	Reeder, Vicki	Greater Champion
X	Rees, Kent	Cascade Shores HA
x	Reilly, Christopher	Alta Sierra POA
	Rekers, Bonnie	Scott Flat Pines
	Resk, Christina	
	Rigdon, Dusty	The Cedars
	Roberts, Moana	Jumper Hills FWC
	Rogers, Susan	Glenwood-Maidu-Charlene
	Russell, John	Rattlesnake Ridge Estates
	Scarmon, George	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Scarmon, Jeanne	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Sims, Gopal	Ananda
	Small, F.Mac	Alta Sierra POA
x	Smiley, Michael	
	Smith, Evan	NRCS
	Smith, Mike & Dana	
	Smith, Vern	Ranch Rd HOA
	Staetz, Chuck	Friends of Banner Mountain
x	Tamo, Jenn	County Administrative Analyst I
	Taylor, Marilyn	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Taylor, Wendy	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
x	Thane, Donn	Fire Safe Council
x	Thrush, Greg	Sierra Fund
	Timmer, John	Peardale
x	Walters, Jim	Thoroughbred Loop
	Warner, Michael	Alta Sierra POA
x	Wetzel, John	Upper Rough & Ready
x	Williams, Curt	Foxwood Estates
	Williams, Mike	The Cedars
x	Williams, Pete	Greater Champion
	Wilson, Bill	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Wolfe, Taylor	County Communications Specialist

x	Woods, Kenneth	Altair Property Owners Association
x	Yung, Pam	Wolf Creek Lodge
	Zaller, Greg	
	Ziebron, Michael	Alta Sierra POA
x	Dell, Brad & Cheryl	
x	McConnell, Rod	
x	Pearson, Ken	
x	Villella, Christopher	
x	Deam, Vicki & John	Craig Lane
x	Tebbel, Paul	Manion Canyon
x	Svia, Deni	
x	Martens, Rob	
x	Dinelli, Dee Anne	
x	Richard, Gary	
x	Hermes, Mark	
x	Alves, Theodora	
x	Doerr, Alan	
x	Jung, Pam	

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