

2015 Annual Report of the Riviera West Fire Safe Committee (FSC)

To: All Riviera West Property Owners

The early April inspections resulted in 129 properties (now down to 111) being sent postcards denoting what were the non-compliance issues. This year's inspections resulted in a 45% reduction, over 2014, in those properties that were deemed out of compliance. The third week of June inspections will result in fines for those properties not brought into compliance. Fine Letters were sent to non-compliant owners in late June.

Some Thanks:

- To our dedicated **Fire Safe Committee Members**: Phil Hartley, Kerry and Doug Moore, Norma Simmons, Jan Wilson and J. Richard. All the committee members are also our inspectors. **We can always use more volunteers.**
- **To all property owners who have taken this issue seriously and are keeping your properties in compliance!**

Fire Prevention Accomplishments for 2014-2015:

- For 2015, we revised the policies and procedures a bit by implementing a postcard instead of a letter packet-this saved hundred of dollars in postage.
- We applied to become a **Firewise Community** and were accepted. Firewise signs have been installed at the entrance (thanks to whomever relocated this sign) and at the entrance to the clubhouse. This designation should help our community's value and it gives us access to grants/funding for future fire safety projects, as well as other fire safety programs.
- We are a member and are regularly attending the **Lake County Fire Safe Council**.
- We are working on a new **Evacuation Plan**:
 - Creating evacuation routes to the south at the end of Shoreline.
 - We cleared a walking path from the top of Mountain Crest to Broadview; we still need to install steps and a railing at the start of this path.
 - Signs for our Evacuation Routes will be installed.
 - Once all the evacuation tasks are complete, we will have an Evacuation Training.
- Met with a rep from the Lake County Sheriff's Office regarding evacuations.
 - We sent out an email summarizing this meeting and what happens when an evacuation is called. This info is also available on our website's (riviera-west.com) Fire Prevention Page.
 - The Sheriff's Office recommended we all sign up for the Nixle Alert System. This system will send you emails, text messages and/or a phone call when there is an alert for our area. You can sign up at nixle.com. **We highly recommend that you do this.**
- Konocti Harbor Mgmt have cleared some of the dead trees and brush along the southern portion of Soda Bay Road and Lake County has us on their schedule to clear the dead stuff on the northern portion of Soda Bay Road.
- BLM is going to clear some dead material out of the Black Forest and they are in the process of getting funding to clear a lot more next year.
- Lake County Fire Safe Council has a project to clear a fire break near us; Linda from the LCFSC will speak to this at this Annual Meeting.
- The Board authorized a **Free Chipping Day** on June 1st and so many owners took advantage of this service that we had to add more days of chipping. We removed a lot of fire fuel; about 90 piles of fuel!

Goals and Tasks to be Implemented:

- Clearing of the really bad lots whose owners are not responding.
- Comply with Firewise for renewal.
- Evacuation Training

Thanks,

Please keep your weeds and grasses trimmed to the ground!

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