

Notes Re Sly Park Hills Fire Area Safe Council Meeting 7/07/09

- 1) Tom Schulz, current Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6.15 pm after enjoying the BBQ and Potluck. 23 Sly Park hills residents attended plus two guests, Jan Bray, CALFIRE, and Darlene Woods , El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC)

- 2) We discussed various neighborhood Fire Safety Activities for this year and the notes below cover the outcome of the discussions:
 - a. Communications – Bill Buetow & I have donated the installation of a document distribution box on Rainbow Trail. Hard copies of Sly Park Hills Area Fire Safe notices, etc., will be available there. Thanks to Mike Angeles we also have our communications on a web site www.slyparkfiresafe.org, and thanks to Craig Jones we have a generic E-mail address - slyparkfiresafe@yahoo.com. Our current E-mail list has approximately 70 Sly Park Hills Area residents' e-mail addresses. We'll need more time to develop an emergency warning phone tree and other communications (which could be part of a neighborhood watch program).
 - b. Green Waste Dumpsters & Vouchers –EDCFSC funding is now available for green waste disposal dumpsters for our residents but we must have volunteers who can Manage & Monitor the use of a dumpster. This involves have a location for the dumpster that will not impede traffic, checking to see when it becomes full and calling for pick-up and replacement. Our ability to keep a green waste dumpster requires compliance with County rules and common sense on what is allowable green waste. Bob & Jan Todd have volunteered for the month of August to have the dumpster where it was for the past years. They will need assistance. Darlene Woods provided me vouchers for free disposal of green waste at the county waste disposal facility in Diamond Springs. They save you about \$20.00 per load –contact me if you want some.
 - c. Community Emergency Action Plan – We have some interest in drafting such a plan for our community but we still need a volunteer to lead a team to prepare the first draft.
 - d. Alternate Emergency Evacuation Routes – Our next meeting will focus on newly identified routes, their location, and how to gain support and funding to develop them – Perhaps including a BBQ and tour of the routes
 - e. Identify and List Residents with special needs in an emergency – Thanks to the efforts of Carla Kitchel, Linda Myers, Vangie Sanchez, Bill Buetow and Terry Stanmann we have a preliminary list to provide to Sheriff and Fire Dept. emergency officials. After discussions with them we will determine how to proceed to maintain & update this info and possibly incorporate into other programs, e.g. Neighborhood Watch, CERT, STAR etc Darlene Woods passed out information and application forms for the EDCFSC Free Vegetation Clearance Program for Senior & Disabled Residents contact me if you need some.
 - f. Defensible Space Evaluations – We have distributed a large number of Defensible Space Evaluation forms to educate our community. Jan Bray discussed CALFIRE's responsibilities regarding any identified clean up and homeowner insurance issues.

With limited resources it would be more helpful to CALFIRE if requests for CALFIRE inspections could be coordinated through the Fire Safe Council (We did not set up a process to do this in Sly Park Hills - needs to be covered in next meeting).

g. Other - Neighborhood Watch Programs –Mike Slusher, upon returning from a trip in mid-August will begin the organization process by seeking one or more residents from each street/block to participate. STAR has contacted us and will make a presentation to us about Neighborhood Watch when we're ready EDCFSC chipper cleanup projects –Darlene Woods also provided materials and applications for this program. If a group of neighbors want to work together to clear brush to create Defensible Space the EDCFSC has funds to have free chipping contractor services. If you're interested I have the info or call Darlene at 647-1700. Jan Bray also noted there is a State funded program using prisoners for brush clearance – something that should be part of a community-wide approved activity.

3) We still need more Volunteers to create this years' Executive Committee which will Provide Direction for, and Coordinate, all of the above. Thanks to Janice Slusher for volunteering to be Secretary of the Executive Committee beginning at the next meeting.

4) The Chairperson, in addition to heading our community's fire safe activities, is the Sly Park Hills Area FSC representative to the Pollock Pines and El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils, and County Emergency Services Offices and Departments. For various reasons I cannot continue in this position beyond August. I will stay involved in fire safe activities but we need a new Chairperson (with whom I could assist as co-Chair for a while) so please consider volunteering.

5) Adjourned 7:15 pm

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