

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT JULY 1, 2023

Thank members of committee and our liaison and all volunteers!

Clean-up Day in May very successful thanks to a total of 27 volunteers. Got gazebo, furniture, pump house and bulletin board painted, tumbleweeds and cheatgrass removed, several bags of pine needles and pine cones filled. Thanks to volunteers who accompanied Tikhon to the dump with two full truckloads and a trailer full of bags.

Recent projects that have been completed by committee and volunteers include rebuilding parts of the rock retaining wall near the RR underpass; removing cheatgrass (losing battle); remediation of Tract G (south of lodge) planting native plants and seeds; helping Tikhon paint the WY bathhouse. The swing near the gazebo area had slat replaced and painted and the frame around the legs will be repaired soon.

Upcoming: replacing the frame around the bocce ball court using lumber we already have, and now we have a bocce ball set donated by Jerri Munson. We hope to have that ready to roll this month. In early fall Tikhon will be tackling painting the outside of the lodge. No firm date yet but will need volunteers to do trim and possibly rolling on the lower portion. We have other projects and ideas but we need volunteers.

Sign up sheet on the table and indicate if you are interested in helping with general chores, painting or both. My name and contact info is there if you have any questions. If you have a service to offer, for example we have a committee member who is willing to remove dead trees/limbs (not through CCOA, just neighbor helping neighbor), let us know.

Firewise USA – In 2022 we earned designation as a Firewise community for the first time, logging 659 volunteer hours and spending nearly \$5,000 on mitigation/fire safety for a total of over \$23,000 (we only needed \$8,800). In 2023 each hour we spend making our community safer is valued at \$29.95. Multiply that by 306 lots, our goal is \$9,164.70. Every dollar spent on paint for weathered decks and fences, contractor/consulting services, gravel, tree removal/trimming counts towards our goal. Thanks to everyone pitching in and turning in their volunteer worksheets we have already logged 373 volunteer hours and owners have spent over \$2,900 for a YTD of \$14,121.08. Even though we have exceeded our 2023 goal, please continue to turn in a Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet to Colee. We hope that with such a strong showing two years in a row we will be in a good position to qualify for fire mitigation grants in 2024.

Fire Camp – Firefighting trainees will be here Saturday, July 15. Lots of people have signed up to get their lot mitigated. We hope that they will get to everyone, but it is possible they might not. One fire risk we have is junipers (they are very flammable) and they would like to remove any that are a problem, i.e., growing under a tree, near a home, fence or propane tank. If you have junipers like that, please sign up. For more isolated junipers, removing some of the bottom branches and any needles that have accumulated helps a lot.

Chaffee Chips will be here on Wednesday, July 19 to pick up and chip limbs and dead trees. Please see the information sheet Colee posted up front or the website as there are specific rules on what they can and cannot chip, for example (see list). Lots must be registered by Sunday, July 16 at: <https://envisionchaffeecounty.org/chaffee-chips/>. It's easy but if you need assistance registering, please contact Colee.

Any questions? Please consider signing up to volunteer and thank you for your time.