

Firewise April 5, 2022

Since the last board meeting, there has been further cleanup on lot 1—5 hazardous trees were removed plus the leftover steel from the demolished home has been cut up and removed

We are planning for May 7, National Wildfire Preparedness Day (AKA RLCA Clean-up Day)

State Farm has granted us \$500 to spend however we choose—Looking for ideas...

Should we buy some tools?

1. More cleanup on lease lots
2. Trees are down from windstorm—need help hauling to dumpsters
3. Now is the time to clean up your properties, for disposal into dumpsters
  - a. Start at the top of your house—check vents, ¼ inch mesh—this is to prevent embers from getting into your attic and starting a house fire. This is quite common when there is a fire in the area
  - b. Remove flammable debris from roofs and gutters
  - c. Rake debris completely away from the first five feet surrounding your home
  - d. Rake around any outbuildings you may have
  - e. Check around your property for broken branches, leaves and dead limbs
  - f. Make sure the plants around your home are Firewise recommended (check the Firewise website for ideas)

This all reduces fire risk and spread. Wildfire does not stop or discriminate at property lines. We need to work together in order to protect ourselves and our community

Thanks to all who turned in hours both on community projects and home projects that reduce the risk of wildfire. It all counts toward our yearly grants from DNR and other sources. They have once again offered funds for our projects, which includes a fire hydrant/draft site and as many dumpsters as we need for our cleanup day, perhaps even a wood chipper and a crew to run it... Keep up the good work