



# Trilogy-Tehaleh-Firewise News

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**April 30, 2020**

## **Nonprofit Status Application**

Our Committee recently submitted the required documents to become a designated nonprofit organization. Having this nonprofit designation will allow our organization to apply for grants where the funds would be utilized for future community projects.

Speaking of Grants, we received our first grant for \$500 from Firewise USA. The funds will offset the cost for developing the webpage.

## **Firewise Day – May 2nd Cancelled**

Due to the Covid-19 social distancing restrictions the May 2<sup>nd</sup> project date has been temporarily moved to June 6<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, this June date may have to be changed again based on state restrictions. We will keep you posted.

## **Continued Education**

Trilogy residents (5) attended the Northwest Washington Forest Owners Winter School Workshop held at Green River College in late February. This one-day event offered more than 20 workshops from “how to grow gourmet mushrooms; why so

many trees are dying and what to do; how to sharpen, maintain, and safely operate your chainsaw; how to handle problematic legal issues like easements and trespass; how to improve wildlife habitat; and much more.” Thank you to those Trilogy residents that attended.

## Firewise U.S.A. News

The following information is an excerpt from a recently published email (04-28-2020) from Firewise USA Program Coordinator Ms. Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan.

**“Risk reduction investment:** if a community workday is not possible for you this year, remember hours worked and money spent by individuals on their property count towards your whole community.

- NFPA is using this year to really drive home the importance of work done on the home and in the 0-5-foot space. Science tells us there are a lot of simple tasks that make an impact on the chance of a home surviving a wildfire;
- Resources:

How to Prepare Your Home for Wildfire (Click link below)

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>

Understanding the Wildfire Threat to Homes (Click link below)

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Online-learning-opportunities/Online-courses>

## Nation Fire Protection Assoc. & State Farm News

The following information is an excerpt from a recently published article posted on the NFPA website.

NFPA and State Farm urge everyone not to feel pressured to have gatherings or events that may compromise public health at this time; we support efforts to

postpone your event and planning activities until the end of the year or such time that it is safe to do so.

In place of in-person events, NFPA and State Farm suggest conducting activities you can do from home and still help raise awareness of wildfire safety such as posting and sharing Facebook and Twitter messages and tips with others in your community. Other home activities include:

- Raking and removing pine needles and dry leaves within a minimum of 3 to 5 feet of a home's foundation. As time permits – continue up to a 30-foot distance around the home. Dispose of collected debris in appropriate trash receptacles.
- Cleaning pine needles from roof and gutters and paying attention to maintaining the home ignition zone. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>
- Getting out your measuring tape and seeing how close wood piles are located to the home. If closer than 30 feet, they need to be relocated and moved at least 30' away from structures.
- Sweeping porches and decks clearing them of leaves and pine needles. Raking under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Mowing grasses to a height of four inches or less.
- Removing items stored under decks and porches and relocating them to a storage shed, garage, or basement. Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.

## Volunteer Hours

Remember, as stated above from the Firewise USA Coordinator the time and money spent on your home (exterior) counts towards our community volunteer hours.

Please enter your hours worked and money spent on our website Trilogy-Tehaleh-Firewise. Click on the link that is included in this newsletter.

## **Trilogy-Tehaleh-Firewise Webpage**

<http://trilogy-tehaleh-firewise.org>

## **Trilogy-Tehaleh-Firewise Volunteer Webpage Link**

<http://trilogy-tehaleh-firewise.org/report-volunteer-hours/>

## **Stay Safe and Stay Home**