

Firewise Certification for 2018

Thank you for keeping Pioneer Village safe from wildfires! Collectively, we spent just over 1,000 hours this year clearing brush, cleaning chimneys, removing flammable materials from our decks, etc. This is sufficient for maintaining our certification as a Firewise Community. Your efforts are appreciated by all your neighbors. Best wishes to all and now let's hope for a mild winter with little snow and ice!

(posted 10/21/18)

Special meeting

A reminder that a special PVHA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 3, to be held at the Westwood Community Church on Greasy Creek Road and Hwy 34. Please attend! A quorum is needed to vote on the request to grant an easement for a septic system drain field for lot 54. If you are unable to attend, please send in your Proxy Form so your vote can be counted. Thank you!

(posted 9/30/18)

Firewise - end of fire season!

Now that the rains have started, we can officially say that we are at the end of Fire Season for 2018. THANK YOU! for all your efforts to make Pioneer Village fire safe. We appreciate the brush clearing, limbing of trees, and creation of a defensible space around your house. Please document all your efforts on the forms provided in the box on the white board by the mail box! Return your completed forms to the PVHA mailbox, or simply put them back in the box where the blank forms are. This information is required so we can be recertified as a Firewise Community for 2019 - which may be able to save you money on you homeowner's insurance!

(posted 9/30/18)

Have you seen this sign? It's gone missing!

The "No Parking Fire Lane" sign at the turnout on McLaughlin Rd just to the left of Barlow Rd has gone missing. It was there last week and is now gone. If you know where the sign is, please return it to its spot at this turnout - no questions asked! These signs were placed by the Philomath Fire Department after PVHA made the turnouts at their request. They allow equipment to pass and proceed to a fire or other emergency and keep all of us safer! Thank you.

(posted 5/4/18)

Bears in the Village

Dear Neighbors, Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife has contacted PVHA about a reported rumor of a problem bear. Please keep garbage and animal feeds secure until the bear moves on. Let's avoid the unfortunate reality that Oregon Dept. Fish and Wildlife will come, trap and kill the bear if it continues to be a nuisance.

(posted 4/24/18)

It's Springtime!

Which means kids and dogs are out and about, playing in the field and riding bikes on the roads. Please take extra care and drive slowly when on Village roads.

(posted 4/24/18)

PIONEER VILLAGE CHIPPING -- EVENT IS COMING SOON

DATES FOR CHIPPING: *Vegetation will be chipped the week of April 30th- May 5th
Please have all vegetation to be chipped- at the chipping location by April 29th.*

PILE LOCATION:

The Bus Turn-out on Greasy Creek Rd, this is the same location as last year.

Please keep the pile back along the edge of the turn out, so vehicles can continue to use it.

YES FOR CHIPPING:

BRANCHES, AND OTHER UNWANTED WOOD VEGETATION UP TO 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER
(THE CHIPPER CANNOT TAKE VEGETATION LARGER THAN 6")

MATERIALS NOT ALLOWED:

NO PIOSIN OAK/ NO SCOTCH BROOM

NO BLACKBERRIES

NO NAILS, WIRE OR METAL OF ANY KIND

NO ROPE, TWINE, PAINTED WOOD

NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

It is critical to keep to the dates above. There are 7 communities around Benton County that participate in this chipping project. We have no way of estimating the size of the piles to be chipped. Some years the piles are bigger than other years.

A pile of vegetation that is neatly stacked will chip quickly, because it is easy for the chip crew to pull it apart and feed it into the chipper. A pile that is stacked randomly and twisted, will take much longer to pull apart and feed into the chipper. Some types of vegetation chip easily in the machine, other types of vegetation get clogged in the chute, and require the crew to stop and clean it out.

For these reasons, we cannot estimate how long it will take to chip each community's pile. If chipping is going quickly, we will move on to the next community in that same day rather than send the chip crew home after a half day. This unpredictability means it is very difficult to know the exact day and time a community's piles will get chipped.

In order to maintain efficiency for this project given our very tight budget, **please do not continue to pile vegetation after April 29th**, if you wait until the week of April 30th the chip crew may have already come and gone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

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(posted 3/27/18)

Join the Listserv for Pioneer Village!

The listserv is now up and running. To join, go to www.nextdoor.com and enter your street address. Then follow the easy prompts to sign up.

The listserv will enable all Village residents to directly communicate with each other. You can get notifications when someone posts a comment on the listserv. Perhaps you need to borrow a leaf blower for the day or have a litter of kittens that need new homes. Your neighbors may be able to

help out - put up a post on the listserv and see what happens!

Hopefully, use of the listserv will make this space for News and Updates obsolete. And it will help us be a better Neighborhood Watch community as well as more Firewise. [Please sign up today!](#)

(posted 2/26/18)

Listserv

PVHA is working to set up a Listserv for the community. This will allow direct communication via email from and to all members who sign up. Watch this space and the whiteboard by the mailboxes for instructions on how to join.

(posted 2/20/18)

Roads

Thank you for your patience as the roads were graveled, rolled, and repaired. Please continue to drive slowly and safely, to protect pedestrians and their dogs and to keep the potholes from reforming.

(posted 2/20/18)

Firewise

We received our Certificate of Renewal as a Firewise Community for another year. Thank you for your efforts to keep us safe in 2017! As Spring approaches this year, keep in mind the need to reduce the amount of combustible fuel around your house - beat back the brush, limb the trees, clean your gutters, and throw out old trash! We will schedule a Village chipping day again in May, so keep piling the brush up by the school bus turn-around.

(posted 2/20/18)