

# FCLOA Newsletter



## Message from FCLOA's Vice President

My wife and I have lived in Arrowbee Ranch Estates for about 25 years now. Wild fires used to be something that happened somewhere else, usually in remote areas.

Now I spend most of the summer on edge wondering if the moment is going to come that there is a wild fire here in our neighborhood and we will need to evacuate.

We had some real close calls in 2023. CalFire used our lake to extinguish several fires within just a few miles of our homes.

The FCLOA board is working hard to improve fire safety in Arrowbee.

- Worked with the Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council to become a recognized Firewise Community
- Working with the Rescue FD to get Station 84 open 24/7.
- Installing fire equipment apparatus at the park to provide a reliable and easy water source for firefighters.

It would help us if everyone would pay their dues. The less time we spend on dues collection, the more time we have for fire safety.

It is comforting to see the improvements happening throughout the neighborhood with people clearing brush, thinning canopies, and fire hardening their homes.

Nothing will ever make where we live "fireproof," but every bit of fuel that is no longer surrounding us will make a fire less intense, spread slower, and allow for firefighting to be more successful.

Clearing around homes is great for improving your odds.

Please also:

- Create fire breaks to separate large fields of dry brush.
- Clear along the roadway of your property.
- Clear all dry grass that can ignite the canopy above.

## Upcoming Events



### April 23

CLFSC Fire Safety Event  
6:30pm @ Coloma Grange

### May 18

Park & Dam Work Day  
8am @ the Arrowbee Park

### June 30 @ 3pm

Arrowbee Evacuation  
Training Day  
6pm @ the Arrowbee Park

The more we can do to make firefighting easier for firefighters, the more likely they will prioritize us if there's a big fire.

Believe me, I know how much work this is. If you need help, please reach out. Call me at 530-417-0826.

*Mike Haway*

## Mark Your Calendars! We have two important events coming up!



### Park and Dam Cleanup Day

This is our annual park and dam work day to clean up the dam / outfall for the dam safety inspection and tidy the park for everyone's enjoyment. Many hands = light work.

**Date:** Saturday, May 18

**Time:** 8am

**Location:** Meet at the park

**Bring:** weed-eater, extra fuel, loppers, shears, scythes, rakes, gloves, hat, sunblock, water, eye protection, boots and any other equipment for mowing, trimming, raking, clearing cattails, etc.



### Evacuation Training Day

If we ever need to evacuate due to a wildfire, it will be important to know what to expect from the county, where to go, and what to bring.

Join us for a training day to help get ready. We will share a map of our evacuation routes, and an officer from the County Office of Emergency Services will speak.

**Date:** Sunday, June 30

**Time:** 3pm

**Location:** Arrowbee Park

**Bring:** your own chairs

## Installing Fire Tanker Fill Apparatus at the Park

One way your dues are contributing to fire safety is the installation of equipment at the park so that firefighters have an easily accessible hook-up to access lake water. As you know, there are very few fire hydrants in our neighborhood. Installing this equipment will improve reaction time, efficiency and effectiveness of fighting fires within Arrowbee. The equipment will be locked up to protect against vandalism, but readily accessible by our firefighters.

When you pay your dues, you free the FCLOA board's time to work on these projects and you help fund the projects that can help keep our insurance rates down and make our community safer. *Please pay your dues.*

## Please Pay Dues

If you have already paid your annual FCLOA dues, THANK YOU! If you haven't, **please pay now**. Your dues help keep the park and dam maintained and enjoyable. The less time the board spends on dues collection, the more time we have to work on fire safety. Mail \$135 checks to 1105 Shoreline Drive in Placerville or send \$138 using Venmo @FCLOA.



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