

Firewise 2017

Firewise Communities/USA has changed. The NFPA's (National Fire Protection Association) program is now Firewise USA, and uses the tagline "Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks". This emphasizes the wildfire risk reduction activities that participants like us in CS&B are committed to in order to make where they live a safer place. There are other changes as well, including the Firewise website. CS&B residents are encouraged to check out the changes. The one thing that has not changed is the concern we have about the ever present possibility of a wildfire catastrophe, and it is out of this concern that we continue to have successful Firewise Days.

Yes, this year's Firewise Day, May 22nd, was successful. Combined with our annual Memorial Day cleanup much work was accomplished in cleaning, preserving, beautifying, and fireproofing our community. A total of 73 volunteers were documented. This was down slightly from last year's record participation, but still a great turnout. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Fire Department representatives were available this year to take applications for fire permits. 41 applications were submitted with all but one approved and issued.

Once again, this year's main effort revolved around brush removal with the enormous amount of pine needles. No en mass chipping was done, as this was left up to the individual homeowner who can bring their brush to the Tamworth Transfer Station for chipping and safe disposal.

After all the work was completed the tired volunteers were treated to a hot dog barbeque, complete with all the fixn's and donated desserts.

Chocorua Ski and Beach Club Association has documented the collection (earnings) equivalent of \$7112.61 from labor and actual (individual) spending. This is down \$519.77 from last year, but does allow us to remain as a Firewise community. Unfortunately for us, Firewise USA is not distributing any financial grants at this time.

Again, thanks to all who strive to make CS&B a safer community.