

September 11, 2012

Hello all:

Last year at this time we were fortunate enough to have a chipper working around our places paid for by a grant from The Foundation for Resource Conservation Inc. 501c3. Last week the same folks contacted me and informed me that they have grant money once again to put their chipper to work. The main thrust of this year is to work with Home Owner Associations to reduce the fire load around their homes so that the Fire department in the event of a fire has a reasonable chance of saving your home.

As most of you know the weather patterns have changed this year and the fuel has dried out faster than normal.. So the more steps we take as home owners to reduce the brush and trees around our homes will give us a better chance of survival, in case of a fire.

Last year all that participated drug the slash to near the road and the two men with the chipper pulled the limbs to the chipper to reduce the slash to chips. This year if you have a large pile on your property and a way for the pickup and chipper to drive to your pile they will do so with the waiver from the property owner to allow them access and your guidance.

We are very fortunate to have this program available for us so I encourage as many of you that can take advantage to reduce your fire load. So, I need to know as soon as possible the names of those that want to use the program so we can get them to work or other Associations will take advantage of the grant money. A start time of Oct 1st is planned as of now. They are prepared to be in our neighborhood for up to two weeks and the cost is paid for from a grant.

This program is provided under the umbrella of the Hwy 168 Fire Safe Council.

Please give me a call and give me your thoughts and any question you may have.

Look forward to hearing from you, you can e-mail me at CSA@dogwoodmountain.org.

Thank you,
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