

WVFC Board meeting- Tuesday January 15th, 6:30pm at the Firehall. Firefighter training, Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall, call Chief Bill Ellis @ 472-3245



Public meeting **January 21st, 7:00pm** at the Community Center. We are in need of Resident Leaders for our FireWise Communities, contact Chairman Chris Withey at 472-3337 or 945-2130 or email cwithey@yahoo.com

Come check out the **Way Station** The Way Station has so many new items - Hope to see you soon! Remember, we're open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 - 4:00.

Be safe from fire.!!!

Happy New Year, and may I say a safe one? Your Fire Safe Council, originating through our Volunteer Fire Company, is working to prevent another Paradise tragedy. It is working toward acquiring grants for removal of slash that is a natural result of tree clearing, establishing evacuation plans for safe egress from a community that offers few options, and making sure that no one is left out in the event of a firestorm. We can plan, but we need the community to help us with access to individuals and other logistics.

We are working through two organizations: the community, and the board. I am impressed with the suggestions and useful information promoted at previous community meetings. It may not be as exciting as the Super Bowl, but it is literally a matter of life or death. There is plenty of room at our beautiful community center; I hope you will join us at the next community meeting, January 21st.

Art Tilles, Chairman WVFC

Whitmore School News

Welcome to the new year and all the exciting events that will be occurring at Whitmore Elementary. I hope You enjoyed the Winter Festival's all school play. The script was written by Ms. Gonzalez and Mrs. German directed. The students had all the parts and they enjoyed entertaining everyone. Feliz Navidad was sung in appreciation of our Spanish teacher, Char Novack. Thank you so much for showing them your support. As the annual **Chili Cook-Off** approaches, Sunday, January 27th, we are looking for individuals and teams to join us for this contest. Cash prizes or aprons for winners. The Sampler (all you can eat) or a bowl will be on sale for this fund raiser. You do not need to enter the contest to be supportive, you can just come and enjoy a bowl of chili and visit with friends and family. The entries need to be at the Community Center at 3

p.m. on Sunday, January 27th. The panels of judges will be on hand, so everything will be ready for the opening at 4:30 p.m.

Entry forms will be at the store or call the school at 472-3243 and a form will be mailed to you. Good Luck to everyone...!!

Mrs. Deborah Pulcini and Mrs. Carrie Copithorne have joined Jeri Johnson as members of the five- member school board. We are looking for two individuals to fill these two positions. The board is only meeting every other month, so for the remainder of the school year, there are only four more meetings. Qualifications: be a registered voter and live in the Whitmore area. Call the school if you would like more information.

Larry F. Robins
Superintendent

WVFC





Board of directors meeting **January 9th** **6:30** pm at the Community Center.

Breakfast Sunday, **January 13th and February 10th**, from 8-11am, join us for an all you can eat buffet style breakfast. Adult only \$8, kids 10 and under \$3

Bingo –January 26th and February 23rd, Dinner@5:30 and bingo about 6 pm.

Whitmore Mountain Music Faire~ The Whitmore Mountain Music Faire committee will be meeting on January 14th at 6:30pm at the Firehall.

Young Living essential oils and product classes will be held in January and February: **January 20 at 4 p.m.** at the fire station and **February 17 at 4 p.m.** at the fire station. Start your year out healthy with oils to make your home smell fresh, scents that benefit your health, and cleaning products that are safe to breathe, and much more. Each class will be different - and beneficial. The classes are taught by a vendor from past Whitmore Volunteer Fire Company events. Hosted by Jeri Johnson
For more information, call 472-1471

Hello dear friends and neighbors, I greet you all as this new year begins and many opportunities stand before us. As Chief of our volunteer fire department I have a keen interest in the safety and well being of our community. Now that winter is upon us I would like each of you to seriously consider what you can do to make your own property and home fire safe. We have all been awakened to the realities facing us as the price of living in such a lovely area. We have watched our neighbors to the west and south suffer inconceivable losses last fire season. Let that not be repeated here in our community. We can do many things to safeguard our own surroundings if we get started now before summer arrives again. What can I do? You ask. The Carr and Camp fires taught the fire service valuable lessons, such as keep as large of separation between your buildings and the forest/ brush as you can possibly manage, translated, that means right now before summer weather arrives do all you can cut and burn brush and low tree limbs that are within 100 ft. of buildings. A little every weekend or after work for the remainder of the winter season can provide you with a measure of defendability many did not have last fire season. If you need help with planning what you should do call or text me and we can look at your property together.



Chief Bill Ellis. 472-3245 or 949-2026

Happy New Year Whitmore!!!

By the time this newsletter is published, another Christmas Bazaar will have come and gone, concluding the Firecracker events for the year. All the Christmas trees will have been sold and the bake sale table emptied. Just the right present will have been found for that difficult to shop for loved one, donations will have been gratefully received, and the final silent auction bid will have been made. It has been another wonderful year in Whitmore and the Firecrackers would like to extend our sincere thanks to the community for the support we receive throughout the year.

Folks show up to help us clean the "faire grounds" for our annual faire. Melissa, at the Way Station, is always a gracious hostess, allowing us to tromp all over her property and set up vendor booths wherever we can. People also come the day after the faire to help tear down the tents and tables and ensure we are leaving Melissa's place at least as nice as we found it. Volunteers will stand in the rain to blow up balloons and give their time to pour the beer.

Zip lines are set up and kids games devised. A pony is even provided for the kids to ride. Folks volunteer to cook for everyone and then clean it all up afterwards. People buy a burger and shop a bit all to support the WVFC.

Folks come out to the Ice Cream Social to enjoy the company of their neighbors and have a cool scoop of ice cream on a VERY hot day, supporting our fund raising efforts.

We didn't hold the annual Poker Ride this year, due to the Carr fire. We thought everyone had enough to worry about without us asking for donations. We're looking forward to the ride in 2019 though! We won't be able to call it a Poker Ride anymore, but it will still be a fun day in the saddle with great prizes and good friends. It will be fun for those on two feet too, with vendors selling cool stuff and something tasty to eat.

So thank you for a great 2018 Whitmore! Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you soon! Fire Cracker meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at the Library from 10am-noon.

Sincerely,
Terri Morales
472-3133

Whit-bits

HOW TO GET A BIG BIG BEAR TO COME A'CALLING

Do you want to see a bear? How about a really Big Big Bear, in your yard... on your porch? Here, in Whitmore, we see them quite often... Atkins, Emerald Woods & Grindley Ranch Roads. Please don't be envious if BBB hasn't visited your family yet, you obviously haven't been taught proper bear etiquette. We are here to help!

Big Big Bears (BBB) like to eat and they like to have fun. Sometimes they'll just stop by, unannounced and you may not have to lift a finger in effort to solicit the visit. However, there are some ways to make your home more enticing, ensuring that, you too, will get a visit from BBB by spring's end:

1. Leave plenty of rotten fruits & vegetables in your trash can for at least 3 days. If you're really lonely, throw in an old chicken carcass, maybe the Big Big Bear will bring the family!
2. Big Big Bear enjoys a challenge: the taller the fence, the better the climb. If you manage to build a fence that defeats BBB in height, BBB will just plow through the middle of it, just like that; that must be a lot of fun! Oh, and that locked deep freeze on the porch, Big Big Bear will rip the lid off the hinges from the other side (ask me how I know this). BBB loves all your toys and thanks you very much.
3. Even though BBB likes activity, BBB can be lazy. Have a variety of low-hanging over-ripe & unpicked fruits and/or berries available. Another favorite is a garbage can full of pet food! Thank you says BBB.
4. If BBB is late to your BBQ, don't worry BBB will show up after you've gone inside to eat the leftover meat and grease...oh, so good! Fish and Bacon (together or separate) are BBB's favorite stink so make sure you leave plenty of that around.
5. Here is a list of all BBB's favorite things:
 1. All human food
 2. Pet food and livestock feed
 3. Garbage
 4. Cooking pots and utensils
 5. Cooking oils
 6. Fuel for stoves and lanterns
 7. Unopened canned beverages
 8. Cosmetics, insect repellents, lotions, toothpaste
 9. Bird seed and hummingbird feeders

Well, that should do it. You are now educated in BBB etiquette and should be receiving a visit very soon. Oh, it's okay, I don't mind if BBB comes to your house this season; I am generous in this way. I also can't afford new fencing, freezers, BBQs or ice chests.

Tell Big Big Bear we said hello!

Sara West

Whitmore Library

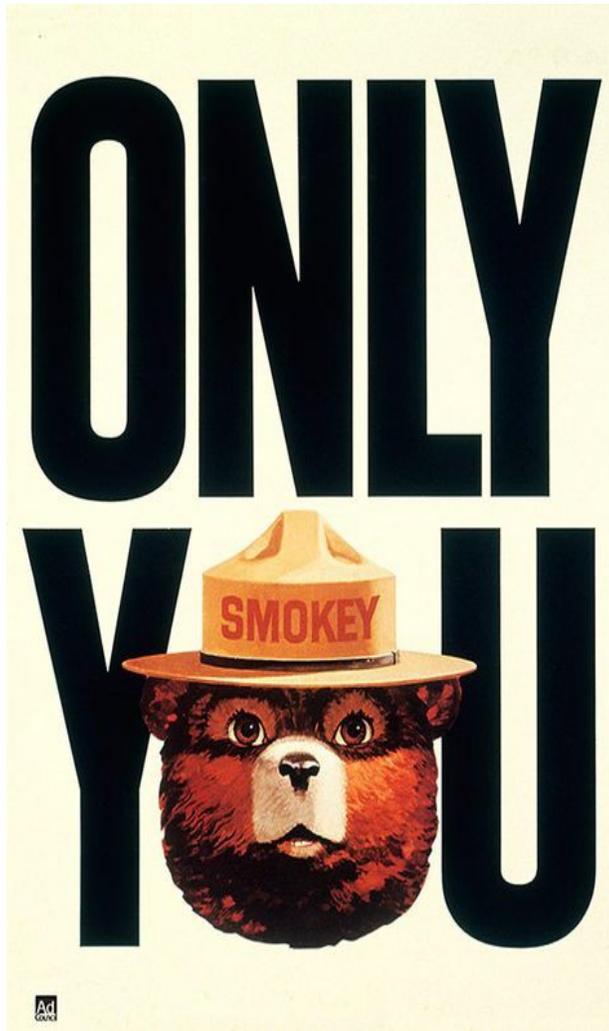
The Library has experienced a volunteer shortage which has resulted in curtailing the open hours. Currently, the Library is open from 9 to 12 on Mondays, 9 to 3 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 10 to 2 on Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteers for 2 or 3 hr shifts once a week are needed. If you have the time, give it a try. It is a great place to work. 472-1310. Closed during school holidays.

**SHASTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT/ AIR QUALITY MANAGMENT DISTRICT**

GUIDELINES FOR OPEN BURNING

WHO IS ALLOWED TO BURN?

Only residents of single- and two-family dwellings are permitted to burn dry vegetation from the yard. Open burning for land-clearing projects, fire hazard reduction, agricultural burning, or prescribed burning is allowed with the required permits.



WHAT IS ALLOWED TO BE BURNED?

You may burn **ONLY dried vegetation** (NO GARBAGE, PAPER, OR CARDBOARD). The California Air Resources Board has adopted a **state-wide prohibition on the use of burn barrels and the burning of paper and cardboard** that became effective on January 1, 2004, except in the following census zip code areas: Big Bend (96011), Castella (96017), Old Station (96071), Platina (96076), Round Mountain (96084), and Whiskeytown (96095)

Burning leaves or lawn clippings is not recommended.

The burning of any other material that might cause a public nuisance is also prohibited.

Air drying of green vegetation is required prior to burning and is based on the largest diameter of the branch or trunk being burned. The minimum drying times for green vegetation prior to being burned are:

- Diameter less than 6" 15 days drying time
- Diameter 6" to 12" 30 days drying time
- Diameter 12" to 24" 45 days drying time
- Diameter 24" or more 60 days drying time

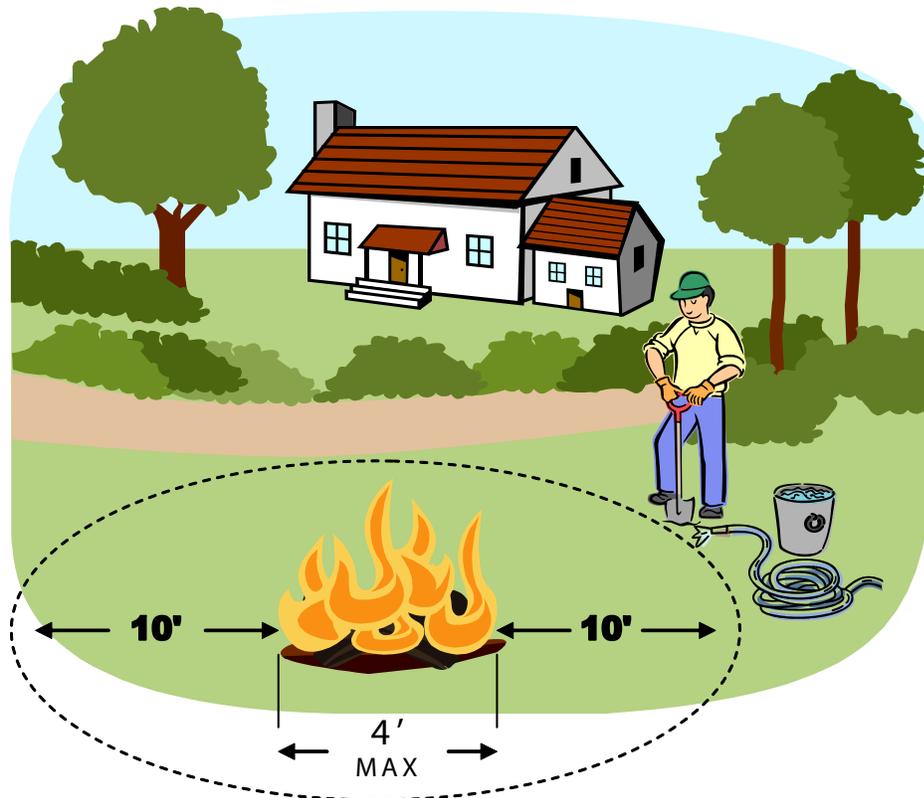


Debris Burning

The following are burning permit requirements:

For burning debris in small 4-foot x 4-foot piles:

- Maximum pile size 4 foot in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10-feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply close to the burning site.
- An adult should be in attendance with a shovel until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.



No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences. Dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property can still be burned outdoors in open piles, unless prohibited by local ordinances. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days. Burn permits are only valid on "Permissive Burn Days" as determined by the State Air Resources Board or the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

Violations Of Any Burning Permit Terms Are A Violation Of State Law
(Public Resources Code 4421, 4422, 4423 And 4425)