

**Dear Bear Paw Property Owner,**

**It's time to volunteer and give back to your Bear Paw Community. Next Saturday, August 15,** we are having a **Community Workday from 9 a.m. - noon.** Join your neighbors and friends at the Clubhouse, roll up your sleeves, put on some work gloves and let's get hot and sweaty.

Besides making our community a little nicer, for every hour you work we get \$22.55 work credits towards our 20% obligation or pledge to be awarded an \$8K or 80% State FireWise Grant this year. The more work credits we submit the better our chances for being awarded this grant.

Our plan this workday is to focus on three areas:

- (1) clean each Bear Paw road easement of brush and dead limbs
- (2) enhance the grounds around our new fire station
- (3) clean up around our clubhouse, recreational and pool areas. Our second community workday is scheduled for mid-October when the leaves start to fall.

When our grant request is awarded Bear Paw can then begin to address a major community concern, a major forest fire. We have begun working with a nationally recognized fire expert who lives in the area on a long-range Bear Paw plan to deal with this critical threat. This 5-10 year plan will be included with our grant application later this fall.

So a lot is riding on these two Saturday morning workdays. Let's show the State what we can achieve. Simply sign up at the guardhouse or call me at [828-644-9566](tel:828-644-9566) and leave a message if I am

not home. Just say “count me in” and leave your name and phone number. Also put your name on your favorite garden tool and bring it with you. We’ll need shovels, gas leaf blowers, gas weed whackers, chainsaws, hedge trimmers, limb cutters, hoes, etc.

Let’s do this!

Ron Taylor

FireWise Chairman

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