

## Dominican Black Canyon FireWise Bulletin No. 7

**Fire season is not over.** The National Weather Service issues regular Red Flag Warnings for Marin County. The sign at the foot of Mountain View Avenue is opened whenever there is a Red Flag Warning. Also, make sure you have signed up for Alert Marin at

<https://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin>

To make sure your home has defensible space, Fire Inspector Patrick Bignardi of the San Rafael Fire Department can help you prioritize what needs to be done with a walk through of your land.

**Please make an appointment by calling him at (415) 485-3308.** Meeting city standards is just the starting point for making your home safe. Creating meaningful defensible space requires more diligence and determination, and you still must harden your home against embers, ember intrusion and heat caused window breakage. See <http://www.firesafemarin.org/hardening-your-home>

Vegetation management inspectors from San Rafael Fire have been very busy. They have inspected **141 properties** resulting in the removal of over **500 tons** of vegetation. Expenditures total over **\$600,000**. This is far more work than has been done in many years and makes us all safer. Here is what has been done to date:

- Defensible Space Inspections
  - 141 Inspections – not including 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> inspections
- Horizon Enterprises LP Property
  - Approx. 18 acres
  - 29-day project
  - 262.5 tons vegetation removed
  - Cost – approx. \$200,000
- Hacienda Way Open Space
  - Hillside Scotch Broom removal
  - 3 tons removed
  - Cost - \$1,250
- Mountain View Open Space Project
  - 30' to 50' fire break behind 23 homes on Mountain View adjacent to Gold Hill
  - Pending count of vegetation amount removed (projected 8 tons)
  - Projected cost - \$25,000
- EZad Inc. Project
  - Less than 1 acre
  - Approx. 1 ton vegetation removed
  - Seasonal grass clearance
  - Cost – approx. \$1,500

- Fire Road Clearance
  - Scettrini, Aquinas, Gold Hill fire roads
  - 10' clearance on both sides of fire road
  - 251 tons of vegetation removed
  - Cost - \$24,635
  
- Hosseinali Project
  - French Broom and eucalyptus duff clearance
  - Approx 3 tons of vegetation and 5 tons of duff removed
  - Cost – approx. \$13,000

So please add your individual efforts to those projects that have been completed, so that we can truly make the Dominican Black Canyon area a FireSafe Community—meaning safe from wildfires to which our neighborhood is very susceptible.

Thank you.

The DBCNA Board of Directors  
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