

Safety Committee News

The use of all fireworks is prohibited in LWC. Fireworks are also prohibited on all Oregon beaches, in State Parks, and State and Federal Forests.

Monthly Radio Poll - Saturday, July 5th, 9 AM on Channel 15. Our radio team will conduct a **one-time test** of the effectiveness of our Community Radio Service (CRS) during an emergency event in which they can not access the communications system in the Crow's Nest on the 3rd floor of the Rec Center.

Bill Albright will poll the Safety Captains, Board, Staff and other residents who want to participate, from the Crow's Nest. After Bill polls each person, Michael Tomlinson will poll them from a mobile unit in his van on Gull Station in Safety Area 13, Please [read this notice](#) on our webpage for more information. We encourage residents to call in to test their radios and to become comfortable listening and responding during the polling process.

Bi-monthly Safety Committee Meeting - Saturday, July 12th at 9:30 AM (Zoom only) The date was changed from the 1st Saturday of the month to the second Saturday to avoid a conflict with the July 5th Independence BBQ.

Wildfire Awareness

Please refer to the [Wildfire Awareness](#) page on the Safety Committee website for a variety of local, state and federal

resources which provide information about current wildfires, smoke maps, air quality information, and tips for increasing the safety perimeter of our homes.

We encourage residents to be aware of the inherent risk of wildfires in the PNW which, while very wet during the winter, can quickly become tinder-dry during summer and fall.

As a reminder, **The Labor Day 2020 Echo Mountain Complex Fire** devastated the community of Otis just a few miles north of Lincoln City. It burned more than 2,500 acres, causing evacuations, power outages, road closures, and the destruction of 288 homes and 339 structures. The wildfire was driven by 50 mph dry winds coming from the east off the Cascades rather than the moisture-laden west winds from the ocean this area usually experiences.

Coupled with record high temperatures, low humidity and high fuel volume following a dry summer, the east winds caused wildfires to burn throughout much of Oregon. A total of 5,000 homes and businesses and 1.2 million acres were burned in wildfires in September, 2020.

[Reflecting on the Echo Mountain Complex Fire](#)

[Oregon Wildfire Spotlight 2020](#)