

**FIREWISE WORKSHOP #2**  
**“OUTREACH & EDUCATION**  
**STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITIES”**

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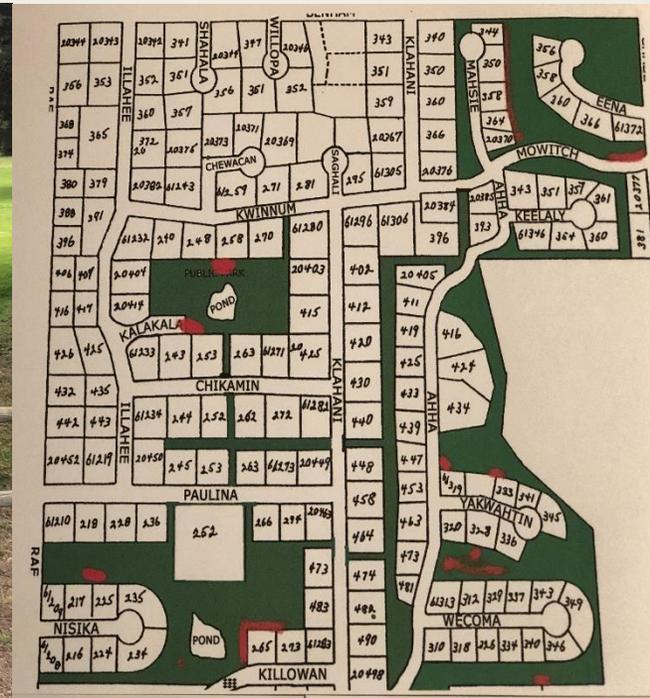
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# TILLICUM VILLAGE HOA

## 1. Introduction

## 2. Where is Tillicum Village?

*Southeast Bend, 164 homes, 1/3 to 1/2 acre lots with 16 acres of common space; Includes walking paths, pond, and open space behind many of the homes.*



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## 3. WHEN DID FIREWISE START?

Application submitted by Marie Phillis & accepted in 2018 after she established a Tillicum Village HOA Firewise Task Force and received a community assessment. Marie & Jim organized and supervised 2 years of Volunteer Days including a 2019 Firefree-recognized clean up day with a local high school group. Marie oversaw walk-arounds, monthly Task Force meetings & Firewise newsletters, attendance at HOA board meetings & county meetings, provided presentations at HOA annual meetings, maintained Firewise paperwork & many other matters Firewise. In fall 2019, Marie and I transitioned leadership.

## 4. WHAT IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE TILLICUM VILLAGE STORY?

*I continued all of the above outreach efforts. In addition, I wrote & TV received two grants: a Deschutes County Fuels Reduction Grant to remove hazard trees, thin junipers in natural areas & limb up. This \$4000 grant was the catalyst for multiple walk-throughs with the Task Force as well as with key members of the HOA board, namely the president and the commons director. A complete task list was created that provided the FIVE PART ACTION PLAN. 1) Arbor Tree Service work (6 days), 2) Landscaper cleanup (2 days/week Jan-April), 3) Adult & Teen Challenge Work Crews (8 afternoons), 4) Task Force / HOA Board volunteers, and 5) Tillicum Village homeowner volunteers.*

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## ***MORE TILLICUM VILLAGE STORY***

*Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions forced changes in our plans. The May 2<sup>nd</sup> Firefree Community Preparation Day & the second volunteer clean up day were replaced by other efforts. Small work groups cleaned and removed debris. In particular, I worked with 2-4 member Adult & Teen Challenge work crews to clean up the areas identified in our Fuels Reduction Grant Action Plan, highlighted by the removal of almost all ornamental juniper bushes in the commons. Working with this local community group provided valuable help to our HOA & offered great satisfaction to the men.*

*View of West Pond*



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## *STILL MORE TILLICUM VILLAGE STORY*

Homeowners cleaned up more than usual this year, partly prompted by a need to do something outside. They cleaned yards, decks, roofs, and limbed up trees in their yards. Dozens took truck & yard cartloads to the Knott Landfill. Some helped rake paths & open areas including West Pond, pruning overgrown Oregon grape plants in many natural areas throughout and more.

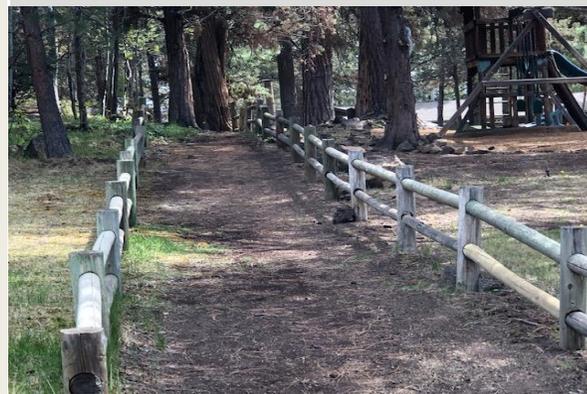


*Juniper bushes BEFORE*



*Juniper bushes AFTER*

# 2020 Tillicum Village Clean Up



**5. WHAT ARE THE TILlicum VILLAGE NEEDS?** Based on our Firewise Community Assessment: **#1** Remove ornamental juniper/arborvitae bushes (in both common spaces and homeowner yards), **#2** Continue to educate the community, **#3** Address houses & individual issues.

**6. WHAT TYPES OF OUTREACH ARE USED NOW?** *Recent feature article in the Bend Bulletin “Putting Safety First” followed our celebratory walk-around which brought our Firewise Task Force together—respecting our social distancing—to walk around the common spaces to review and appreciate what the recent collective work accomplished.*



**COVID-19** | Oregon may need 600 new contact tracers, A2 | Younger, lower-paid hurt, A5

## Bend-La Pine plans virtual graduation ceremonies

*Online petition aims to convince the district to change course*

**JACKSON HOGAN**  
Bulletin  
The 1,444 seniors in Bend-La Pine Schools' five schools will have graduation ceremonies in June, all of them will be pre-re-

corded productions instead of the traditional gatherings at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center.  
Central Oregon's largest school district told families in an email Thursday that its high school seniors will be honored in video ceremonies broadcast on Central Oregon Daily and streamed on Bend-La Pine's Facebook page. Instead of walking

across a stage to receive a diploma, seniors are being encouraged to celebrate at home.  
The decision is in line with orders from Gov. Kate Brown, who asked school districts earlier this month to either postpone graduation ceremonies or conduct them remotely, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Each video ceremony will feature pre-recorded speeches,

a moment honoring each graduate and any other graduation traditions a school might have, according to the email announcement, signed by Superintendent Shay Mikalson. Each school will also send graduating seniors a package that includes a cap and gown, honor cords, diplomas, personalized notes and other graduation-related items.  
See **Graduation** / A7

**Graduation dates and times**

Here is a list of the five virtual graduation ceremonies that Bend-La Pine Schools will host in June due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All ceremonies will be broadcast on COTV Channel 11 and streamed on Bend-La Pine's Facebook page.

**Summit High School:** June 4 at 7 p.m.  
**La Pine High School:** June 5 at 7 p.m.  
**Mountain View High School:** June 6 at 10 a.m.  
**Bend High School:** June 6 at 3 p.m.  
**Bend Tech Academy at Marshall High School:** June 8 at 7 p.m.

### DESCHUTES COUNTY

**Commission seeks more information plans opening**

**BY VISSER**

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*Bend neighborhood clears overgrown trees, bushes to prepare for wildfire season*

**BY KYLE SPURR**  
The Bulletin

A small group of residents in Bend's Tillicum Village walked through their neighborhood Friday to assess the progress they made to protect the area from wildfire.

About 16 acres of forested space between homes had been trimmed of overgrown trees and bushes. Piles of pine needles and branches were stacked in front of homes.

Usually, the neighborhood hosts large gatherings each spring to do the cleanup work. But because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the work was done this spring by individual neighbors and hired landscapers.

Bert Neumaier, a Tillicum Village resident who organizes the volunteer effort through the national program, Firewise USA, was pleased with what he saw.

Neumaier has lived in the neighborhood for four years since moving from Connecticut, where he spent his career as a teacher and school administrator. On Friday, he led the group through the neighborhood, everyone walking 6 feet apart.

"This is our celebratory

# Putting safety first



Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

**Bert Neumaier points to an area between two homes in the Tillicum Village neighborhood that was recently cleared of dried pine needles and debris to help make the area more resistant to wildfire during a tour Friday with fellow members of the neighborhood's Firewise task force.**

walk," he said. "I haven't been able to see it all together."

The southeast Bend neighborhood is one of about 30 in Deschutes County that are part of Firewise USA, which encourages neighbors to take action to prevent damage from

fires.

The neighborhood became a Firewise community in 2018. Each household in a Firewise community is expected to offer volunteer work or monetary donations to fire prevention activities.

The program also helps neighborhoods secure grants for wildfire protection.

Neumaier was able to raise more than \$4,000 in grant funding this year, which was matched by the homeowners association, to pay for arborists

and landscapers to clear dead trees and debris.

The arborists and landscapers did the bulk of the work this spring since the neighborhood cleanup events were canceled.

See **Wildfire** / A4

## 6. WHAT TYPES OF OUTREACH ARE USED NOW? (cont.)

*Firewise Newsletter that goes out with HOA newsletter–emailed & mailed. Firewise Community signs at 2 major intersections. Since COVID-19, many walk-arounds resulted in helpful and informative conversations with homeowners. Knowing key debris pickups days, some residents rose to the challenge & increased their piles of debris. This person-to-person connection was a very positive opportunity to help educate our neighbors.*



**FIREWISE USA<sup>®</sup>**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

**7. WHAT TIME IS INVESTED?** Time invested by Task Force Chair & committee members, 40 volunteers each community volunteer clean up day (approx. 5 hrs per person per event), meeting attendance, grant writing, Chair working behind the scenes with other HOA board members

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**8. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OUR ACTIONS?** *The top benefit is a much better Firewise community. Some residents are taking responsibility for removing their own ornamental juniper bushes.*

**Debris Removal:** *Arbor Tree Service-32 trees & 60 cubic yards, Landscaper- 216 cu yds, Adult & Teen Challenge teams-168 cu yds, Tillicum homeowners and volunteers-3.5 cu yds/household=574 cu yds.*

**TOTAL DEBRIS REMOVED = 1018 cubic yards + 32 trees.**



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**9. WHAT ARE THE CHANGES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?** Strong work in 2018 and 2019 followed by AMAZING volume in 2020. HOA efforts, Task Force efforts, volunteer efforts, homeowner efforts, cubic yards removed, etc. The Firewise cleanup also improved the aesthetics of the village—more like a nicely kept park.

**10. WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?** Create resident packets in addition to regular handouts; Add more members to the Firewise Task Force; Address shingle roofs & other hazards; Create a Tillicum Village Home Assessment form—learn how to engage homeowners and be helpful and not oppositional.

**11. WHAT ARE OUR FUTURE NEEDS?** Tillicum Village Home Assessment form; Funding to remove more trees and limb up; Ideas for newsletter; Grant ideas to help residents with shingle homes; Possible HOA information nights.

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*Tillicum Village Firewise*

*Firewise Newsletter are at this site.*

<https://tillicumvillage.org/firewise-in-tillicum>

*Bend Bulletin News Article, Saturday, April 25, 2020*

*“Putting Safety First” pages 1 & 4.*

[https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/bend-neighborhood-clears-overgrown-trees-bushes-to-prepare-for-wildfire-season/article\\_f721ec38-858c-11ea-b89f-7751752e101e.html](https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/bend-neighborhood-clears-overgrown-trees-bushes-to-prepare-for-wildfire-season/article_f721ec38-858c-11ea-b89f-7751752e101e.html)

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