

# FIREWISE NEWSLETTER

Firewise is a program of the National Fire Protection Association that teaches communities how to minimize the risk of loss to their homes from fire. \*\*\**{insert here what the benefit to the community is--amount of grant, how computed, and what the money must be used for}*

Thank you to everyone who sent me the hours and money spent on  
qualifying activities

The minimum amount of money spent required for our renewal is \$4,635; the minimum amount of hours worked is 192. Thanks to everyone's input, we were able to report \$27,277 in money spent--5 times the amount required--and 896 hours worked--almost 5 times that required!!

## Way to go Malvern!

I'm going to set up a place on the Malvern website where you can report time and money spent on qualifying activities regularly, so it's not a last minute panic! (We may already have one, in which case your I will learn how to use it *and* tell you all how to use it...)

Direct contact with flames or radiant heat causes the most home loss, right? WRONG. Embers cause the most home loss. So, some qualifying activities are

- cleaning gutters of material that can catch embers
- installing mesh screening on exterior attic vents.

Other qualifying activities are

- keeping lawn and other grasses cut to 4 inches
- keeping the area under decks clear of debris

For more information, go to the National Fire Protection Association publication that can be found at <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-Topic/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>.

In the next Firewise newsletter, I will be describing programs available to us from the National Fire Protection Association through the Firewise Program. Then, I want your input on which you would be interested in. If you have other ideas about things you would like to learn, let me know that, too. I will also be making a brief presentation at our April membership meeting. Hope to see you all there!!