

The Fiddler

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Letter from the President

Welcome to our first digital newsletter! See below for information regarding Fire Safe Fiddletown.

Please join us at our first fundraiser this year...*Goin' Gumbo!* on March 13th. We have been busy perfecting our recipes and we are looking forward to seeing you all at our "to go" dinner. Go to fiddletownncc.org and click on events at the top of the page for information and tickets or see details below in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!



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Take the Tour

Staying home more? How about getting reacquainted with our own town?

The Fiddletown Preservation Society has a wonderful [self-guided walking tour](#) and a virtual tour of the Chew Kee Museum. Check it out!



HUGE BOOK GIVEAWAY Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Fiddletown Community Center, 14445 Fiddletown Road. We are making room for new books and have a large collection and wide variety of books available for FREE. Fiction, classics, autobiographies, children's authors... there is something for everyone. We have boxes available for taking your new treasures home. Covid-19 safety practices observed. We look forward to seeing you!



Susie Jones and Janet Migliore gave a presentation to the Foothill Garden Club in early February.

They shared how the Food Pantry started, from the collecting of data through to developing partnerships with Interfaith Food Bank and local farmers. In one short year the Food Pantry has grown into a striking example of what just a few people can accomplish for the entire County.

At the end of the talk, club attendees offered donations to the Food Pantry in honor of Elsin. Laurie Taylor, President of the Foothill Garden Club, shared that Elsin was very supportive of the Fiddletown Community Center and the Food Pantry, and members felt it fitting to give in her honor. Their generous donations total over \$1,400 at the time of this printing.

Many heartfelt thanks to all who donated. These funds make a huge difference in supporting the Food Pantry's mission.

Rest in peace, Elsin M. Dean 1/22/1925 - 1/12/2021. You will be dearly missed.



Food Pantry

We continue to offer free groceries to our neighbors in need. Stop by to select from fresh eggs and produce, to canned and dried goods. *Thank you to our donors and volunteers!* With your help we continue to provide meals to our community.

For questions or donations, contact Susie Jones or Janet Migliore at info@fiddletownncc.org

Do you use Amazon?
Consider switching to **smile.amazon** to have .05% of eligible purchases go to the Fiddletown Community Center

2021 Events

For more information on any event listed, go to fiddletowncc.org or contact Susie Jones at info@fiddletowncc.org or 530-503-7507. Dates and events are tentative depending upon our ability to hold them under Covid-19 restrictions.



Join us for a feast that celebrates cool days and a love of seafood – we are *Goin' Gumbo!*

Featuring Chef Andy of Cross-over Kitchen Gumbo Recipe created just for us!

- ❖ Gusto Gumbo featuring handcrafted sausage, roast chicken, and shrimp, all in a savory Cajun-style broth. 32 oz
- ❖ Southern “Jumbo” Cornbread
- ❖ Sourdough Bread with Creole Butter
- ❖ Louisiana-style Rice
- ❖ Mixed green salad with Creamy Cajun dressing
- ❖ Lemon slices and hot sauce
- ❖ Bodacious Brownies

This dinner is one of our key events for raising funds to support the Food Pantry, fire preparedness, and other community services.

We appreciate your support and hope to “break bread” with you “virtually.”

Gluten Free Option

We are offering gluten-free options: GF gumbo, GF rice, GF salad and dressing, GF cornbread, and GF dessert. To get your gluten-free dinner for two, please NOTE GF IN YOUR ONLINE ORDER or email us info@fiddletowncc.org.

Pick up Location

On Saturday, March 13th, between 3pm and 5pm, swing by 14445 Fiddletown Road and runners will bring your dinner to you curbside. See you then and there!

Cutoff date 3/7/2021
– Selling out **FAST**

MAR	10		*Fiddletown Public Cemetery	OCT	31	6:30pm – 9:00pm	HALLOWEEN PARTY
	13	3:00pm – 5:00pm	To-Go Goin' Gumbo		NOV	7	8:00am – 12:00pm
JUN	9	Time TBD	Fiddletown Public Cemetery*	NOV	25	Open 5:30pm, dine 6:30pm	Thanksgiving Potluck
JUL	4	11:00am – 4:00pm	Picnic in the Park	DEC	5	Starts at 5:00pm	Tree Lighting
	28 - 1	Time TBD	Set up booth for Amador Cty Fair		7	11:00am -4:00pm	GIVING TUESDAY
SEP	8	Time TBD	Fiddletown Public Cemetery*		8	Time TBD	Fiddletown Public Cemetery*
	18	11:00am – 5:00pm	Fiddlers' Jam	11	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Help For Holidays	

*Fiddletown Public Cemetery contact Lorna Cowan.

Recurring Monthly Events

For more information, contact the person listed

1 ST THURSDAY	6:30pm	TBD (Hall or Zoom)	FCC Community Meetings Susie Jones 530-503-7507 fiddletowncc@volcano.net
3 RD THURSDAY	5:30pm	TBD (Hall or Zoom)	Bingo Carolyn Goddard, 209-245-3179 fiddletowncc@volcano.net
1 ST MONDAY	7:00pm	TBD (Hall or Zoom)	Fiddletown 4h Deanna Bell, 209-781-5273 fiddletowncc@volcano.net
3 RD WEDNESDAY	1:00pm	TBD (Hall or Zoom)	Foothill Garden Club Laurie Taylor, 916-990-6906 fiddletowncc@volcano.net

FARE SAFE FIDDLETOWN

February: Defensible Space Month

Every month we bring you tips and news on wildfire preparedness. By taking steps to prepare our homes, property, animals, and selves, we can minimize a wildfire's impact on our lives.

Have a topic you are interested in? Let us know and we will do our best to provide information and answers. Deirdre Mueller
dmueller@blueoakranch.com or 209-418-5707.

NOW is the Perfect Time to Create Your Defensible Space

March is the perfect time to create defensible space by clearing brush:

- **100' from your home** (or to your property line). Don't forget to include your garage, barns, and shops.
- **20' from driveways** to eliminate creating a tunnel of fire so you can get out and firefighters can get in.
- **More is better.** If you live on acreage, consider clearing a fire break between you and neighboring properties.

Download a copy of the **CAL FIRE pamphlet** for further guidance on creating defensible space.

Visit ReadyForWildfire.org for more information about creating and maintaining defensible space.



A Bush a Day We know how daunting it can be trying to clear areas of brush, but breaking it down into smaller, doable amounts can make it easier. Instead of trying to clear large areas all at once, try cutting just one bush a day...seven bushes a week. It is an amount easier to clear and easier to burn. If you do this starting March 1st through May 1st, you will have cleared 56 bushes!

Burn, Baby Burn! Now is the best time to clear brush, pick up fallen branches, trim up the trees near your house, and burn leaves and tree debris. For information on burn permits and designated Burn Days, call 209-223-6246.

No Cost Chipping Services for Amador County Residents

Friday, April 9 and Saturday April 10

Fiddletown Firehouse, 14410 Jibboom Street

Fiddletown Community Wood Chipping Days

You're cutting bushes, but unsure what to do with the waste? Haul it to this special 2 day event and get it chipped - for FREE!

The Amador Resource Conservation District is providing Fiddletown with contractors to chip your "Green Waste." Take advantage of this opportunity and start clearing now!

Please, no large trees, building materials, general debris, and/or garbage. Go to amadorrcd.org/chipping-days for all restrictions.

A roadside chipping program is also available, please contact Vincent Campa at Vincent@AmadorRCD.org for more information.

Harden Your Home Video

National Interagency Fire Center shows us how we can keep our homes safe from wildfire.



Coming in March – *Listos!*

Using a grant awarded by the State of California, Fire Safe Fiddletown is partnering with [Listos California](#) to bring you tools and resources to help you prepare for and respond to the 2021 wildfire season.

Listos California is an emergency preparedness campaign to engage diverse and vulnerable Californians that is anchored at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

5 Steps you can take right now to harden your home



To block sparks from entering attics and cellars, all vents need to have 1/8 inch or tighter screen. Product examples:

- [Vulcan Vents](#) (available through Meeks) are the gold standard. If an ember hits the screen, the screen will fuse to close off any entry into your home.
- [Home Depot has vents](#) with slats in the front to prevent ember flow, and 1/8 inch screen on the back. Put another layer of metal screen behind that for extra protection.



Have metal gutters and keep them free of debris that could catch fire. Product examples:

- [Byers Leaf Guard](#) is the best, but again, it is pricey. The manufacturer says they will not clog, and if they do, they will clean it out.
- [Micro Mesh Gutter Guard](#) can be installed on your existing metal gutters to keep pine needles and debris out. Available at Home Depot and Lowes.



Remove all lawn growing next to your house for 5 feet of your house.

Install "rock mulch" or gravel or tiles or cement board along the edge of the house for at least 18 inches, and more is better. Keep dry dead leaves cleared from any greenery next to your home, and make sure your greenery does not ignite easily.



Harden your decks! Remove all items under your deck. Lattice is especially dangerous; put metal screen behind your lattice or just get rid of it. If you have a low deck, consider putting metal sheeting all around the base of it. Here is another excellent resource on Home Hardening from Fire Safe Marin.

<https://www.firesafemarin.org/home-hardening>