

## Looking Back, Looking Forward

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This September marks the 7-year anniversary of the Fire. For those of us who lived through the Fire, the memories of the devastation to people, wildlife and vegetation are still fresh in our minds. We still ask our friends and neighbors for their stories of where they were and how they are now. Many who lost their homes have moved on, many others have stayed and rebuilt. But continue to watch carefully those who burn leaf piles or trash, at the thought of careless fires getting out of control. The threat is always real and constant.

While we know that almost 2,000 homes were lost, we don't have an exact number as to how many of those homes were in Circle D. But we were severely impacted. And we do know that since the Fire, 163 applications to build a home have been approved by the board. These new homes indicate faith in the future and a commitment to the Circle D community.

That commitment to looking forward is also reflected in the Circle D Civic Association. In order to be more responsive to you, we have created this new website which we hope will provide the resources we all need to buy, build, and live in Circle D. With property owner involvement, updated by-laws were drafted and approved at the annual meeting. An office space in the fire station has been identified, and committees have been formed to address issues of importance to all of us.

One thing is for sure – change is inevitable and growth is a given. It's how we manage that change and growth that determines how successful we will be. We appreciate your suggestions and input. It's an exciting time to live in Circle D.