

# The Woods

A Newsletter from the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association  
Volume 2 – January 2016

Happy New Year!

## Holiday Party Recap

The community holiday party was December 12. A special thanks to Roger Tucker for his assistance in cleaning the Clubhouse and to Lisa Wood & Carol Eggink for their decorating skills and turning the Clubhouse into a winter wonderland.



Clubhouse decorated for the party.



JoAnn Huffman, Lisa Wood and Cindy Curtis

Next year's community holiday party will be Saturday, December 3, 2016.

## Water Company News

A reminder beginning December 1st outside watering is limited to one day per week. Odd numbered addresses may water on Saturday. Even numbered addresses may water on Sunday. The maximum allowable water usage per month is unchanged at 2,250 cubic feet per month.

We are officially off the spring as our additional source of water due to high turbidity levels after the storms.

We are now completely dependent on the wells to supply our needs. Continued water conservation is critical and we need everyone's cooperation. Thank you for your continued efforts in your water conservation. Since we are now receiving below freezing temperatures at night please take steps to protect your water pipes from freezing and/or rupture. If you need assistance please contact the CWPOA or Water Company for assistance at (559) 877-2635 or [cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net)

## Events and Meetings

- **CWPOA Board of Directors**  
Saturday, January 9, 2016 - 10:00 am at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**  
Saturday, January 16, 2016 - 10 am at 59657 Hillcrest Road
- **Water Company Board of Directors** Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Clubhouse

## BREAKFAST IN THE WOODS!

The CWPOA would like to invite all residents and friends to a community breakfast. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. before each of the next three Board of Directors meeting and if successful may continue indefinitely. The first breakfast menu will be pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs on January 9, 2016. There is no need to bring anything, but an appetite. Staying for the Board meeting is not required, so make sure not to miss a free breakfast. Hope to see you there!

## Classes at the Clubhouse

### Student Art Classes

JoAnn Huffman is a 40 year experienced artist in acrylic and oil. JoAnn volunteers her expertise to the children of Cascadel Woods. Classes are held at the Cascadel Woods Clubhouse each Friday after school from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Supplies are provided for each child and donations are accepted. JoAnn can be reached at (559) 877-6254.

## **Yoga Classes at the Yoga Barn**

### **Wednesday**

Viyassa Flow Yoga 9-10:15am

Mystical Flow Yoga 4-5:15pm

### **Thursday**

Mystical Flow Yoga 4-5:15pm

### **Friday**

Harmony Flow Yoga 9-10:15am

### **Saturday**

Cacao Meditation 8:30-9am

Cacao Mystical Yoga 9-10:30am

**Full Moon** Monthly Fire Ceremony at Fire Circle

**New Moon** Monthly Sound Healing Gathering at OM Barn

### **Classes provided by**

Vendantin and Gabriella Luo

Donations accepted for all classes.

Contact info: 559-877-7773

[schoolyoga@gmail.com](mailto:schoolyoga@gmail.com)

## **Winter Preparedness**

Please see enclosed attachments for helpful checklists on how to prepare for winter storms.

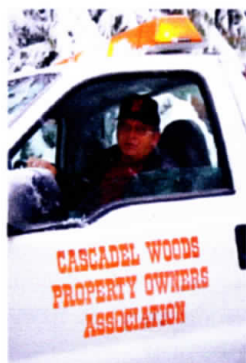
## **January Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Emily Susann!

## **Oh, Snowplow Man!**

While most of us were inside trying to keep warm and avoid the snow on Christmas Eve, our snowplow operator, Brian Curtis, was busy answering the call.

During the 24 hour period from Christmas Eve through Christmas Day, Brian pulled a car of one of our resident's from a ditch and rescued another family stranded outside the arch. He delivered a Christmas package for one neighbor and guided visitors to a house they were unable to locate for another. He also removed three trees that were blocking our roads and in his spare time managed to plow, sand and clear driveways. Thank you Brian, or is it Santa?



## **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

Sierra Star and Sierra News Online have posted many mailbox thefts recently, most likely due to the holidays so folks please keep an eye out and you may want to pick up mail each day to avoid theft.

Additionally, several of the CWPOA bulletin boards are in need of repair. If you have materials or time you would like to donate to fix them please contact Carol Eggink at (559) 877-6290.

## **Local News**

1,100 dead trees were recently removed along Malum Ridge Road (274) to mitigate roadway hazards. This project was completed in collaboration between Cal Fire's Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit, U.S Forest Service and Madera County Road and Sheriff Departments.

Denise Tolmie was recently selected as the new District Ranger for the Bass Lake Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest. Congratulations and welcome, Denise!

## **Your Newsletter**

We hope you enjoyed the December and January Newsletter. Please send your suggestions or submissions for the next newsletter, including any local news or information regarding birthdays, meetings classes, etc. to share with the community, to Aimee Cox at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com) by January 27, 2016. Thank you and Happy New Year!



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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Saturday, January 9, 2016  
10:15am, Cascadel Woods Clubhouse

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*The CWPOA is hosting the first "BREAKFAST IN THE WOODS" event from 9:30 to 10:15, at the Clubhouse, prior to the Board Meeting, Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice & Coffee. No charge, bring friends and family. No obligation to attend the Board Meeting.*

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**Call to Order (after breakfast) – Confirm Quorum of Board**

**Approve Agenda**

**Approve Minutes dated November 14, 2015**

**Reports:**

- a. President's Report
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Water Company Report –Operator

**Member Comments: Open Discussion**

**Correspondence Received**

**Advisory Committee Reports**

- a. Policy & Procedures
- b. Neighborhood Watch

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Repair Bulletin Boards
- b. Open

**New Business:**

- a. Discussion on CWPOA newsletter: "The Woods"
- b. Discussion on CWPOA "Breakfast in the Woods"

**Review Action Items**

**Closed Session (if Needed)**

**Reconvene to Open Session (if needed)**

**Report on Closed Session (if needed)**

**Adjourn Meeting**

## How to prepare for El Niño storms

### **DRIVING TIPS**

- Do not drive through flooded areas. It's hard to tell what's beneath the water's surface or how deep it is.
- Be vigilant driving on roads where the flood waters have receded; roads could be weakened by the rains.
- If your windshield wipers are on, your headlights should be too
- Gas up your car now before the storm hits
- In the unlikely event a power line falls on your car, stay inside the vehicle and wait for a trained professional to help you.
- Stay alert for vehicle hydroplaning. If you feel your car start to hydroplane, here are instructions on what to do.
- Gently apply brakes and avoid sharp turns
- Leave extra distance between your car and the next motorist
- Open the window a crack if you're caught in stalled traffic to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning

### **STORM SUPPLIES TO KEEP ON-HAND**

- Bottled water: The Red Cross recommends one gallon per person per day. If the power goes out, you may not be able to use well water if electricity to the pump isn't flowing, or flooding may contaminate your water source.
- Nonperishable food
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Candles and matches
- Toilet paper: You never realize how much you need toilet paper until you don't have any.
- Cash: If your local stores lose power, they may stay open but credit card readers won't work.
- A fully charged cell phone: Now is not the time to let your battery go into the red zone. Backup chargers that don't require electricity are also a good idea.
- A battery-operated radio for news broadcasts (if you have a scanner or amateur radio, you can find the NOAA weather frequencies here)

### **IF YOU HAVE A PET**

- Make sure they have enough food (and water)
- Designate an emergency pet sitter if you can't get home due to weather
- Make sure your pet is wearing an ID tag or is micro chipped. Scared pets can run off during storms.
- Bring outdoor pets indoors for the duration of the storm

Source: <http://m.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/How-to-prepare-for-El-Nino-storms-6681672.php>

**Winter Weather Checklists:** Stock up on emergency supplies for communication, food safety, heating and vehicles in case a storm hits.

### **Communication Checklist**

Make sure you have at least one of the following in case there is a power failure:

- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered radio, with extra batteries, for listening to local emergency instructions
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio receiver for listening to National Weather Service broadcasts. Learn more about [NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards](#)

Find out how your community warns the public about severe weather:

- Siren
- Radio
- Television
- Local public health and [emergency management](#) websites
- Listen to emergency broadcasts.
- Make a [Family Communication Plan](#). Your family may not be together during an extreme winter event, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do during an emergency.
- Be sure to check on older neighbors and family members; assist as necessary.

Know what winter storm warning terms mean:

- **Winter Weather Advisory:** Expect winter weather condition (e.g., accumulation of snow, freezing rain, and sleet) that could cause severe inconvenience and life-threatening hazards.
- **Frost/Freeze Warning:** Expect below-freezing temperatures.
- **Winter Storm Watch:** Be alert; a storm is likely.
- **Winter Storm Warning:** Take action; the storm is in or entering the area.
- **Blizzard Warning:** Seek refuge immediately! Snow and strong winds, near-zero visibility, deep snow drifts, and life-threatening wind chill.
- **Other terms are available from [NOAA](#).**

### **Heating Checklist**

Turning on the stove for heat is not safe; have at least one of the following heat sources in case the power goes out:

- Extra blankets, sleeping bags, and warm winter coats
- Fireplace with plenty of dry firewood or a gas log fireplace
- Portable space heaters or kerosene heaters
- Check with your local fire department to make sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements.
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.
- Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes.
- Have the following safety equipment:
  - Chemical fire extinguisher
  - Smoke alarm in working order (Check prior to winter storm season and change batteries, if needed.)
  - Carbon monoxide detector (Check prior to winter storm season and change batteries, if needed.)
- Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use the generator or appliances if they are wet.
- Do not store gasoline indoors where the fumes could ignite.
- Use individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords to plug in other appliances.

### **Cooking and Lighting Checklist**

- Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns.
- Never use charcoal grills or portable gas camp stoves indoors. The fumes are deadly.
- Avoid using candles as these can lead to house fires.
- If you do use candles, never leave lit candles alone.

### **Food and Safety Checklist**

Have a week's worth of food and safety supplies. If you live far from other people, have more supplies on hand. Make sure you have the following supplies:

- Drinking water
- Canned/no-cook food (bread, crackers, dried fruits)
- Non-electric can opener
- Baby food and formula (if baby in the household)
- Prescription drugs and other medicine
- First-aid kit
- Rock-salt to melt ice on walkways
- Supply of cat litter or bag of sand to add traction on walkways
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered lamps or lanterns  
(To prevent the risk of fire, avoid using candles.)

### **Water Checklist**

- Keep a water supply. Extreme cold can cause water pipes in your home to freeze and sometimes break.
- Leave all water taps slightly open so they drip continuously.
- Keep the indoor temperature warm.
- Allow more heated air near pipes. Open kitchen cabinet doors under the kitchen sink.
- If your pipes do freeze, do not thaw them with a torch. Thaw the pipes slowly with warm air from an electric hair dryer.
- If you cannot thaw your pipes, or if the pipes have broken open, use bottled water or get water from a neighbor's home.
- Fill the bathtub or have bottled water on hand.
- In an emergency, if no other water is available, snow can be melted for water. Bringing water to a rolling boil for one minute will kill most germs but won't get rid of chemicals sometimes found in snow.

### **Car and Emergency Checklist**

Minimize travel, but if travel is necessary, keep the following in your vehicle:

- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Water
- Snack food
- Extra hats, coats, and mittens
- Blankets
- Chains or rope
- Tire chains
- Canned compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair
- Road salt and sand
- Booster cables
- Emergency flares
- Bright colored flag or help signs
- First aid kit
- Tool kit
- Road maps
- Compass
- Waterproof matches and a can to melt snow for water
- Paper towels

Source: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/beforestorm/supplylists.asp>