

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS

Happy
Mother's
Day

MAY 12



Armed Forces Day
May 18

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GRANT WORK on CSA

You may have noticed hazard tree removal going on these past couple of weeks. Apparently Madera County has given us some of the benefits of a grant for Tree Mortality on our CSA-21 open areas. Madera contracted with Blue Ridge Services, Inc. to manage their grant. One hundred and sixty (160) trees have been marked for felling. The felled logs are to be removed from the property and the slash is being chipped.



According to Ahmad Alkhayat of the Madera County Public Works Department, the Sheriff's Department is overseeing this grant and there will be no charges to the CSA-21 funds from Blue Ridge Services.



ROAD COMMITTEE Submitted by Ed Rose

Now that the weather is stabilizing we will focus to assigning the prioritized road repairs; pot hole filling, getting the bridge rated for load and estimates to repair the concrete ford (stream crossing) at the falls area. We appreciate the concern and participation we are receiving from the community to support our initiative for road care.

WEBSITE

Cascadel Woods website is now up for your viewing pleasure. The site is: <http://cascadelinternet.com>. The past three years of both Board Minutes and their Financials are on the site.

All of the past **THE WOODS** Newsletters are posted in case you would like to review past events. Due to the website containing the Newsletter, effective June 1st we plan to end mailing the newsletter. If you do not have access to the web, please let the office know and you will be mailed a hard copy of the newsletter. The office phone is 559.877.2635. We would like to hear from you regarding our new site. Example: Would you like to have the availability to pay your water bills on line? Think about what you would like to see on the site. Please let us know. We are already going to add Picture Galleries to the site and resident participation is requested. Send your pictures to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE

During April, two Fire Brigade members cleared fallen trees blocking access to the water company facilities. A licensed contractor was hired to grade the access roads which were severely damaged due to water erosion from this past winter's weather. Additional work is scheduled for these access roads. Two Fire Brigade members and one volunteer CMWC Director, Ed Rose, completed the hydrant flushing. The mailbox cluster across from the clubhouse was also cleared.

FIREWISE BRIGADE'S ANNUAL BBQ

The wildfire prevention and educational event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10AM – 2PM. The Firewise Brigade will once again have the BBQ going; cooking ribs, burgers and hot dogs. Some drinks will be provided and all the necessary plates and utensils. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for 20 person hours of labor for fuel clearances on your private



property. This work could include raking, trimming low hanging branches on the trees, chipping and splitting previously cut rounds into fire wood.

Raffle tickets will be available at the BBQ. Winner to be chosen during the BBQ. The tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Fire Brigade thanks you for your support. The proceeds from the raffle enables the Fire Brigade to keep up with the roadside clearances and open field clearing for the community's wildfire protection. We have invited the following speakers to attend: CAL FIRE, USFS and COPS.

GET READY For WILDFIRE SEASON

A few of our close neighbors lost everything in the Mission Fire. One thing they wished they had done was to record the items in their homes. Now is the time to get to work on recording your personal items with pictures and serial numbers as well as any receipts you may have for the items when purchased. Put all this on an external hard drive or flash drive. Keep this in your "Go Bag" for evacuations.

It is Rattle Snake Season By Gina Clugston Sierra News Online

Rattlesnakes are generally not aggressive and usually strike only when threatened or deliberately provoked. Given room, they will retreat. Most snake bites occur when a



rattlesnake is handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing. The majority of snakebites occur on the hands, feet and ankles. Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a cell phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in. For more first aid information please visit California Poison Control at www.calpoison.com.

Source: **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**
This article was taken from Sierra News Online March 24, 2019 post by Gina Clugston.

Snow Survey At Phillips Station Is 200 Percent Of Average

Sierra News Online - Posted By Gina Clugston April 2, 2019
SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today conducted the fourth Phillips Station snow survey of 2019. The manual survey recorded 106.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent

(SWE) of 51 inches, which is 200 percent of average for this location.

Statewide, the Sierra Nevada snowpack is 162 percent of average.

Snowpack is an important factor in determining how DWR manages California's water resources each year to meet demands. On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs as it melts into streams and reservoirs in the spring and early summer to meet water demands throughout the year.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **May 4 – Firewise BBQ**
10AM for meeting – 12 noon for BBQ
- **May 10 Request for Nominations of CMWC Director to be mailed.**

NEXT MONTH

- **June 7- Mail CMWC Ballots/Proxy**
- **Jun 8 - Annual Road 233 Roadside Clearing Event**
Beginning around 8AM- Get your weed whacker in working condition and meet us out there.
- **Jun 14 – CMWC Board Meeting**
4PM – CDC Conference room
- **Jun 15 – Firewise Meeting**
9AM – Work Day Clearing Roadsides and tall grasses for fuels reduction.
- **Jun 22 – Annual CMWC Membership Meeting**



HISTORIC RAILROAD OPENS FOR THE SEASON



FISH CAMP – The Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad opens this weekend and now, before the crowds of summer

arrive, is a beautiful time to visit. Tickets are available starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 6.

Just 15 minutes from Oakhurst and 4 miles south of the entrance to Yosemite National Park, the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad offers excursions with authentic, historic Shay locomotives and Jenny Railcars. <https://www.myyosemitepark.com/park/yosemite-mountain-sugar-pine-railroad>

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the June Newsletter by May 25, 2019 to Carol Eggink at eggink@netptc.net.