THE WOODS A Newsletter From The Cascadel Woods

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Monday MAY 30

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day - May 7

The Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade received a \$500 grant from State Farm to rent a chipper to assist community members with reducing slash and debris from tree removal efforts. If you are interested in helping reduce our community's wildfire risk, please meet at the Clubhouse at 9:00 am on Saturday May 7 and bring gloves and water. *Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.* See attached article from The Sierra Star News paper.

More Grants

The CWPOA recently received a \$33,000 fuel reduction grant from PG&E. This funding is provided to help communities near PG&E infrastructure reduce their fire risk and fuel loading. The work will be contracted locally and will begin in May/June. Thank you to residents who have returned completed release forms for work to be conducted on your property.

The CWPOA, in partnership with the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSRC&DC), recently applied for \$50,000 in fuel reduction funding through the CA Fire Safe Council. A generous match for this application was committed to by CalFire to provide the Mt. Bullion Crew to assist our community if funds are received. YSRC&DC, CWPOA, Cascadel Mutual Water Company, Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade also provided in-kind match commitments.

Water Company News

As of April 15, the community returned to summer watering rules. Odd numbered addresses- Saturday. Even numbered addresses - Sunday.

The maximum allowable water usage per month is unchanged at 2250 cubic feet per month.

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Company at (559) 877-2635 or <u>cascadelwoods@netptc.net</u>

Events and Meetings

- **CWPOA Board of Directors Meeting** Saturday, May 14 10:15 am at the Clubhouse. Agenda enclosed.
- **Breakfast in the Woods** A complimentary breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs and coffee will be served starting 9:30 a.m. prior to the May 14 CWPOA Board Meeting
- Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade Saturday, May 21 - 10 a.m. at 59657 Hillcrest Road.
- Water Company Board of Directors NEXT MONTH - Friday, Jun 10 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- Children's Art Class Thursday's - 3:30 PM at Clubhouse

Birthdays

Ava Thiesen - May 7 Cindy Curtis - May 16 Brian Curtis - May 31



Congratulations!!!!

We would like to welcome Baby Luke Branen Guizar into this world. He was born to Graham and Joy on April 3 at 6:52 AM. He weighed in at 6 lbs 10 ozs and 19.75 in long. A beautiful child!



Local News

North Fork Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Annual Tri-Tip BBQ

Our thanks to all who attended the Annual Tri-Tip BBQ for the benefit of our North Fork Station 11 Fire Fighters. The food was wonderful (as always), the drawing outstanding, and the support of the community was beyond wonderful!

We served 372 meals and realized a net income of just under \$6000 that will be put to good use purchasing equipment for our fire station. Our community was able to learn more about emergency services through a "jaws of life" demonstration, and discussions with the personnel of the Sky Life helicopter and the CHP helicopter, Sierra Ambulance, the Madera Support Unit, and the Sheriff's Department MC Alert program, and, of course, fire fighters from Station 11 and Cal Fire Rancheria.

We also paid tribute to two individuals who will be sorely missed: Frank Verduzco, who gave 43 years to NF Station 11, and Volney Dunavan, who gave countless hours to our community and to the FD Auxiliary.

Thank you, Cascadel Woods folks, for your support of our wonderful Station 11 personnel who give so much to our community and keep us safe.

Sandy Chaille

Ponderosa Pine Seedlings Available For Replanting

The Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District has bare root one-year-old ponderosa pine seedlings available for the public. Visit the Bass Lake District Office in North Fork. Open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30 pm.

Water Levels in Our Lakes

According to reports in the Fresno Bee the current percentage of capacity in the surrounding lakes are as follows:

As of March		As of May
Bass Lake	59%	73%
Huntington Lake	41%	45%
Mammoth Pool	24%	35%
Millerton Lake	50%	56%
Shaver Lake	62%	57%
Pine Flat Res.	25%	52%

Cascadel Dogwood Trees in Bloom





Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter, to Aimee Cox at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com by May 30.