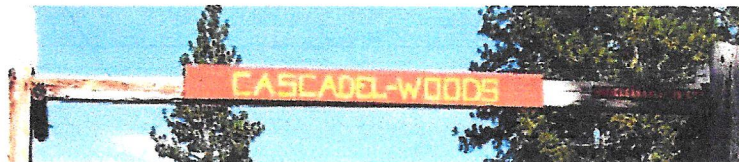


# THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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October 31



Holiday Party

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## Grants

### 2016 CAL FIRE State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program

Several local organizations, including the CWPOA, have submitted grant applications under this program, which include proposals to assist residents of our community with dead tree removal. Grant selection will be November 2016 and the announcement of awards is expected in January/February 2017.

### 2016 State Fire Assistance Program (SFA)

The *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project* application submitted by the CWPOA and sponsored by the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSRCDC) has been preliminarily selected for \$50,000 in grant funding under the 2016 SFA Grants Clearinghouse Program funded by the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC).

This wildfire prevention funding is provided through a master grant to CFSC by the U.S. Forest Service State Fire Assistance Program (SFA). This program emphasizes fire risk reduction activities by landowners and residents in at-risk communities to restore and maintain resilient landscapes and create fire-adapted communities.

This funding will be used to remove dead trees, logs and hazardous fuels on private property within the Cascadel Woods subdivision.

The CWPOA will be working with YSRCDC to pursue bids for dead removal contracts and schedule in-kind work to be supported by the Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee, Cascadel Fire Brigade and CAL Fire's Mount Bullion Crew. Please contact Stan Eggink, President, CWPOA at (559) 877-6290 or Brian Curtis, Project Manager at (559) 877-4379 for more information.

## Debris Chipping in The Woods

This project is to clear debris from the roadsides and private property at your request. This project is not to remove debris created by the PG&E crews. Chipping and removal of smaller dead trees/brush will continue on the road easements as

possible so not to interfere with the work being done by the PG&E crews.

The use of this chipper and the time spent by volunteers help to remove hazardous fuels from the community and contribute to the community's in-kind cost share requirements of our new SFA grant.



If you have been collecting slash piles for chipping on your property, please let us know and we will try to get to you this month. Please remember your piles need to be close to the road or accessible with the chipper and you must have a place to pile the chips, if you're not sure give us a call so we can check it out before we begin.

**Contact Info:** Please contact Warren Cox at [warrenc@sti.net](mailto:warrenc@sti.net) or at (559) 760-9082 if you are interested in having piles chipped or would like to assist in volunteering to make our community more fire safe.

The chipper is on loan from the YSRCDC.

Again, a big Thank You to YSRCDC for their continued assistance to our community.

## Events and Meetings

### CWPOA Board of Directors Meeting

The **Annual Membership Meeting of the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association** will be held at the Clubhouse on October 22 at 10:00 am to be followed by a community potluck at approximately noon. Hope to see you there!

- **Water Company Board of Directors** Friday, October 14 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade** Saturday, October 15 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Annual Membership Meeting of the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association** will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m. with potluck to follow at noon
- **CWPOA Holiday Potluck**



December 03, 2016 at the Clubhouse

## Local Events



### Chili Cook-off and Pie & Cake Bake-off

Sat. October 15, 2016 at 11:00am  
**Bandit Town**  
55420 Road 226 North Fork

## Coarsegold's Tarantula Festival



October 29, 2016  
10:30 am – 6:00pm  
31899 Hwy 41 – Coarsegold

## “Trunk or Treat” and “Free Coat Giveaway”



Fri. October 31 5 pm – 7 pm  
North Fork Christian Center across  
from the North Fork Market.  
Free hot dogs and bounce house!

## County Service Area-21

The Madera County Board of Supervisors agreed to release up to \$31,000 of our CSA funds for the removal of dead trees threatening private homes surrounding the CSA fields. This took place during the Board's regular meeting of September 20, 2016. It took the combined efforts of residents and county officials four months to get this project going. The work should begin the first week of October.

### Tree Removal Crews

PG&E Subcontractors are currently felling trees and removing debris on private property. This effort is expected to continue for several months.

### Road Maintenance

All roadwork planned for fall/winter 2016 will be discussed at the October 22, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting of the CWPOA.

## Water Company News

The Spring/Summer recommended outdoor watering effective June 10, 2016 is as follows:  
**Odd addresses:** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
**Even addresses:** Wednesday, Friday & Sunday  
**No outside watering on Mondays. No watering allowed between 10am and 6pm on any day.**

Maximum monthly usage without penalty is 2500 cubic feet. Usage over 2500 cubic feet per month billed at \$0.05 per cubic foot. Additionally, monthly usage over 3000 cubic feet will incur a fine of \$50.00 for each 500 cubic foot increment or portion thereof.

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Company at (559) 877-2635 or [cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net)

We will be shifting to the Fall-Winter watering schedule in November.

## Local News

In an arrangement with U.S. Forest Service, the County of Madera Road Department is in the process of removing hazard trees along Road 233 creating a much safer ingress and egress to our community.

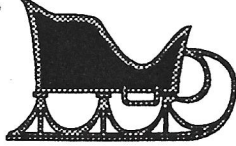
## Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox by October 28, 2016 at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com).

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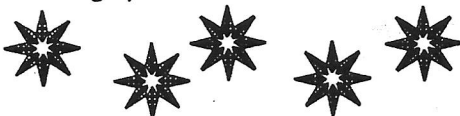


## **CASCADEL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD BRIEFS**

The board established a regular work day as the second Saturday of each month, planned the upgrade and installation of a culvert of the Cascadel back road, and voted to put up a chain at the entrance of the back road for the winter to prevent further road damage. A siren will be purchased to warn the community in case of hazard or fire. Regular board meetings are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. and any member may attend.

## **CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COM- PANY PROGRESS**

Water Board President Brian Curtis reports at the board meeting to be December 19th, Barry Hampson will present the draft package (contract) for the new system. After board approval, a full meeting of the share holders will be scheduled. "We're looking to break ground in April or as weather will allow," Brian said. "The survey crew from QUAD Engineering has been establishing the elevations to connect aerial photographs with ground control to draw up the final plans." he added. "The preliminary maps and plans for the construction are now available in the office for viewing by all interested residents."



## **GREET BOARD MEMBER BRIAN CURTIS AND CYNTHIA CURTIS**

Meeting on a blind date, this cheery couple scurried to Winter Carnival activities: snow sculpturing, concerts of Peter, Paul, and Mary, The Kingston Trio, and a basketball game! A little play but far more study time resulted in Brian earning his BA in Forest Management and Cynthia in Mathematics from the University of Maine in Orno.

After graduating, Brian worked for the Ohio U.S. Forest Service and after a year there, they returned to Maine where Brian continued to work for the Forest Service while Cindy took classes leading to the teaching credential and later taught algebra. Peter was born there while Scott was born in Wisconsin, where they lived for six years. Finally came the big move to sunny Cascadel in 1976.

Brian is now based in Oakhurst. As a Resource Officer, he is in charge of Special Use Permits, Recreational Management, and Mining Claims. His area is from Bass Lake to the Merced River Canyons--about 200,000 acres.

"Customer Service is the most interesting challenge and also being near Yosemite. The National Park land is next door, so it makes work particularly fascinating," Brian commented.

"My fascination is also in customer service, fielding requests," Cindy added.

"One of the reasons we've stayed put is because the people are so friendly in Cascadel." they agreed. Cindy enrolled son Scott in a 'Child

Observation and Parenting School' preschool in North Fork. She liked it so much, she began teaching there the following year. With her California Adult Education Credential she has been teaching two days a week, and has served as Cascadel Woods Secretary since 1978.

Activity lovers, this busy couple enjoy golfing, biking, bowling, and family. "Another fine aspect of living here is the healthy feel and our seasonal changes. It's rural and a kind of a comfort zone, similar to our

place back east. We found Cascadel a great place to raise our boys. Although both are in Fresno now, they like to come back often."

Brian concluded, "Volunteering for our community is really an extension of our work. Each requires an enjoyment of people and serving their needs."

Cascadel residents are fortunate to have two such amiable and skillful volunteers in our midst.

## **WHY NOT JUST PAY SOMEONE TO DO IT?**

-Dan Dion

As residents of Cascadel Woods we are very fortunate to have the open space of the County Service Area and the facilities of the Clubhouse. However, these assets require upkeep and maintenance. So why not just hire people to do it? We could, but it would require an increase in assessments which nobody wants. There are reasons, beyond the savings in expenditures, that we benefit by do-

