

THE WOODS
A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



PG&E

Crew Goes Above and Beyond

A few months ago, PG&E crews had to top a dead Ponderosa Pine being used as a power pole in the front yard of Emily Sarice Susann who lives on Cascadel Drive. After the tree had been topped, Emily's neighbor, Forrest Negrete, made a birdhouse for her and he placed the birdhouse on top of the tree, giving Emily something nice to see other than a topped tree.



Then several weeks ago, Emily noticed markings on the street which indicated PG&E was about to switch out the dead tree with a real power pole. Not wanting to lose the birdhouse, Emily placed a sign on the tree asking the crews to save the birdhouse for her.

The PG&E crew arrived while Emily was home. The crew chief, Nick Cramer asked Emily if she would like the birdhouse placed on the

new pole. Emily excitedly told Nick, "Yes! Yes! Yes!" Nick had his crew place the birdhouse to its new and permanent location atop the new power pole.



Emily emailed Nick sharing her gratefulness of his generous heartfelt spirit. Nick replied, "It was a pleasure to be able to help a little. I'm born and raised mountain boy and it weighs heavy on my heart to see all of our trees dying. Seeing the joy it brought you (Emily) definitely made me and my team's day. So thank you."

Grants

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

The CWPOA Directors recently met to discuss the grant agreement for the preliminary award of \$129,391 granted to the Foundation for Resource Conservation, Inc., a local non-profit that the CWPOA partnered with to assist residents with hazard tree removal in Cascadel Woods.

These funds are to help reduce the public safety threat of trees at risk of falling on roads, homes, and other infrastructure within the community of Cascadel Woods.

The CWPOA Directors are in process of updating the release forms, to access properties for 2017, which will be mailed separately to property owners for signature by mid January.

2016 State Fire Assistance Program (SFA) California Fire Safe Council Grant

The 2016 SFA Grants Clearinghouse Program, funded by the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), is issuing a sub award for the *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project* grant to the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSRDCDC). Advance payments for non-ground disturbing activities are currently being processed and funds are expected to be received within the next month.

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

The CWPOA is recording match and expenses for in-kind work supported by the CWPOA, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee and Cascadel Fire Brigade. *If you wish to support the in-kind contribution for this grant, please provide documentation of your efforts to remove dead trees, logs and hazardous fuels from your properties, as indicated on the enclosed form.* Please contact Stan Eggink, President, CWPOA at (559) 877-6290 or egginks@netptc.net or Aimee Cox, Secretary, CWPOA at (559) 760-7235 or aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com for more information.

Events and Meetings

- **Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors**
Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**
Saturday, January 21 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse

NEXT MONTH

- **Water Company Board of Directors**
Friday, February 10 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Debris Chipping in The Woods

The Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee and Cascadel Fire Brigade are sponsoring this on-going project 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.

Contact Info: Please contact Warren Cox, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee Chairman, at warrenc32559@gmail.com 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.

Local News

North Fork Pump has been sold. Justin DeMasters worked for North Fork Pump and now has his own business to take over for the residents he has been servicing these past 20 years. His business is Justin DeMasters Pump. You can contact him at: (559) 760-6360.

New CWPOA/Water Company website coming soon. What would you like to see included?

Water Company News

The Water Co. purchased a replacement portable generator to operate tools and lights for emergency repairs as well as provide power to operate one of the well pumps if the necessary.

The Winter recommended outdoor watering effective Nov 1, 2016 is as follows:

Outside watering allowed only 1 day per week

Odd addresses: Saturday

Even addresses: Sunday

No watering allowed between 10am and 6pm

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



The Pond is at capacity once again.

Thanks to Aimee for the Pic.

Long

Time Residents' Passing

Gerald "Jerry" Scharton, age 75 passed away on December 15, 2016. He was born on May 4, 1941 in Fresno CA.

Remembrances may be made to Community Regional Burn Unit, PO Box 1232, Fresno, CA 93715

Alice Bishop passed away on December 22, 2016 in Oakhurst.

One of her son's, Grant, was our water system operator prior to 1995.

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox, CWPOA Secretary, by January 28, 2017 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com.