

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION VOLUME 15 FEBRUARY 2017



PG&E Expanded Debris Management Program

We are happy to announce the arrival of crews to remove the trees felled by PG&E contractors last year. Hopefully you have signed up for this program. It was announced in the August and September issues of this newsletter.

As of February 2, PG&E has issued work orders for eleven properties for removal of downed trees from private properties. More to come.

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

The grant agreement has been submitted 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. The grant is scheduled to fund in March.

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.

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

A request for proposals, seeking professional tree service contractors to provide tree felling and removal services on the *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project*, will go out for public bid

through the YSRCDC on February 1. The start date for this 2-year grant was October 1, 2016.

The CWPOA is recording match and expenses for in-kind work supported by the CWPOA, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee, Cascadel Fire Brigade and private property owners.

Please Remember to fill out your In Kind Form and get in to the CWPOA Board. If you need another form or have questions regarding what you can put on the form, 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.

And a special Thank You to all of you who have already submitted your In-Kind Forms. The response has been impressive! Thanks for your support.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day May 6, 2017

Applications are being accepted now through March 3 for a \$500 grant to be used on a [National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) project.

Since 2014, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has been partnering with State Farm to provide communities with seed money to grow their wildfire preparedness projects. These projects include youth-oriented work, fire prevention projects, community clean-up days, planting Firewise gardens, chipping days and more.



Last year, the Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade received a \$500

grant to rent equipment to provide chipping and wood splitting services to several residents to reduce wildfire risk on their properties. Please let the CWPOA know if you have ideas for a Wildfire Community Preparedness project (www.WildfirePrepDay.org), a grant proposal or other solutions to address wildfire risk in 2017 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com

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.

Events and Meetings

- **Water Company Board of Directors**
Postponed to April
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**
Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse

NEXT MONTH

- **Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors**
Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse

Road Maintenance

Emergency road repair work was recently completed due to the recent storms bringing heavy rain and snow. Thanks to the Snow Plow Man, Brian Curtis for the many days of plowing and sanding.

The roads continue to suffer and deteriorate due to the



flooding and heavy equipment. The CWPOA is currently getting estimates for the many repairs that will be required very soon.

We experienced heavy damage to the Clubhouse parking lot due to overgrowth in the streambeds and the massive amount of water flowing across the lot. We were fortunate to have the assistance of Forrest Negrete and his tractor to fill in the holes and ruts. A great job Forrest!

We are working with Fish and Wildlife as well as the County of Madera to get these issues resolved.

Water Company News

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

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.



Brian Curtis and Ken Wood noticed unusual water meter activity in a part timer's home while taking meter readings. The meter was turned off and the absent homeowner was notified immediately. Unfortunately, a leak was discovered in the kitchen, which caused extensive damage.



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

Damage Caused by the Weather

Many of our residents have suffered property damage the past two months due to fallen trees and cold weather.

Even the CWPOA and Water Company offices located at the Old Mill Site suffered severe flooding. Brian & Cindy had to relocate some office equipment and temporarily conduct business from their home. Business is being conducted as usual.

The CDC management is working to correct the problem. No fishing license is currently required if you wish to go visit the office and fish.



On an official note: Punxsutawney Phil has just determined that there will be six more weeks of Winter.

Trash and Recycling Service

If you are interested in trash pick up service, please contact the EMADCO office in Oakhurst. If approximately 30 residents sign up, these services can be provided in Cascadel Woods. Please contact EMADCO at 559-683-4680 or www.emadcodisposal.com.

Destination Imagination

You may have caught the notice on the subdivision bulletin boards regarding Free Ponderosa Pine Seedlings. In the midst of all the devastation of the dead trees standing and on the ground, there are four girls offering to plant a seedling in your yard to help in the reforestation effort. Two of these girls live in Cascadel Woods.

We have included the flyer, which contains all the information you should need, and contacts to get

on their list or receive more details. We hope you support these girls in this wonderful outreach project they have taken on for the good of the community. Remember, it is first come first served as they have a limited supply of seedlings.

Local Business



We would like to congratulate Mr. Pat Coleman, a resident of Cascadel Woods, for becoming the new owner of Coleman & Sons Hardware in down town North Fork.

Along with the regular items found in a hardware store, Pat is also renting various types of equipment. Be sure to call him before you make a trip to Oakhurst or Fresno to see if he has what you need.

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox, CWPOA Secretary, by February 25, 2017 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com.

If you have a business and would like some advertising, email us with your business card.

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and
Happy President's Day*