

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Sunday March 12



Friday March 17

Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors

Our March CWPOA Board of Directors Meeting is being POSTPONED until Saturday, April 8, 2017 due to conditions at the Clubhouse.

CSA 21

The parking lot received considerable damage from run-off and erosion, which has led to facilities being temporarily unavailable until repairs can be made.

Madera County has been notified of the serious damage and will be sending materials for the CWPOA to repair the parking lot. The cost of repairs will come from the CSA 21 funds.

As of February 15, 2017, there is \$36,996.41 in the CSA 21 account.

Annual Firewise Community Day

The Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade invite you to the Annual Firewise Community Day on Saturday May 20, 2017 from 10 am to noon.

A BBQ lunch will be provided and guest speakers tentatively include representatives from CalFire, U.S. Forest Service, and Madera Sheriffs' Office.

Additionally, the Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade is offering 20 person hours of volunteer fuel reduction labor as a raffle prize in support of this event. A flyer with more details will be provided in your April edition of "The Woods".

Grants

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

A grant agreement between CalFire and Foundation for Resource Conservation, Inc. (FRC) is in place. The CWPOA is working with FRC on advance payment requests so contract tree removal can begin as well as drawing funds to purchase equipment to assist with hazard tree removal.

Funding went into effect March 1.

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

A request for proposals seeking professional tree service contractors to provide tree felling and removal services on the *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project* went out for public bid through Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation Development Council in early February 2017. Proposals from several local contractors were received and a contractor was selected. The next step is to complete the contract and confirm with CalFire that the environmental clearance is complete, a requirement under this grant for ground disturbing work.

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 property owners.

THANK YOU!!!!

The CWPOA asked for your help in reaching our goals for the in-kind match of \$30,000 and WOW did YOU support this effort! The community has contributed \$42,742.59 worth of in-kind match as of March 3, 2017!

Please contact Stan Eggink, President, CWPOA at (559) 877-6290 egginks@netptc.net or Aimee Cox, Secretary, CWPOA at (559) 760-7235 aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com for more information.

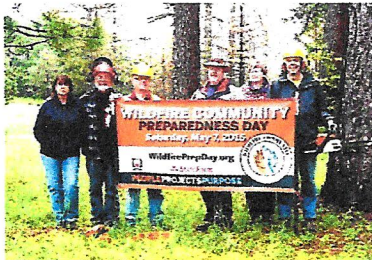
Wildfire Community Preparedness Day May 17

The Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade has submitted an application for a \$500 grant coincident with a [National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) (NWCPD) project.

Since 2014, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) partnered with State Farm to provide communities with seed money to grow their wildfire preparedness projects.

Our project proposal includes a **May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Chipping Event** to be held here in Cascadel Woods. In addition, if awarded, these grant funds will go towards payment of the nominal daily rate for the Mount Bullion Conservation Camp Crews to assist the community with wildfire risk reduction work.

Last year, the Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade received this \$500 grant to rent equipment to



FROM 2016 NWCPD

provide chipping and also wood splitting services to several residents to reduce wildfire risk on their properties. Please contact Warren Cox, Chairman of the Cascadel Firewise Committee, if you are interested in participating in the May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day chipping event to be held here in Cascadel Woods.

The Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade is looking for volunteers to join us one Saturday each month for 1 – 4 hours depending if it is a training day, workday or meeting only. If interested contact Warren Cox at 559-760-9082 or email warrenc32559@gmail.com.

Debris Chipping in The Woods

The Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee and Cascadel Fire Brigade are sponsoring this ongoing 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.

Please see information about the **May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Chipping Event** here in Cascadel Woods above.

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

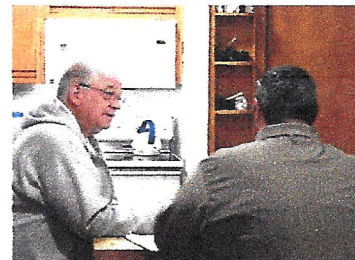
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**
Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at the home of Warren and Aimee Cox at 59657 Hillcrest Road

NEXT MONTH

- **Water Company Board of Directors**
Friday, April 14 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors**
Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse

Tree Removal Crews

PG&E subcontractor BKW Inc. is coordinating



activities with the CWPOA President, Stan Eggink, to ensure all PG&E logs are being accounted for and removed under "The PG&E Expanded Debris Management Program".

This program allows for the continued removal of PG&E felled trees from private property.

In an effort to prevent further damage to the roads and private property BKW Inc. will delay clean up activity at the east end of Cascadel Woods for a short time to allow the roads and property more time to dry out.

This debris removal is expected to continue for several months. Additionally, ACRT was just in the subdivision marking more trees for felling.

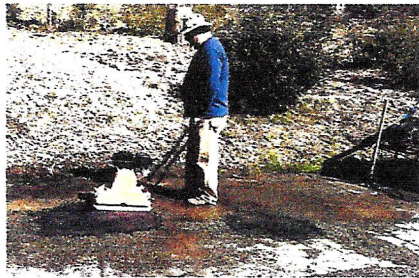
Road Maintenance

Between the heavy equipment and the rains of Jan. and Feb., on going emergency road repair work was necessary. Two loads of gravel was spread at the east end of Cascadel Drive as a temporary repair. Several



potholes have also been filled. Good job guys! More to come.

The CWPOA is in the process of receiving bids for major road repair. The cost is going to be substantial.



At this time, the CWPOA will continue to repair what is necessary and clear the culverts and roadsides from brush and debris.

Water Company News

A BIG Thank you to Ron Wigginton for the heads up on the water flowing out of the ground near the bridge.

We experienced a break in the 4-inch water main, which connects our wells to the storage tanks.

This break did not disrupt service to any homes. Repairs were made according to standard procedures. The 4-inch line is back in service.



The State Water Board issued a release on Feb. 8 stating with all the rains we have had since January, it has helped to pull 53% of the State out of drought conditions. The Fresno River is at its highest point in some 20 years.

With all of the rains, the drought is not over. The State Water Board will closely monitor this situation until the end of the rainy season. At that time, they will make a determination on water regulations.

Water Company Grants

Cascadel Mutual Water Co. is still waiting on funding for two grants. One grant is to cover the cost of a test well. The other is to replace the 3 aging tanks on Vista with a new tank that meets all current regulations.

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. 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

Local News

Destination Imagination – Continued



The Fantabulous 4 Diva Dibblers

The Dibblers planted seedlings on several properties with more to go. Thanks to all who reached out to the girls for replanting of the Ponderosa Pines. You helped the girls gain the experience necessary to choreograph their skit for the event. The girls completed their program at Liberty High School in Madera Ranchos on February 25.

The Fantabulous 4 Diva Dibblers are now on to the next level of this grand adventure. Congratulations to Adie Waltner, Allie Mandel, Stevi Valenzuela and Khloe Owen. Good luck at the next level and thank you for caring about the environment! You are winners already!

Trash and Recycling Service

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

Coming Soon

Our web site is in the final stages of construction and the Facebook page is also in the works. All being constructed by Michael Delaney of Delaney Matrix.

Thank you Michael and Toby for your generosity and hard work.

Brush and Pile Burning

Safe residential pile burning of forest debris is authorized on "Permissive Burn Days" only.

Please call **877-429-2876** before you burn. A Cal Fire Burn Permit is required.

Permits can be obtained from your local CAL FIRE Station. The nearest station is located at 32908 Road 222. Phone 877-2600.

CWPOA/Water Co Offices

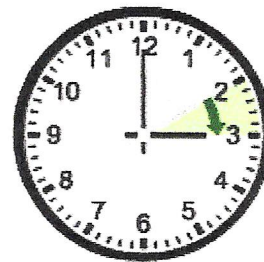
The CDC has located the leak which has caused water to flow into the office and are now in the process of having it repaired. If you need to contact Cindy or leave a message for the Water Co or the CWPOA Board, please try Cynthia's home phone first at 559-877-4379. Messages are retrieved from the office phone every few days. The office phone number is 559-877-2635.

Reminder, the FAX is not operational at this time.

Daylight Saving Time March 12

Spring is almost here and it is that time again to "Spring Forward".

A reminder: push your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night March 11 or Sunday morning March 12.



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