

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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CWPOA

We are looking forward to this year's Christmas party and hope to see a lot of you there. We have invited the Cal Fire Rancheria Fire Station crew to join us. They will be here providing no emergency keeps them away. So bake and cook extra for our special guest if you can. It would be nice to send them back to the station with left over's. Thank you.

We will be holding the first Ugly Sweater Contest at the Christmas party in December. (December 2nd)

Let's have some fun with this.

The winner will receive a prize.

Remember to bring your place settings and your favorite beverages. We will serve coffee, hot chocolate and iced tea. Anything else is up to you. ☺



PG&E

We are happy to report a contractor for PG&E was in the subdivision for several days removing logs. ACRT was also around marking more trees for removal. If you have questions, contact PG&E: 1-800-743-5000, ext 4.

Water Company News

Water board meetings held the second Friday of the even numbered months at 4pm at the clubhouse.

During the Mission Fire the power pole (owned by the water co.) that feeds our highest producing well was destroyed, including the meter box and conduit to the well.

Fortunately our friends at Northwestern Electric in Oakhurst were able to replace our pole, meter box, etc... within just a few days. Then it was up to PG&E to complete the hook up to our pole. Since the pole was fire damaged and part of a community water system our hook up was fast tracked.

Due to all the fire damage however PG&E was extremely busy and was still not able to make it out till almost 3 weeks later. The reconnection was then put on hold as there was some confusion about whether the service line would meet clearance required by PG&E.

Although there was some contention about which specification was required, our contractor continued to argue that the height of the service pole was adequate to meet either standard being used.

Finally our contractor was able to get PG&E to come out and re-assess the height by stringing a rope where the service line would be placed there-by proving the clearance requirements could be met.

Now in agreement, PG&E should be installing the service line any day now, just in time for the start of winter.

Friendly Reminder from the Water Co.

Winter is already setting in. Be sure to protect your outside water pipes from freezing. Insulation, heater tape or just letting your pipes drip slightly to prevent freezing is cheap; plumbers are not.

If you are going to be leaving for more than a few days be sure to shut off your water at the meter box.

If you turn off your water, it is also suggested that your either turn your water heater off or place it in "vacation" mode. This can prevent over pressurizing the pipes inside your house from the heated water.

If you have or see any water problems, need help turning off your water or realize after leaving that you have forgotten to turn off the water please call Ken @ 559-676-5387, Brian @ 559-877-4379 or Stan @ 559-877-6290, and someone will shut the water off for you.

Firewise Committee/Brigade

The Fire Brigade met on Oct 21 for another work day for the crew. We are happy to report the Fire Box located by the Clubhouse has been



fully repaired, painted and re-stocked. Carol Pace gave the box a second coat of paint. Members of the Fire Brigade began the numbering of the

Hydrants while Aimee Cox and Carol Eggink did a bit of cleaning around the hydrants. Simon Elman and Susie Odry completed the inventory of all Fire Boxes and re-stocked the clubhouse box.



The big bridge and the small bridge near the clubhouse have been cleared of debris and a few culverts have been cleared in anticipation of the coming rains.

CSA-21

Our County Service Areas and Clubhouse are managed by the Public Works Department of Madera by instruction of the Board of Supervisors. Each month the financials of the CSA-21 are sent via email to the CWPOA to keep us informed.

We are delighted to inform you of audits by an outside firm were conducted on our CSA-21. This is actually the first official audit performed in many years.

The county hired the firm of Moss Adams LLC, located in Madera, to audit the Special Districts, at a cost of \$20,000. The fee was proportioned out among all Special Districts. Our fee is \$145 per year.

So far we have paid out \$55 in the month of September.

In June of this year, the 2017-2018 budget for all Special Districts was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The budgeted amount for maintenance of the meadows was set at \$2600. This did not allow for as much mowing as most of us like to see. Therefore the auditor was asked to increase this line item to \$5000 for the year. It has been sent to the Public Works Dept.

The CSA financials, budget for 2017-2018 and the copy of the Moss Adams layout of charges by district can be obtained by contacting Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net or 559-877-6290.

GRANTS

Last month we reported information regarding a grant to remove more logs from the CSA held by the Coarsegold Resource Conservation District, (CRCD).

Stan & Carol Eggink, Brian Curtis and Ken Wood attended the October meeting of their Board on Oct 26 to get an update on the progress of the grant.

As of the meeting, no date has been set to begin the work in Cascadel Woods.

Sierra Pest Control will be doing the work of removing the logs from the CSA areas and felling trees on the roadsides.

The CRCD Board is still pursuing work on Forest Service lands surrounding Cascadel Woods. The location of this work is still to be determined, but the CRCD is aware of the fire hazards in the Cascades area and along Cascadel Road. We will update you as we learn more regarding this grant.

Events and Meetings

NEXT MONTH

- **CWPOA Christmas Party**
Dec 2 5:00PM Clubhouse
- **CMWC**
Dec 9 4PM Clubhouse

Local News

Grace Community Church of North Fork raised more than \$2000 for relief of those impacted by the Mission Fire.

To apply for assistance, you can send a written request to Grace Community Church, P.O. Box 193, North Fork, CA, 93643. Explain the loss and approximate cost of replacement.

The church will prioritize the needs of all requests and give out all monies received as well as gift certificates donated by area markets to replace some of the food loss. The church is still accepting donations for the cause. If interested in donating please send your check to the above address.

Art In The Woods

Most of you are aware of the art classes held by Jo Ann Huffman for the children in Cascadel. We are happy to include some art work created by the children in this issue of The Woods for your enjoyment.

These kids are doing remarkable work.

Some adults have showed interest in taking her classes again. If you are interested in taking classes with Jo Ann, please feel free to give her a call at 559-877-6254.

The class hopes to have another Art Show and Sale in the spring of 2018.



Zev Grifalconi Mandel



Sophie Kennedy



Allie Grifalconi Mandel

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send any submissions for the December Newsletter to Carol Eggink by November 28 at egginks@netptc.net.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**To everyone who's
Birthday in October and
November!**