

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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Day Light Savings is here once more.

It is hard to believe it is almost Spring, with the dry winter we have had this year. On Sunday March 11, we turn our clocks forward one hour.

Correction on phone number.

Jeff Bouche of Cascadel Heights has informed me of an incorrect phone number in last month's newsletter. Please take note below and Jeff says thanks for the calls he received from you.

Do you have tree stumps you need to have ground down? Give Jeff Bouche a call for an appointment at **559-287-8468** or 559-877-2134. The cost to remove 1-19 stumps is \$50 per stump. The cost to remove 20 or more stumps is \$35 per stump.

An Evening's Entertainment

There is an "Open Mike" at the Studio in North Fork every Thursday night, 7 to 9 PM. Bring your own music, instruments, poetry, amps or lighting. Sign-ups at 6:30PM. Donations appreciated to pay the bills. For more info call 877-4431. Everyone welcome!

Snow Day

January 19 & 22 brought some much needed snow into Cascadel and the higher elevations. We received about 4-6 inches and that brought out the Snow Plow Man.



CWPOA

Filling Pot Holes

With the threat of more snow, a few more pot holes were given some necessary temporary repairs to reduce further damage.



CSA Accounts

As of close for January 2018:

Cash on hand	\$27,620.93
Monies spent in January:	
Clean Cut Tree Service	\$14,800.00
Gas & Electric	\$ 253.78
Water	\$ 135.00
Total dispersed	\$15,188.78

Clean Cut removed hazard trees from the CSA property which were threatening homes adjacent to the County Service Area.

Changes Are Coming!

The Association and Water Company Board of Directors met jointly on Friday, February 9, to discuss current and future personnel issues and opportunities.

With Brian & Cindy Curtis retiring after 40+ years of dedicated service to our community the CWPOA & CMWC are working together to determine the best way to move forward with both office and water system duties. At the moment both corporations are exploring several possibilities including the outsourcing of duties and/or hiring and training part time administrative and maintenance employees. Upon Brian's departure there will be only one certified water operator remaining which will necessitate the need to have a second (back-up) person

available to maintain the water system as legally and operationally required.

Ken Wood, CWPOA Treasurer and Water Company Operator, has filled in as the office administrator since Cindy retired last year. As a result Ken was able to present an impressively detailed report to the Directors during the February meeting outlining the duties, abilities, hours and costs associated with the specific administrative functions as well as the future maintenance needs of our water system now that it is 23 years old. This combined information, allowing the review of personnel performance, legal issues and costs will become the basis for determining not only the 2018-19 budgets for both corporations but a guideline to determine the best course of action as the costs of outsourcing and employment opportunities are considered.

Naturally, with water rates and annual road charges remaining unchanged for almost 8 years, the pending operational changes demand aggressive consideration in hopes of holding any increased costs to a minimum without sacrificing regulatory requirements or necessary services to the community.

The CWPOA is having a regular Board meeting on Saturday, March 10, at the clubhouse. You are invited to attend to gather additional information and to offer any suggestions you may have regarding the future of our admin functions & services, roads and water system operations.

Firewise Brigade/Committee

Cascadel Woods has been recertified by the National Firewise Prevention Association (NFPA) for 2018 as a fire safe community.

One of the requirements is the community educational event held each year before the annual BBQ. We hope to have CAL Fire, US Forest Service, COPS, PG&E and our local North Fork Volunteer Fire Department.

The date for the Pot Luck BBQ is MAY 19. Save the date and come to learn and enjoy some excellent food.

More information on the BBQ in next month's newsletter.

The Fire Brigade had a work day in February. We replaced all locks on the fire boxes with breakaway locks to try and prevent total destruction of any fire box in the future.

We also completed the numbering of all the fire hydrants to make locating specific hydrants quicker. The hydrant protection poles were topped off with blue reflective tape to help locate them during the night and to make them more visible to drivers who might be new to our area.

Events and Meetings

- **CWPOA Board Meeting**
March 10, 10AM at Clubhouse
- **Firewise Brigade/Committee TRAINING DAY** March 17, 10AM
Beginning at the clubhouse. Full time residents are invited to join us for the training to learn the proper procedures in turning on and off our hydrants. Everyone attending will be expected to participate in the training. Training will be instructed by Brian Curtis.

Next Month

- **CMWC Board Meeting**
April 13, 4PM at clubhouse
- **Firewise Brigade/Committee**
April 21, 10:00am
Workday-weather permitting
Begin at clubhouse

Water Company News

Saturday morning, February 24, there was a sudden drop in water pressure for the properties located west of the bridge. Saturday & Sunday resulted in a search for a possible freeze related break which included checking all water meters, fire hydrants, and various valves located under our streets. As of Monday no leaks were located but the situation remains. Water Co employees pressurized the system during the day to keep water flowing to those affected properties. Professional leak detection experts were contacted to assist in the search. Chlorine was added to the system in anticipation of excavation & line repair. We'll keep you updated as progress occurs.