

# THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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## SCHOOL FIRE IN NORTH FORK

On July 10 at 5:24 PM, a fire was reported on the northeast corner of Road 225 and Road 274.

There were 170 personnel assigned to the incident from Cal Fire, Sierra National Forest and Madera



County Fire. This included 12 engines, 5 ground crews, 2 dozers and 3 water tankers. Air resources were released.

Dozers cut a fuel break and at 6:47 PM the



forward progress was stopped. At 8:25 PM the fire was reported to be 12.11 acres and 50%

containment. By Wednesday July 11 at 9AM the fire was reported to be at 90% contained. Another excellent job by all first responders.

## 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LOGGERS JAMBOREE

On July 8 one of our own, Nate Hodges, won the title of Top Logger for the 10<sup>th</sup> time, taking first place in five of the ten events in which he competed. Nate won the title four years in a row from 2005 to 2008, then again in 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2017.

Well done Nate and Congratulations!



## CSA-21

According to Ahmad Alkhayyat, Public Works Director, there was a complaint lodged to the county that the clubhouse was unsafe and that is why it was locked down.

This action was taken without notice to the residents or any inspection. We are in talks with a few departments in Madera County in an attempt to resolve the issue.

It took much negotiating with the Public Works

Department, and we were finally able to get the Shelter-in-Place mowed to Cal Fire specs. The area around the



clubhouse and bath house was cleared at the same time. Stan Eggink used "Clyde", the big mower donated by Ron Davino for the larger areas. Thank you, Ron. Simon Elman and Carol Eggink followed up with weedeating to finish up the jobs. Thank you, Simon for your time and work. We all worked as volunteers of the community.

Carol Eggink would like to thank the mystery weedeater's out there. Easements are being reduced of ladder fuels and Carol, as well as many residents, are very grateful for the help. Tom Wheeler has hired a three man crew from Madera to mow the remaining fields of the CSA grounds. We are told the cost will not exceed \$5,000 from the CSA-21 funds.

## CWPOA

The CWPOA is in the process of applying for another grant through The California Fire Safe Council.

We are very excited to be able to include our neighbors in Cascadel Heights and Mr. Morgan in this grant. The residents from the Heights have been very involved with fulfilling necessary requirements for their inclusion. We hope to make this entire area as safe as possible to prevent the loss of any more homes in the event of another Wild Fire.

### **Road Repair**

We received 15 tons of asphalt patch and will begin filling pot holes and uneven surfaces on Friday July 27.

### **THE FERGUSON FIRE**

The fire started on July 13 at 8:30 PM. As of the evening of July 25, there are 3,686 personnel assigned to the incident including 241 engines, 94 crews, 47 water tenders, 63 dozers, 18 helicopters, and fixed-wing tankers as conditions allow. The fire is 41,576 acres, with much of the push on the southern perimeter. The fire is 26 percent contained. Yosemite Valley and Wawona are closed to the public. The closure is expected to last through Sunday, July 29. Highway 120 east and west remains open, along with Tuolumne Meadows. For information on Yosemite National Park, go to [nps.gov/yose](http://nps.gov/yose) or call 209-372-0200. There has been one fatality so far. On July 14, Braden Varney a Cal Fire Heavy Fire Equipment Operator Braden Varney from the Cal Fire Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit was tragically killed," Braden was only 36 years old and leaves behind a wife and two children. The smoke in the air has been quite bad. If you have the need to know how the air is, you can check the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's wildfire page at [www.valleyair.org/wildfires](http://www.valleyair.org/wildfires) for information about any current wildfires and whether they are impacting the Valley.

### **WATER COMPANY/CWPOA NEWS**

#### **NEW EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE**

Mindy Greer, a resident of Cascadel Woods, was hired to work in the office for the Cascadel Mutual Water Co. and the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association. Mindy grew up near Shaver Lake and has lived in North Fork for 16 years, the last 6 years here in Cascadel Woods. Mindy is a mom to two

teenagers and resides with her boyfriend, Justin Ross. Mindy is about to begin her Master's program for Speech-Language Pathology. You have most likely seen Mindy running and biking around the subdivision as this is one her favorite past times. Mindy also enjoys running marathons, climbing mountains, rock climbing, backpacking, fishing, kayaking, rock hunting(loves heart shaped rocks), gardening, jet skiing and more.

### **OFFICIAL BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED**

Water Company Members have been mailed an official ballot on the Cascadel Mutual Water Company assuming the responsibilities of our road maintenance. This ballot needs to be returned in order to satisfy the quorum requirement, so an envelope was included along with the ballot for your convenience. You may be called as a gentle reminder to return your ballot. We thank you for your time and support. The ballots will be counted during a Special Board Meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at 10:00AM.

### **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- **August 4 Saturday – Special Meeting of the Board - Ballots to be counted for Road Maintenance Responsibilities**  
10 AM Clubhouse
- **August 11 – CWPOA Board Meeting**  
10AM at the Clubhouse
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### **NEXT MONTH**

- **Sept 15 - CMWC Annual Meeting of Members and Elections**  
10AM Clubhouse
- **Sept 22 – CWPOA Annual Meeting of Members and Elections**  
10:00AM Clubhouse

### **YOUR NEWSLETTER**

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send any submissions for the September Newsletter to Carol Eggink by August 27 at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) or call her 559.877.6290.