

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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FEBRUARY SNOW STORMS

What a month! We have not experienced this amount of snowfall in The Woods since 2000.

Our snow plow operators, Ken Wood and Stan Eggink, were working throughout the night on several occasions. We decided to hire another contractor to assist us in the widening of the roads after the snow banks froze.

Our 19 year old plow had its own set of issues with a



flat tire and a minor mechanical problem. We even managed to get stuck in the snow, but our good neighbor John Taylor pulled us out with his tractor. Thanks John!

There were other volunteers who answered the needs of our community. One such person was Jeremy Kern who used his huge truck to pull cars out of the snow on Road 233 on two separate days. Thanks Jeremy!

Forrest Negrete also cleared some driveways for folks who were not on the pre-paid snow removal list so they could get out. Thanks Forrest!

Even Brian Curtis came out of retirement to lend his experience to the snow removal efforts. Thanks Brian!

FUN IN THE SNOW by Joanne Freemire

There was much fun to be had in the snows of February as well. The beauty was remarkable here in Cascadel



Woods. The wooden snowmen of Cascadel Woods got a new coat made of snow.

While taking a walk through the subdivision, I came across one of our local skiers. We talked for a

while and she shared a story with me to share with you.

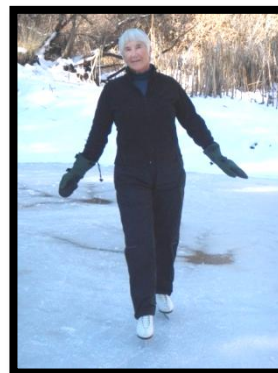
Hi neighbors,
Hope you're enjoying this snowy winter as much as I.

Having grown up on the East Coast in sometimes -20° weather, I love the crisp cold of winter & missed it while living

in the San Francisco bay area for 40 years.

Upon retiring, my wish was to enjoy four seasons again, especially the arrival of snow and being able to cross country ski out my front door.

My wish came true in Cascadel, with the added bonus of waterfalls, swimming holes - and a pond to skate on



when it freezes thick enough (2 inches to support an adult). I stay close to shore where it's shallow anyway, just in case the ice should break, and recommend the same to others who want to venture onto its magical surface.

One time the ice was so clear, I could see a turtle walking on the bottom of

the pond; another time there were blossom patterns on the ice.

I did have a ski accident here a while back, wiped out one knee gliding down a small hill, and was so grateful for all the help my wonderful Cascadel neighbors offered.

I love waking up in a white cocoon of snow-covered interwoven oak branches and feeling snowbound – a fair trade for the steep walk up our snowy driveway & digging out the car when we have to go to town. And thanks to the snow plow crews, we can when we need to!

Enjoy,



CSA 21 CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse has been damaged by the weight of the February snows. The awning over the back door has collapsed. The county needs to inspect the building before anyone will be allowed access. Hopefully this will happen as soon as the snow is off the building.



PLEASE, TURN THE WATER OFF AT THE METER IF YOU LEAVE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME

There were several frozen hose bibs and pipes during this storm. Make sure short time visitors to your property shut off the water at the meter and drain the house of water to prevent pipes breaking and causing damage to your home. If you or your visitors forget to turn the water off, please notify Ken Wood or Stan Eggink at the numbers listed below.

If you experience an emergency situation regarding water company leaks or equipment damage on or near your property, please call Ken @ 559-676-5387, Brian @ 559-877-4379 or Stan @ 559-877-6290.

NOTE: These numbers are for emergencies only and not intended to conduct normal business.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE

Story by Gina Clugston – SIERRA NEWS ONLINE

At about 10:30 p.m. on Monday, firefighters were called out to reports of a structure fire in Cascadel Woods just east of North Fork.

A resident of the adjacent community of Cascadel Heights, Kathy Tooms, saw the fire and called 911. The first engine at scene reported that the two-story home was completely engulfed, and firefighters set about protecting adjacent structures.

Cascadel Fire Brigade members came out to help direct traffic away from the scene and give first responders information on the owners so they could be contacted.

We wish to send our condolences to the Thomas family on the loss of the cabin.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Mar 9 – CWPOA Board of Director's**
10 AM CDC (Old Mill) Conference room
- **Mar 16 – Firewise**
10 AM Carol's home - May be work day

NEXT MONTH

- **Apr 12 – CMWC Board of Director's**
4:00PM CDC Conference room
- **Apr 13 – Firewise Meeting**
10:00AM Carol Eggink's Home –
May be a work day.

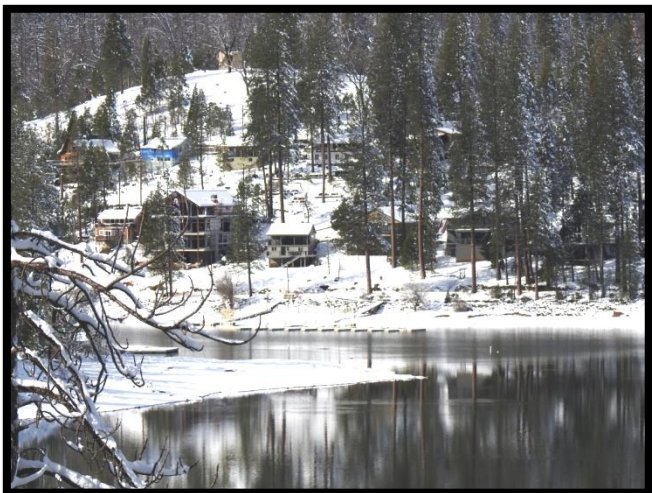
Pictures



The Swiney's Cabin



Almost seven inches in one snowfall on February 10.



Beautiful Bass Lake



Looking out over the Bigelow home.



Snow cones anyone?

From Assemblyman Frank Bigelow's Facebook post;



Frank Bigelow

February 19 at 10:53 AM ·

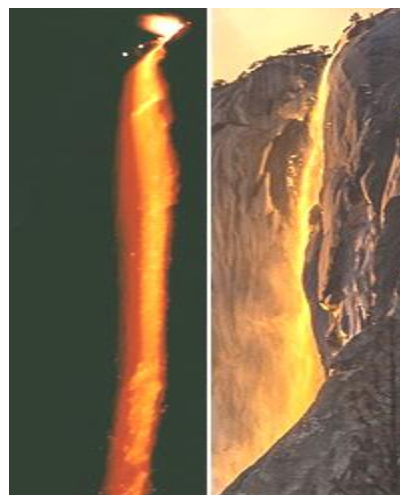
[Mammoth Mountain](#) has received over 446 inches of snow on their summit so far this season; the highest number of any resort in North America!

With the recent storms, California's snowpack is sitting at 121% of average!



Mammoth Mountain breaks 30 year old February snowfall! See the story at the link below.

<https://activenorcal.com/mammoth-mountain-breaks-30-year-old-february-snowfall-record/?fbclid=IwAR2lThXsk0fyPaWBhCPrtAGL10lmpfsxtfwDLcYf3Br2T1bm8lQ3bmYhQQo>



Fire fall over Glacier Point (left courtesy of the Yosemite Archives) and Horsetail Fall illuminated by sunset (right photo by Christina Fey).

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the April Newsletter by March 25 2019 to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net.