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FROM THE CMWC BOARD

Water Company Road Assessments Update

Effective September 1, 2018, with membership approval, the Water Company assumed road maintenance responsibilities and collection of the proportional assessments for that work. We would like to provide everyone with an update to those efforts. Recent weather conditions required maximum effort to keep our roads open.

The year-to-date expenses to operate and maintain our snowplow including fuel, repairs, registration, insurance and labor, totaled \$ 3,829. The cost of road repairs, culvert clearing, and maintenance of the dirt road portion of Cascadel Road required contractor labor & material, extra road fill material and liability insurance totaling \$14,799, for a grand total of \$18,628, with most of these expenses occurring in February and March.

Our Road Committee, led by Director Ed Rose, has identified six road projects estimated to cost \$14,650 and six additional projects with costs to be determined. One of these undetermined projects is the repair of the concrete weir (low water crossing) located at the cascades.

Historically, a point of contention with Property Owners regarding road assessments has been that some owners have not always paid their fair share of road expenses. (There still remain uncollected road fees previously assessed by the CWPOA). Regardless, we are very pleased to report that since the Water Company's start of road assessments to its members, there are only two who are not current on this year's assessments. Only 3 of the 28 property owners, who are not members of the Water Co, are currently past due on road fees. All delinquent water and proportional road expense accounts will be reviewed by the Board at their meeting on March 12.

ROAD WORK

As happy as we all are regarding the snow pack in the high country and the amount of rain we have been

fortunate to have this season, it has taken a toll on our old mountain roads. As reported in the article from the CMWC Board, there have been many areas repaired to keep up with the damaged caused by this seasons weather. Water berms and water flow diversions were



created to assist the flow of water away from Cascadel Road as well as some culvert clearing. There were pot-hole repairs along Cascadel Drive and other areas. On March 12, 2019 five buckets of material were used on the paved roads and almost two buckets were used to fill holes on Cascadel Road. The board thanks you for making this possible.



FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE

The Fire Brigade held two work days in March. On one day, the Brigade cleared around and flushed most of the



fire hydrants in Cascadel Woods. This project will be completed in April. One hydrant on Cascadel North was nearly covered in dirt

due to the heavy rains from February and March. This hydrant was dug out; sand bags were filled and placed around the backside of the



hydrant to protect it temporarily until a permanent solution is installed.

The second Fire Brigade work day project entailed the testing of 12 - 1" fire hose for leaks. The new adapters and nozzles were also tested. The hoses came out of storage and will be added to our five fire boxes. There were other duties performed on the hoses and boxes to make them ready for use. A 150 ft length of 1" hose was placed in the 90° culvert ravine near Joe and Karen Balog's home. The Balog's agreed to allow hook up on their property for use in case of fire in this area.



Thank you, Joe and Karen.

New Member to Cascadel Woods Family

Pete and Brittany Curtis are the new proud parents. Brian and Cindy Curtis are Grandparents once again. They would all like to present to you; Adelynn Jean Curtis. She was born February 28, 2019 at 2:15am. She weighed 6lbs 3 oz and was 19.5" long. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! Happy Birthday to Pete on April 1.



Neighborhood Watch Notice

The CWPOA Neighborhood Watch has heard of dogs being allowed to roam free in the subdivision. Since we do have many newcomers to the subdivision, we feel it is time to once again remind all regarding the Madera County laws on our canine family members.

Madera County Animal Laws

<https://www.maderacounty.com/government/animal-services/madera-county-animal-laws>

Madera Police Department - Animal Control Unit

330 S C Street Madera, CA 93638

Non-Emergency Phone (559) 675-4220

Dog Control & Leash Law Enforcement

- All dogs in Madera County are expected to be under control at all times.
- They must be confined to your property. If you take them off your property, to go for a walk for example, they must be on a leash.
- Any dog found running at large can be impounded at the County Shelter or returned to its owner with a citation.
- Dogs picked up in violation of the leash law may be redeemed at the shelter at 14269 Road 28 in Madera.
- Dogs brought in without identification are held for three (3) working days.
- Dogs with ID or known owners are held for ten (10) working days.
- Dogs unclaimed at the end of the holding period are available for adoption to responsible homes or can be euthanized after this time.

FIREWISE BRIGADE'S ANNUAL BBQ

The wildfire prevention and educational event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10AM – 2PM. We are not sure if the clubhouse will have been inspected for use by this date, so we are preparing to hold the event outdoors in the open area across from the clubhouse. We are looking for Canopy covers to protect the speakers from the sun and to cover the food tables. If we are able to have enough of these loaned to us, we can put the tables and chairs under them as well. You are encouraged to bring your own ice chests to ensure your drinks will stay cool. We will provide some ice chests as well.

Keeping in mind the possibility of being outdoors, you should bring pot luck dishes that will do well in a picnic situation.

The Firewise Brigade will once again have the BBQ going; cooking ribs, burgers and hot dogs. Some drinks will be provided and all the necessary plates and utensils.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for 20 person hours of labor for fuel clearances on your private property. This work could include raking, trimming low hanging branches on the trees, chipping and splitting previously cut rounds into fire wood.

Raffle tickets can also be purchased directly from Brian Curtis. Give him a call at 559-877-4379 to make arrangements to purchase your tickets. The tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Fire Brigade thanks you for your support.

The proceeds from the raffle enables the Fire Brigade to keep up with the roadside clearances and open field clearing for the community's wildfire protection.

We have invited the following speakers to attend:

CAL FIRE, USFS, PG&E, COPS

Save the date – May 4! Come out and enjoy some good information and food.

BIG NEWS IN NORTH FORK

This article from a report in Sierra News Online 2-21-2019 by Gina Clugston

Doug and Lois Betty have sold K&B Hardware, the garage area and the area that used to be the video store to Jennifer McMillan. Jennifer plans to open an old fashioned candy store in the garage area, complete with a 10¢ ride horse.

Jennifer hopes to turn the old video area into a café/dinner/bakery and deli, with pies and coffee. Kind of like, "The Whistle Stop Café" in the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. This project may take a bit longer to put together due to issues with bathroom facilities and kitchen requirements.

Jennifer plans to put in a vintage, antique and thrift store in the old hardware area to raise money for the build-out while she works on the other two shops. Two houses came with this purchase and Jennifer plans on residing in one while she renovates the stores.

Most of us have seen her awesome renovations on Old Town, now Bandit Town, where she hosts the annual chili cook-off and pie bake-off, the Frugal Friends Fashion Show, Casino Night, Oktoberfest, Bonanza Night and other festivals and fundraisers.

Jennifer recently purchased the Snow Line Depot on the north end of Oakhurst. Her plans for this building include a country bar with live music every Saturday night, complete with line dancing and upscale bar food.

While most of us are going to miss Doug and Lois Betty, we wish them many pleasures in their retirement years and thank them for all they have given to North Fork.

EARTH DAY FESTIVITIES

Earth Day in North Fork is sponsored by the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California.

North Fork will celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday, Apr. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the North Fork Mill Site. Admission is free.



Local artists will participate, and guests can indulge in delicious food and baked goods while listening to live music as local bands play throughout the day.

North Fork Waste Tire Amnesty Day

From 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Apr. 13, the event also takes place at the North Fork Mill Site, funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Reservations are required and tire disposal, within prescribed limits, is free.

The limit is nine tires without rims. Tractor and trailer tires will not be accepted.

To be placed on the list, given a time and specific location, please call Madera County Code Enforcement at (559) 675-7821, ext. 3210. If there's no answer, just leave your name and phone number.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Apr 12 – CMWC Board of Director's**
4 PM CDC (Old Mill) Conference room
- **Apr 13– Firewise**
10 AM Clubhouse Parking Lot - Work Day
- **Apr 27 - NF Volunteer Fire Dept Aux BBQ**
11 AM – 2 PM NF School, Kennedy Hall

NEXT MONTH

- **May 4 – Annual Firewise Preparedness Day BBQ and Pot Luck**
10 AM – 2PM Clubhouse or the grounds across from the clubhouse
- **Nominations for CMWC Directors to be mailed**
The 2nd week of May
- **CMWC Ballots mailed to Membership**
The last week of May

FROM THE EDITOR

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