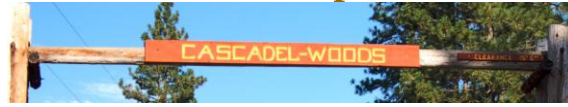


# THE WOODS

A Newsletter From The Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association  
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## Annual Cascadel Firewise Day

A BBQ and Pot Luck was held Saturday March 19 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Local representatives from Madera Sheriff's Office, COPS, CalFire, Station 11 and the Forest Service provided information on emergency evacuation protocol and Wildland fire safety. CalFire and Forest Service provided updates on hazard tree removal efforts.



Ellie Hefner and Carol Pace won the raffle, which included 20 person hours of donated time from the Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade to conduct fuel reductions work on their properties. A total of \$295 was raised from the raffle. Thank you for your support!



## Water Company News

As of April 15. the community returns to summer watering rules. Odd numbered addresses – Tues – Thurs – Sat. Even Numbered addresses – Wed – Fri – Sun, The maximum allowable water usage per month is unchanged at 2250 cubic feet per month.

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Company at (559) 877-2635 or [Cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:Cascadelwoods@netptc.net)

## Events and Meetings

- **Water Company Board of Directors**  
Friday, April 8 at 4 p.m. at the clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**  
Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at 59657 Hillcrest Road
- **Children's Art Classes**  
Thursday's – 3:30 PM at the clubhouse

## Next Month

- **CWPOA Board of Director's Meeting**  
Will be held Saturday, May 14 10:15 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
- **Breakfast in the Woods**  
A complimentary breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs and coffee will be served starting at 9:30 a.m. prior to the May 14 CWPOA Board Meeting.
- **National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** is Saturday, May 7. The Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Firewise Brigade volunteers will be conducting wildfire risk reduction work on this day for residents in need of assistance. Please contact Brian Curtis (559-877-4379 for details on how to participate.

## Birthdays

Pete Curtis – April 1



## In Sympathy

Bill Arvance, a long time Cascadel resident passed away last week. Bill raised turkeys in the Valley and loved to hunt deer in our mountains. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

## Tree Removal Crews

The CWPOA has been approached with a generous offer to remove downed trees at no cost to the property owners. The CWPOA is in contact with Cal Fire regarding permitting needs for the removal/haul of the logs.

## Local News

### Local Farm Store Opens

Kern Family Farms has opened a local, natural seasonally changing market in downtown North Fork called the Gnarly Carrot. Open 7 days a week 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. Phone (559)877-8400.

### Highway 41 Construction Begins

Starting April 3, Highway 41 will undergo overnight one-lane traffic controls as construction begins north of Road 208 with delays up to 15 minutes after 9 p.m. Drivers are asked to maintain caution through construction areas and "slow for the cone zone".

### Tragic Drowning in Lewis Creek

Sierra News Online reported on this last week with a reminder from Madera County Sheriff's Office to everyone that with the recent rain creeks and rivers are running high and fast. "The water is cold and it is fast-moving", says Commander Bill Ward, "and while it may look very inviting, it is extremely dangerous. Please use extra caution in and around waterways."

### North Fork Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Annual Tri-Tip BBQ

Saturday April 23, at Kennedy Hall – North Fork School. Served from 11 AM -2 PM  
Tickets \$10 at the door \$8 presale &  
Seniors Children under 10 - \$5

### Road Maintenance

Brian Curtis has continued to inspect and clean out culverts during storms, as necessary.

## Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com) by April 30.



Aimee Cox really enjoyed the ribs at the BBQ!

### In Reflection by Ava Thieson

I have been eager to get out into the golden light of morning after the sun warms the paths, and before the clouds come in and turn it faint again. In that light of day, taking that sparkle away, for a bit, that lifts and enlivens my being in the new possibilities...and I reflect on welcoming Spring now openly and with Joy because we finally had a winter...the winter of Fire..but Water fell from the Sky over nad again...finally!

I feel the beauty again in the Essence of this place we call Home and have chosen to live our Lives in Together..and seeing the changes which are Our version of changes all throughout the world in this Time. These changes that felt so extreme for awhile. Yet wit time, acceptance and intent, and by discovering and eliminating ay attachments, I found a new way through..in remembering that what we're here for still remains. Growing our own Food, having Shelter in the Mountains, our Precious Clean Water, and the Protection of being off the "beaten path" in a world seeming to turn upside down..by taking care of ourselves, and not giving that away to where the priorities are different.

As we clear out the Dead of Winter, and the Life of the Pines move up a 1000 feet to survive the changes at hand, we also clear the way to see more of the ridge.. more of the Sky. More Sunlight coming in for our gardens and morning walks..our new growth..and the realization that Life here is however we chose to interpret it to be.

See you on the path  
Ava Thieson