

THE WOODS

A Newsletter From The Cascadel Woods
Property Owners Association
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CSA-21

It has just been verified by Madera County that the County is working to dissolve the CSA

What this means for the property owners is at present, the open space, pond and clubhouse are under the County Service Area (CSA) through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). You are assessed \$100 per year on your property tax bill for the maintenance of the recreation property. If the CSA is dissolved, it is uncertain at this time what the County intends to do with this property. This is still to be determined. Regardless, the County must notify you once a resolution has been made by the Board of Supervisors regarding their intentions and make available to you the option to attend a public hearing at a future date to hear the County's position. You will also have the opportunity to vote on this issue in a process similar to the RMD vote of 2012. The CWPOA will send any additional information to you.

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To check the Madera County Board of Supervisors agendas:

<http://maderacountyca.igm2.com/Citizens/Calendar.aspx>

Grants

The CWPOA recently received a \$33,000 fuel reduction grant from PG&E. This funding is provided to help communities near PG&E infrastructure reduce their fire risk and fuel loading. The work will be contracted locally and will begin in June. Thank you to residents who have returned completed release forms for work to be conducted on your property.

The CWPOA, in partnership with the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSRC&DC), recently applied for \$50,000 in fuel reduction funding through the CA Fire Safe Council. A generous match for this application was committed to by CalFire to provide the Mt. Bullion Crew to assist our community if funds are received. YSRC&DC, CWPOA, Cascadel Mutual Water Company, Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade also provided in-kind match commitments.

Events and Meetings

- **Water Company Board of Directors**
Friday, Jun 10 – 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**
Saturday, June 18 – 10 a.m. at 59657 Hillcrest Road

Next Month

- **Breakfast in the Woods**
The May breakfast was the end of the trial period. Those present requested a change from breakfast to an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** at noon, after the July 9 CWPOA Board Meeting. There will be ice cream and hot dogs served as appetizers. Hope to see you there.
- **CWPOA Board of Directors Meeting**
Saturday, July 9 – 10 a.m. at Clubhouse



Children's Art Classes

Thursday – 3:30 PM @ Clubhouse

Jo Ann Huffman – Instructor

New Student's Welcome!

Art in Progress from the children.



Sophia Kennedy



Allie Grifalconi Mandel

Tree Removal Crews

The CCC Crews were back in the subdivision assisting with tree removal at the entrance of the subdivision, providing a safer ingress and egress. The crews cut dead trees along the road easements and split the rounds.

Split firewood was left alongside the entrance for community members to help themselves. Some residents, who were unable to get the wood to their home, requested the assistance of the CWPOA and friends. Six truckloads of wood has been delivered and in some cases stacked for the residents.

ACRT is working in the area to address pole replacement where lines are attached to standing dead trees.

ACRT is also marking more trees as of June 1 to be removed for PG&E. The crews for this round of removal will be by Trees Inc. They should be arriving by the third week of June.

Road Maintenance

No major roadwork is scheduled at this time; however, an update on any roadwork planned for fall/winter will be discussed at the September annual Member and Board Meeting.

Water Company News

As of April 15, the community returned to summer watering rules, which may be temporary.

Odd addresses: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Even addresses: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

No watering on Monday and between 10am and 6pm on any day.

The Board of Directors will discuss new California water restriction guidelines at the Board meeting on June 10, and possibly modify the current restriction policy accordingly. 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

Local News

Dead Trees along Road 233

The Crane Valley Hot Shot Crews will be falling dead trees on Forest Service land along Road 233, from Peckinpah Acres up to Sheep Flat (open flat where folks park above the hairpin). The crews will buck up logs and pile limbs. For the part time residents, Road 233 is the road which leads you to Cascadel.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – May 7

The Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade had a successful, if rainy, work day assisting several community



members with reducing slash and debris from the tree removal efforts including wood splitting. The State Farm Grant funds were used to rent a chipper from Smithworx Rents in Oakhurst who generously provided a \$75 gift certificate on a future rental. Thank you to all who participated.

Rescue at Cascadel Falls

A helicopter and fire engines responded to a medical aid for a female and male with injured ankle who fell off the waterfall in Cascadel. A landing zone was set up at North Fork School and the rescue was successful. **Please remind your visitor's on the dangers of the falls so we can try to prevent this type of accident.**

The 57th Logger's Jamboree NEXT MONTH

The Logger's Jamboree, sponsored by the North Fork Booster's Club will be **July 2-3** at the North Fork Recreation Center. For information call: Cathy Thornburg @ (559) 676-7766. Or check out the site: northforkboosters.org. Look for the Logger's Jamboree tab.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday June 18. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter, to Aimee Cox by June 30 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com.