

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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PG&E Debris Removal

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) has a contract to remove dead trees cut down to protect power lines on private property in Madera County, among other affected counties.

See page 3 of the newsletter for more.

(ref. Sierra Star June 30, 2016 edition)

Grants

The Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSR CDC) is administering the PG&E fuel reduction grant work in Cascadel Woods which is contracted with Central Sierra Tree Company.

Logs have been decked and are currently in the process of being hauled to the North Fork Mill Site for disposal. More than forty loads have been removed to date.

Chipping Days!

The CWPOA has secured the low cost use of a large wood chipper to help property owners get rid of limbs and slash on their property. This program will be available to all CWPOA members. The idea is to schedule a "chip" day for each street in Cascadel Woods where volunteers will bring the chipper down the road chipping from house to house. Property owners will be required to stage their debris piles near the road and near an area where chips may be deposited on their property. Details and dates will be sent to members soon.

Tree Removal Crews

ACRT informed the CWPOA on the status of the second round of tree removal. Trees, Inc, Mountain Enterprises and Mario's are the companies hired to fall the next round of dead Pines. ACRT believes the crews should be here by the end of August.

Events and Meetings

---SPECIAL NOTICE---

CWPOA Board of Directors Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association will be held at the Clubhouse on October 22 at 10:00 am to be followed by a community potluck at approximately noon. Hope to see you there!

Hot August Night BBQ and Potluck

Saturday, August 27 at 5 pm at the Clubhouse. The CWPOA will be providing BBQ Chicken, Lemonade and Ice Tea. You guys provide all the side dishes and desserts! We will plan on eating at 5:30 pm. If you plan on attending, please RSVP with Carol Eggink at 877-6290, so we know how many are coming and so we do not have 17 types of Potato Salad. See you there!

- **Water Company Board of Directors**
Friday, August 12 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade**
Saturday, August 20 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse
- **Hot August Night BBQ and Potluck**
Saturday, August 27 at 5 pm at the Clubhouse. The CWPOA will be providing BBQ Chicken, Lemonade and Ice Tea. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

NEXT MONTH- September

- **CWPOA Board Meeting** September 10 at 10 am in the Clubhouse

Trash and Recycling Service

EMADCO Disposals of Oakhurst, CA has looked into the potential for providing residential trash and recycling service in Cascadel Woods and Cascadel Heights. After their initial assessment, they have determined a minimum of 30 customers must sign up to be able to service our area. If the number of customers drop below 25, the service would cease.

Customers who sign up would be billed quarterly at a rate of \$81.45 (\$27.15 per month). Each

customer would receive (1) black 64 gallon Toter and (1) blue 96 gallon Toter. The pick-up day would be Wednesday. The recycling would be picked up twice a month until January 1, 2017, then every other week after that date.

EMADCO would initially deliver the Toters to every customer who signs up. This way we are able to get an accurate layout for the placement of the Toters. After the initial distribution, new start customers will pay a \$25 delivery fee. There would also be a \$25 fee for customers who cancel; this fee will cover EMADCO picking up the Toters from the residence.

For more information or to sign up for this service please contact Shad Gunderman at EMADCO at emadcorecycling@gmail.com or (559) 683-4680

Road Maintenance

Volunteers from the CWPOA, Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade and Cascadel Firewise Committee have assisted with the mowing and fire hazard clearance on CSA-21 lands. The work was performed throughout the month of July under permit from the County of Madera. The CWPOA appreciates everyone's efforts in helping protect our community from the threat of wildfire.

We will continue roadside brushing to protect ingress and egress to the community.

No major roadwork is scheduled at this time; however, an update on any roadwork planned for fall/winter 2016 will be discussed at the October 22, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting of the CWPOA.

Water Company News

The Spring/Summer recommended outdoor watering effective June 10, 2016 is as follows:
Odd addresses: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
Even addresses: Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
No outside watering on Mondays. No watering allowed between 10am and 6pm on any day. Maximum monthly usage without penalty is 2500 cubic feet. Usage over 2500 cubic feet per month billed at \$0.05 per cubic foot. Additionally, monthly usage over 3000 cubic feet will incur a fine of \$50.00 for each 500 cubic foot increment or portion thereof.

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

Cascadel Pond

The CWPOA is looking into a proposal to re-stock the pond and have obtained cost estimates for stocking the pond with Bluegill and Bass. We have also requested and received pond management guidelines from California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

A proposal from the CWPOA to the County is forthcoming with a request to pay for the fish using CSA-21 assessment fees.

Hazard Trees Along Road 233

The Forest Service has recently requested that the County of Madera complete the hazard tree removal along Cascadel Road (Road 233) since Forest Service fire crews are committed to firefighting efforts.

Problems Insuring Mountain Homes?

Devin Wilson of Wilson Insurance Agency (559) 782-0366 offers affordable policies with fixable coverage and same day issue for homes that have been denied or dropped due to brush and wildfire areas. (ref. Sierra Star July 21, 2016 issue)

Bear Sightings

Bear sightings have been reported in the community recently. Check out the link below for more information of things to do and not to do regarding a bear encounter.

Homeowner's & Renter's Guide to Living in Bear Country

<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=57522&inline>

Ice Cream Social Recap



The Ice Cream Social was a big success. Residents and friends who attended seemed to enjoy every bite of ice cream and the

company of their neighbors. Hope to see you for the August Night BBQ & Pot Luck on the 27th at 5 PM.

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter, to Aimee Cox by July 28, 2016 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com.

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PG&E Expanded Debris Management Program July 2016

For removal of downed trees by PG&E Crews

1. Phone #: 1-800-743-5000

2. When you call this number you will be given four choices. **pick #4**

3. Then you will be given four more choices. **pick #4**

4. Ask to speak to the operator and prepare to wait for maybe 15 minutes.

Tell the person on the line you want to get a case number to be included into the PG&E Vegetation Management Program to remove downed trees by PG&E crews from your property.

The contact person will get your information and give you a case number. She will tell you that someone will contact you within seven calendar days. PG&E sent their representatives (ACRT) to our home the following day.

Someone needs to be home when the inspection crews (ACRT) arrive to give instructions and to sign the release form from PG&E. *

The following are statements from the ACRT reps.:

1. You must have a case number to have the logs removed from your property.
2. When you have been given a case number and the removal crews arrive on your property, they will remove all felled trees by PG&E crews per your instructions.
3. PG&E will be sending out ACRT inspectors twice a year to mark trees that died after the last inspection.

IN THE FUTURE

It is important to note: If you are present on the property when the ACRT crews are marking the next round of trees, you need to tell them at that time to include you in this program. This will get you on the list without the long phone call you will need to make this time. If it is not possible for you to be there, then you will have to make the phone call as instructed above.

* If you cannot be available, check with a neighbor who might be willing to assist. The CWPOA is offering to assist in this effort as well. You would need to indicate that the CWPOA is authorized to represent you when you contact PG&E. Contact CWPOA for further information.