

# THE WOODS



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**Community  
Chipping Day  
September 17th**

## **FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE**

The Fire Brigade will hold a community chipping day on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have branches to be chipped, you will need to pile them close to the street and call Carol Eggink at 877-6290 or email her @ [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) to be put on the list for free chipping.

The chipper was on loan to the folks in Cascadel Heights for the past few weeks. They were very grateful and made a donation to the Firewise Committee/Brigade.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Firewise Brigade had a work day clearing many of the fire hydrants of grasses and also inventoried the contents of each fire box. A few items are still needed in one box and an order was placed for those items.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Firewise members relocated brush from two properties for chipping on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

As of the printing of this newsletter we have turned in 440 hours of volunteer fuel clearances at a value of \$10,633.67. Well done everyone! If you have hours to turn in and need a form, please go to the website ([cascadelinternet.com](http://cascadelinternet.com)) and print out a form from the ticker bar on the front page. Fill it out, scan it and send it to Carol Eggink. Thank you.

## **CWPOA COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY**



### **SAVE THE DATE**

Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 9PM  
Grace Community Church  
in North Fork.

We have rented the room next to the Thrift Store behind the church. There is

no alcohol permitted on the premises. It will be a Pot Luck as always with something fun for all of you to enjoy. More info as the time approaches. Did you realize by the time you get this, we will have only 16 more weekends before Christmas?



## **CMWC & CWPOA OFFICE NEWS**

We have hired Busy Bee Accounting Services to perform the duties required in our office. They are working out very well. The computer files and office files have been reorganized for better efficiency. Outdated files have been eliminated and banking fees have been stopped for both corporations. Several other money saving practices are in the works. For more detailed information, you can check out the minutes of both corporations on the website at [www.cascadelinternet.com](http://www.cascadelinternet.com).

### **CMWC ROAD COMMITTEE by Ed Rose**

We will survey the culverts for drainage issues to prepare for the coming wet weather to ensure proper flow of water.

### **CAL FIRE**

On August 6, 2019, Cal Fire suspended all burn permits in Madera, Mariposa and Merced Counties.

August 28th, Cal Fire has issued RED FLAG Warning for Severe Wild Fire conditions in our area. A Red Flag Warning is for weather which might result in extreme wildfire behavior that will occur within 24 hours.

Check this site for more detail:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-28/red-flag-warning-issued-for-northern-california-and-the-sierras>

**If you rent out your Cascadel Home** – please alert your renters of the extreme wildfire conditions that exist in our mountain community. It would be advisable for them to also sign up for the MC Alert while they are here, no matter how short a time that will be. Thank you for doing your part to protect the beauty of Cascadel Woods.

Sign up for MC Alert at: [www.MCAAlert.com](http://www.MCAAlert.com) or call them at 559-675-7770. You can add all your contact numbers and emails so no matter where you are, you will know what is going on in the event of a local emergency.

### **From the Sacramento Bee July 2019**

Many of Cascadel residents and surrounding mountain communities are far too familiar with the loss of

homeowners insurance when it came time to renew over the past several years. Since 2015, insurers have dropped nearly 350,000 homeowners with wildfire risks according to Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. “I have heard from many local communities about how not being able to obtain insurance can create a domino effect for the local economy, affecting home sales and property taxes,” Lara said in a prepared statement. “This data should be a wake-up call for state and local policymakers that without action to reduce the risk from extreme wildfires and preserve the insurance market, we could see communities unraveling.”

Lara told The Sacramento Bee last month that he’s working with the Legislature on additional reforms, including a proposal to require insurers to guarantee renewals if homeowners “harden” their homes to reduce risks. He also wants to see state insurance subsidies for low-income rural Californians. “We need to take proactive steps to protect our consumers,” he said.

To read the full story, go to this link:

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article232575652.html>

For those of you who have served in our Military forces, you can contact USAA at:

<https://homeinsurance.com/companies/usaa-insurance/> for all your insurance needs.

## **PG&E Power Shutoffs**

Since PG&E has been found responsible for causing the Camp Fire of 2018 which killed 86 people, the company has started a procedure to shut off the power in areas which are experiencing perfect conditions for a wild fire to occur. PG&E has a site for you to sign up to be notified of these outages. Go to [www.pge.com/wildfiresaftey](http://www.pge.com/wildfiresaftey) and get signed up today.

## **CAL FIRE EVACUATION REMINDERS**

If we are notified of a possible evacuation, and it is obvious we will have more than one hour to get out, there are some important things we should do in and around the home to help protect it from the coming wildfire as much as possible. Visit CAL FIRE Site: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/pre-evacuation-preparation-steps/>. Here you will find more than enough information to make sure you have prepared as best you can. If you were here in 2017, during the Mission Fire, you know that sometimes you have mere minutes to get out. And since we have only one way off the mountain, it is even more imperative for us to be prepared. Don’t forget to locate your pets and load your farm animals – horses, for quick removal.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If you are trapped inside the subdivision, you can proceed to the Shelter in Place across from the

Clubhouse. There is a firebox located in the area behind a hydrant. The lock is a break-away lock, so the box does not need to be knocked down to get anything out of it. The Fire brigade members have been instructed to unlock all the fireboxes on their way out of the subdivision in the event of an evacuation to make the equipment accessible. Our hydrants need to be hooked up and charged (activated) properly or the system could literally break down. If you have not participated in fire hose training, please do not attempt to connect and use the hydrants. Misuse could result in damage to the entire water system.

Cal Fire has a site to visit to learn more about the situation of being trapped in your car, home, or on foot during a wildfire. Go to:

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/what-to-do-if-trapped/>

## **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- **Sep 12 – Closing date of nominations for Directors**
- **Sep 14 – CWPOA Board Meeting**  
10 AM at the CDC Conference Room  
57839 Road 255 (The Old Mill Site)  
North Fork, CA 93643
- **Sep 17 – Firewise Brigade Chipping Day**  
9AM till we finish.
- **Sep 21– Bass Lake Smokey Bear Run/Walk**  
Road 222 will be closed from 7:15-10:15AM
- **Sep 28 – CWPOA Annual Members Meeting Election of Directors**  
10:00AM at the CDC Conference Room  
57839 Road 255 (The Old Mill Site)  
North Fork, CA 93643

## **NEXT MONTH**

- **Oct 11 – CMWC Board of Directors Meeting**  
4:00 PM CDC Conference Room
- **Oct 19 – Firewise Brigade Work Day**  
9:00 AM at the Clubhouse Parking Lot

## **NORTH FORK LIBRARY EVENTS**

FIRST FIVE -September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM ABC/123. First Five - September 19<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM Story time. September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM the Library will hold Movie Night for teens.

Phone – 559-877- 2387 for more details and events.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the October Newsletter by September 24, 2019 to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).