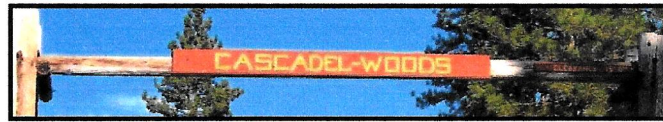


# THE WOODS



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## CWPOA HOLIDAY PARTY

**PLEASE** send **RSVP** to Carol at

[egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) so we can set up enough tables for everyone. Thank you. ❤️

It is hard to believe another year is almost past us, but here we are. 2020 is just a few weeks away. Our Cascadel Holiday Pot Luck event will be held at Grace Community Church on Friday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 9 pm. It is located at 56442 Rd 200, North Fork, CA 93643.

The sweet classical guitar sounds from Warren Cox will keep you in the spirit of the season.

You can bring your own table settings as always. We will provide extra settings for those who forget. The decorating crew, Lisa Wood and Toby Delaney are already in the process of creating table decorations. **PLEASE – NO ALCOHOL WILL BE PERMITTED IN THIS FACILITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**



## Remember the winds of Oct 27?

Not sure how many of you have noticed this very unusual bent tree just past the horseshoe curve on Road 233 that appeared after those high winds. It is surprising that the tree could bend so far without snapping off.



## CMWC ROAD COMMITTEE & THE FIREWISE BRIGADE

The Fire Brigade worked with the Road committee Chair, Ed Rose, to clear more culverts in preparation of the coming rains. Simon Elman and Carol Eggink helped Ed on November 8. Ed Rose purchased and donated

a tool to be used to assist in the clearing of dirt filled culverts.

Simon has made another tool that works the same way and plans to make a smaller one for those really small culverts.

Thanks to both Ed and Simon for their generosity and commitment to the community.

We worked 1 small culvert near the archway and the big culvert at Cascadel Drive and Loma Linda, along with 2 other culverts in

this area. A lot of shoveling took place here to make room for the huge runoff expected from Autumn Ridge Way. We worked our way towards the bridge and worked 3 more culverts. We will do as much clearing as possible and may hire contractors to help finish up the remaining culverts throughout the subdivision.



## **Weather Alert for Thanksgiving**

From the National Weather Service  
...WINTER STORM WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM TUESDAY MORNING THROUGH LATE THURSDAY NIGHT ABOVE 3000 FEET...

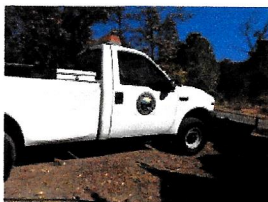
\* WHEN...From midday Tuesday through late Thursday night.

\* IMPACTS...Travel will likely be very difficult. The hazardous conditions could impact holiday travels as well as commutes.

\* ADDITIONAL DETAILS... Downed trees and power outages possible.

**Be sure you sign up for the PG&E OUTAGE ALERTS at: <http://pge.com/>.**

## **SNOWPLOW**



The snow plow has had its annual maintenance check up and is ready to plow the roads should we be blessed with snow.

Those who have paid in advance for annual driveway snowplowing, be sure to contact Stan Eggink at 559-877-6290 to let him know if you plan on coming up so your drive can be cleared before your arrival.

## **WINTERIZING YOUR HOME**

The temperatures are starting to fall, and now is a good time to begin the practice of winterizing your Cascadel home by shutting off the water at the meter or where it enters your home. Once the water has been shut off, open your faucets and flush your toilets to empty the lines to prevent freezing pipes.

If you forget to take care of your water lines, please call Ken Wood@ 559-676-5387 or Stan Eggink@ 559-877-6290, and we will shut your water off at the meter and open the outside faucets.

## **US FOREST SERVICE ALERT**

Effective November 22, 2019, FIRE RESTRICTIONS on the Sierra National Forest have been lifted.

To have a campfire outside of a designated developed campground, you must have a California Campfire Permit. A campfire

permit can be obtained at any Forest office or online at [www.preventwildfire.ca.gov](http://www.preventwildfire.ca.gov).

**NOTE: This is not for pile or brush burning. That is still restricted.**

## **Wildfire is still a very real threat!**

The weather is cooling down, and it is easy to forget that the grasses are still extremely dry and tall in many areas of Cascadel Woods.

To check the Madera County Cal Fire restrictions go to the Cal Fire website - <https://fire.ca.gov>.

Make sure you are signed up for the MC Alert system so you are notified wherever you are in case there is a wildfire in our area. Sign up at - [www.MCAAlert.org](http://www.MCAAlert.org).

## **TIPS ON POWER SHUT OFFS BY PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC**

1. Check on medications that need refrigeration or equipment that requires power and prepare or find another place to stay.
2. Make sure your emergency medical kit is filled with flashlights and batteries. Get some cash from the bank. You may not be able to use your ATM cards or credit cards.
3. Check on the generators. If they require fuel you need to stock up. Put at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle.
4. Find solar chargers to charge your cell phones
5. Make sure you have alternate ways to cook and have plenty of food for family and pets.
6. Maintain a supply of candles and propane tanks.
7. Sign up with the utility companies to be kept informed on the outages or other situations for your area.

## **CSA-21**

On Nov. 19, 2019, the Madera County Board of Supervisors came to a decision on what they wish to do with our four parcels of open space in Cascadel Woods including the Clubhouse.

The surveys turned in to Madera County showed the following tally:

- 1) Dissolve CSA & transfer assets to CWPOA - 33 voted yes
- 2) Dissolve CSA & sell assets to another entity. - 5 voted yes

- 3) Dissolve CSA & create a new Independent Special Services District - 26 voted yes
- 4) None of the above - 6 voted yes

The majority of residents who turned in their survey were in favor of returning the parcels back to the CWPOA. The resolution on the Boards decision will be covered in a Regular meeting of the Board for any persons to voice any opposition to their decision on the CSA parcels. If no one voices opposition the resolution will pass. If there is opposition, a 218 ballot will need to be mailed to the residents.

To listen to the part of the meeting where all persons spoke to this issue and to hear the Resolution, please go to:

<http://maderacountyca.igm2.com/Citizens/SpLitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2541&Format=Agenda> . Begin at the time of 1:39:17 to view this segment.

It is our hope to be able to include these parcels on the current grant we are now applying for. It would be awesome to clear out the massive overgrowth and fallen dead in our recreation areas so it might be used by the residents.

It should be pointed out that in 2016, the Madera County Board of Supervisors' Public Works Director Norm Alender reported that they could not make the CSA parcels a County asset, no matter how hard they tried. But now the Board of Supervisors and Public Works Department are claiming they own those parcels and have stated they could, "sell these parcels," out from under us.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting and Bake-Off**



*Story from Sierra News Online 11/22/19*

The North Fork Chamber of Commerce is hosting this event Dec. 6, from 4-6 pm in downtown North Fork.

Central Sierra Pest Control will assist with decorating the live Pine tree.

Enter your best chocolate, best cookie or best cake in this family-friendly event and

you could walk away with one of three \$50 Visa gift card prizes or if you just want to donate goodies, bring them to the dessert tent next to the Post Office. Check this link to be informed –

<https://sierranewsonline.com/christmas-tree-lighting-and-bake-o-bash-in-north-fork/>

### **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- **CMWC Board of Directors Meeting** POSTPONED to FEB.
- **Dec 13 – Holiday Pot Luck Party 5-9 PM** Grace Community Hall in North Fork

### **NEXT MONTH**

- **Jan 18 – Firewise Committee Meeting**  
Carol Eggink's Home at 10AM  
weather permitting.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

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

We would like to point out that this edition of **THE WOODS** Newsletter is the beginning of our FIFTH YEAR of publication.

Aimee Cox was the first editor of the newsletter. When she retired, I (Carol Eggink) was asked to take over for her. With the help of Cindy Curtis, Judy Rose, Susie Odry and Sandy Trapp, who have all assisted with the newsletter, I have tried to produce a fun and enjoyable newsletter for you each month.

Just for fun, I thought I would re-issue the front page of our very first Edition, Nov 2015.

Please remember you can view all editions of **THE WOODS** on our website.



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## Road Maintenance

We recently completed one phase of asphalt repairs. Nineteen areas were repaired for a total of almost 1200 square feet. The largest single area was 216 sq. ft. The repairs were performed using Caltrans guidelines. The repair sites were saw-cut and excavated to allow for the proper amount of base material to be placed and compacted prior to adding three inches of asphalt. Our snowplow has also been serviced and is ready for the snow.

## Water Company News

A reminder beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> outside watering is limited to one day a week. Odd numbered addresses- Saturday. Even numbered addresses – Sunday. The maximum allowable water usage is unchanged at 2250 cubic feet per month. Congratulations as the community achieved a 26% reduction in water usages for November (our goal was 23%). Thank you everyone.

There will be a regular meeting of the Water Company Board of Directors on Friday, December 11 at 4:00pm at the Clubhouse. The agenda includes status on a grant for drilling a test well, water conservation, wells and spring status report, and fire insurance (ISO rating) update.

Since we are now receiving below freezing temperatures at night please take steps to protect your water pipes from freezing and/or rupture. If you need assistance please contact the CWPOA or Water Company for assistance at 559-877-2635 or [cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net).

## Events and Meetings

- \*\*\*Holiday Party\*\*\*December 12 from 4pm-8pm (dinner at 6pm) at the Clubhouse.
- December 11 at 4pm – Cascadel Mutual Water Company Board Meeting at the Clubhouse
- December 19 at 10am – Firewise. Fire Brigade at 59657 Hillcrest Road (home of Warren and Aimee Cox) Regular meetings are held on third Saturday of every month
- January 9 at 10am – CWPOA Board Meeting at the Clubhouse

## Winter Preparedness

According to an article in the November 26 edition of the Sierra Star: “Residents urged to prepare for El Nino. At a recent meeting held in Yosemite Lakes Park, Mountain Area residents were warned to be prepared for the Godzilla El Nino and torrential rains this winter that weather analysts have predicted with 95% certainty”.

The CWPOA has completed an application and received permission from CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to proceed with inspection and clean-up of Whisky Creek in order to remove debris that could be washed downstream that could potentially damage the bridge. Whisky Creek is on County Service Area (CSA) property so permission will be requested from the County of Madera as well.

## In Memory

Volney Dunavan, a dear one and active member of our community passed away on September 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Agnes Hospital. Volney moved into Cascadel Woods in 1999 and served on the CWPOA Board among her other active work in the community. Volney was 74 years old (young) and would have turned 75 on November 30, 2015.

Tom Norwood, a longtime resident, friend and neighbor and one of the original owners in Cascadel Woods passed away in November 2015.

## Your Newsletter

We want to introduce everyone to the new monthly Newsletter. We're sharing information relevant to the community and we would also like to share your information regarding yard sale dates, birthdays, meetings, classes etc. (Note: all information must be approved by the Board of Directors).

Please send submissions for the newsletter including any local news and information to share with the community to Aimee Cox at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com).