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# THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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Chipping Day  
March 7

## PAY BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

You can now pay your water company bill by using a debit or credit card. The easiest way to receive your bill is by e-mail. Hit the "Pay Now" icon on the bottom of the bill and follow the simple directions. You will receive an immediate receipt of payment.

If you receive a hard copy invoice, and wish to pay via Debit or Credit Card, simply email our office at [info@cascadelmutual.com](mailto:info@cascadelmutual.com) or call (559-877-2635) and we can either email your invoice to you or take your card information over the phone to pay your bill.

## CMWC ROAD/BRIDGE REPAIRS

On February 25, the CMWC President, Stan Eggink and Road Committee Chair, Ed Rose met with a contractor/engineer to inspect the bridge and the weir.

The Engineer will submit a report of the findings to the CMWC Board for their review and decision for next steps.



## THE CMWC WELL #3 AIR GAP

We have hired contractors to make modifications to the water lines. The work began late February. The expected completion date should be mid March or sooner. There should be no interruption of service to our customers; however, chlorination may be added to the system for your safety.

## FIREWISE BRIGADE

The Firewise Brigade/Committee members have scheduled our first chipping day of the year for the community. It will be held on Saturday, March 7. If you have debris to be chipped, place the debris on the roadside, call Carol Eggink to be put on the list for chipping, and we will put you on the schedule. The number of requests for assistance will determine if we get to all properties on March 7.

This is short notice, so if you cannot get your pile ready by March 7, don't worry; there will be several more chipping days this year.

This year is looking like another drought year; so it is advised that we all take as much precaution as we possibly can to harden our property against wildfires.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Cascadel Woods Annual Firewise BBQ** will be held SATURDAY MAY 16. Location will be the clubhouse front lawn. We will be setting up around 10am.

We will supply meat from the grill, condiments, some drinks, paper plates and plastic utensils. You bring your favorite BBQ pot luck side dish.

We hope to have a few speakers present to share the conditions we will be facing in the coming wildfire season due to a lack of rain and snow.

Join us for some great food and fun conversation with your neighbors while you learn what you can do around your property to be as prepared as you can be in the event of a wildfire and or evacuations due to wildfires in the area.

### Firewise Brigade needs new members!!!

If you are interested, you are invited to attend a scheduled meeting with notification to the committee chair, Carol Eggink. She can be reached at 559-877-6290 or [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).

## CSA-21 – NO UPDATES

On January 7, 2020, the Madera County Board of supervisors passed a Resolution to dissolve County Service Area (CSA) – 21 and simultaneously create an Independent Park District.

This process will most likely be 4 – 6 months in the making. More questions need to be asked & answered. We will let you know how this progresses.

### JOE BALOG

#### LONG TIME CASCADEL WOODS RESIDENT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CUSTOMER'S AT THE NORTH FORK PIZZA FACTORY



#### Dawn Fedak North Fork • Exact Center of California · February 4, 2017 ·

*The very first customers at the Pizza Factory in North Fork. All three men North Fork school bus drivers.*

Joe Balog is on the left with the beard and mustache. Alan Garton is center and on the right is Joe Donnell.

According to Karen Balog, Joe's wife, she and Joe along with these guys all worked for the North Fork School. Joe and Allen drove the school busses and Joe Donnell was a shop mechanic. Karen also drove the busses.

Karen is pretty sure Joe ordered a Pepperoni and Olive Pizza. Must be Joe Balog's favorite.

From the research for this article, it looks like the Pizza Factory of North Fork opened its doors in the early to mid 80's.

For some interesting reading on the history of THE PIZZA FACTORY check out this link on Wikipedia - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pizza\\_Factory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pizza_Factory)

We hope you have enjoyed the personal stories found recently and published in THE WOODS for your enjoyment. If you have a story you would like to share that has a link between a Cascadel Woods resident and North Fork or surrounding areas of interest, please send your article to Carol Eggink.

## DOWNTOWN NORTH FORK



### North Fork Auditions for HGTV's 'Hometown Makeover'

*Sierra News Online article of February 7, 2020  
By Sarah Rah*



NORTH FORK — “We love North Fork!” echoed across Downtown North Fork on February 3. The town is auditioning for a spot on HGTV's Hometown Makeover show, competing against hundreds of other small towns across America.



Michelle Miller (left) and Wade Wheeler (center) coordinated scores of volunteers at the gathering with the Visitors Bureau's Creative Director Steve Montalto (right)

handling the cameras (photo by Sarah Rah)

Recently, Rhonda Salisbury, CEO of Visit Yosemite/Madera County Visitors Bureau, took the first step to apply for the audition.

According to Aran Johal, president of the Eastern Madera County Chamber Alliance, the chambers selected North Fork as an ideal makeover candidate.

North Fork Chamber of Commerce, North Fork History Group, North Fork Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and other local community organizations are joining in the application process.

The audition video filming event began at the 'Welcome to North Fork' sign where 50 people pitched reasons North Fork is such a great place to live and visit. The crowd then wandered through North Fork's village area, sharing stories about places of interest.

The idea to apply for the makeover audition has been circulating for some time, with Cassie Verduzco of North Fork among those who started the conversation a while back. HGTV is expected to announce finalists for the Hometown Makeover show later this year.

## **Important Legal Information on Fire Insurance**

### **California** Assembly Bill 2367

This Bill was introduced on February 18, 2020 and is of utmost importance to us as a community which has experienced several wildfires over the past five years. Go to this link to get a bit of information:

<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2367/id/2140828/California-2019-AB2367-Introduced.html>

Excerpt from online article:

February 19, 2020 - SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Yesterday, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), Assemblywoman Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and United Policyholders introduced legislation to give insurance companies a greater role in protecting communities from devastating wildfires. Renew California (AB 2367) would require insurance companies to write or renew policies for existing homes in communities that meet a new statewide standard for fire-hardening. The bill also would authorize the Insurance Commissioner to require insurance companies to offer financial incentives for homeowners to do the work to make their homes more fire-safe.

*"More Californians are hardening their homes against wildfires but not seeing the results of their hard work when it comes time to obtain or renew insurance," said Commissioner Lara. "If you have a fire-hardened home in a fire-hardened community, you should be able to get insurance and keep it. We need insurance companies to renew their commitment to wildfire safety with incentives that will allow Californians to lower risk while stopping the domino effect of unstable real estate markets and a declining local tax base for vital services."*

*"Homeowners who have done all the right things, hardening their homes and mitigating for fire danger, are still seeing their insurance cancelled or non-renewed," Assemblywoman Gonzalez said. "We can't*

*allow insurance companies to continue to drop responsible homeowners from San Diego to the Sierras just because they can. Creating the Wildfire Resilience Task Force will bring certainty to consumer homeowners and bring balance back to our insurance markets."*

This law would apply only to existing homes, whose owners are facing an abrupt change in insurance availability related to wildfire risk. Risk reduction benefits homeowners, insurance companies, local governments, and the state by avoiding or reducing the losses of future wildfires.

The Department of Insurance collected data on non-renewals in 2018 showing a spike in non-renewals in areas across the state with increased wildfire risk. For more details, see "New Data Shows Insurance Is Becoming Harder to Find as a Result of Wildfires" (August 20, 2019). Data on non-renewals for 2019 will be available in summer 2020.

Source: CA. Dept. of Insurance:

<https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2020/02/18/558721.htm>

You are urged to research this Bill for yourself. This Bill is one we need to keep an eye on.

The Bill may be heard in chambers on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- **Mar 7 – Community Chipping Day**  
9:00AM Clubhouse
- **Mar 8 – Day Light Savings begins**  
Move Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
- **Mar 11 & 14 – Hydrant cleaning & Flushing**  
10:00AM Clubhouse parking lot. 11:30AM for the 14<sup>th</sup> after the CWPOA Board meeting
- **Mar 14 – CWPOA Board Meeting**  
10:00AM CDC Conference Room
- **Mar 21 – Firewise Work Day**  
9:00AM Clubhouse-To be determined

## **NEXT MONTH**

- **April 10 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
4:00PM CDC Conference Room
- **April 18 - Firewise Work Day**  
Clubhouse Lawn 9:00AM
- **April 22 – Earth Day**

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the April Newsletter by Mar. 24, 2020 to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).

Spring Forward March 8, 2020!!!  
Turn Clocks ahead one hour.