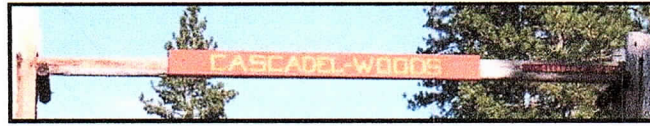




**MOTHER'S DAY**  
SUNDAY MAY 10

# THE WOODS



**A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
MONDAY MAY 25

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC) BOARDROOM REMAINS CLOSED

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic the CDC will not allow the use of their Board room until all restrictions on social distancing have been lifted.

The Board meeting for the CMWC scheduled for May 8 will take place as a closed session meeting at a place to be determined. Minutes of this meeting will be on the website no later than May 13.

**Look up the latest news regarding COVID-19 at** <https://www.cdc.gov/> and for Madera County at <https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-health/health-updates/corona-virus>

## COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER CONCERNS

April has been an interesting month, from a run on toilet paper- to all but "Essential Workers" out of work and stay home requests. It has been obvious that many are taking this time to harden their property against wildfires by brushing and burning. The Firewise Committee and your neighbors THANK YOU for all you are doing.

Included in this newsletter will be a wildfire reduction work hours form for you to record your work. Fill out the form and turn in your work hours to Carol so your volunteer hours can be recorded as part of the requirements for Cascadel Woods to remain a member in good standing in NAPA'S FIREWISE USA. We have been a member since 2010. Your participation in sending your hours to Carol Eggink to be recorded have helped to make it possible for us to remain defensible against wildfires as evidenced greatly in 2017 during the Mission Fire. You may also send your hours and the jobs done by each person involved via email to Carol at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net). Since your signature is not required on these forms, Carol can fill in the forms for you and attach your email as proof.

## FIREWISE USA CERTIFICATION LOWERS FIRE INSURANCE COSTS

One of our newer residents found the certificate showing Cascadel Woods to be a Firewise Community recognized by NFPA on our website. He took that certificate to his carrier and was rewarded with a reduction of just over 5% of the cost on his Fire insurance. If you have not shown this certificate to your carrier, send them a copy. Don't forget to tell the carrier we have a hydrant about every 500 feet in the subdivision and 5 fire boxes filled with equipment to charge any hydrant.

## FIREWISE BRIGADE

Brigade members are in the process of cleaning and repainting the hydrants and posts. The grasses are being cleared as well. All of these jobs are being done as single members. We are practicing social distancing whenever possible while getting jobs that need doing completed.

The easement clearing and weedeating will most likely be done in the same fashion. The Brigade member will work on separate streets while getting that project completed when the grasses begin to turn. Brushing on the easements will most likely take place spontaneously by members.

## ADOPT A HYDRANT OR CULVERT

One of our Water Co Directors has adopted the hydrant across the street from his home, as well as a culvert which is close to his home. He will keep the grasses down and the hydrant clean. When supplies are needed, the Firewise Chair will meet the need. You can do the same thing with the hydrant near your home. If you would like to adopt a hydrant, please let Carol know and you will be instructed on to keep the hydrant clear and clean. Thank you for your commitment to the community.

## TREE REMOVAL

In case you have the need, this post was taken from Sierra News Online. Call or check out the site for information. [Central Sierra Pest Control, Inc./Central Sierra Tree Company](#) They are offering 20% off any hazard tree removal or fire clearance job. Call anytime to get a free estimate 559-658-6262



## CHIPPING DAY TUESDAY MAY 12

We are holding a second chipping day to have your debris piles chipped. As always, place the piles close to the road on your property and call Carol to be put on the work day list. Depending on the number of requests, we will get to you. If another day is needed we may be able to work the following week. Again, thank you for doing your part to keep our community defensible during a wild fire.

## FOOD DRIVE

On April 25, the Inner City Action nonprofit held a huge food drive at the old mill site or CDC. It was a huge turnout. People were guided to park in a fashion to **drive through** with the doors or trunk open. When we heard about this event, an email was sent out to many full time residents notifying you so you could make the event. We heard from one who made the event and this person was very pleased with the amount and types of foods handed out. We will try to notify residents when we hear of special events.



Don't forget about the monthly food giveaway at Grace Community Church held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 9am. Check with the church Pastor – Rev. David Brown 559-877-3944 for more information on this or other needs you may have.

## CSA-21 DISSOLUTION IN PROGRESS

The CSA financials are sent to us each month. These are placed on the website for you to view. They are on the CWPOA side of the site. Click this link to view -

<http://cascadelinternet.com/poa/member-info/financials/> Look for Detail Transactions 2020-3-31.

The Detail Transactions state: on March 17, the Madera Board of supervisors spent \$6,249 to begin the application to dissolve CSA-21.

Since we are in the middle of social distancing, the Supervisors may not put this on their agenda. You can view the agenda of the supervisors each week to see if

they will be discussing CSA-21 at:

<http://maderacountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

Click on the agenda you would like to view.

## BEAR HUNT GAME

You may remember from last month's newsletter, Kristen Fry suggested our community play the Bear Hunt Game. Well it seems to have been fun for many of the children and adults.

With the families sheltering in place due to the demands of government officials, it was our hope to get families out to search for bears. We have heard from only a couple of families, but they really enjoyed looking for bears. Other families had fun placing bears in the yard or windows for children to find. Thanks to all who participated.

If you have a fun idea, be sure to pass it along, and maybe we can get the community involved.

## North Fork Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary

We are all too aware the Auxiliary was not able to hold the infamous Tri-Tip BBQ on April 25. This is their main fundraiser. The Auxiliary makes purchases for the Volunteer Fire Dept's real needs like boots, life saving equipment and firefighting tools. We can help them out by making a donation matching the same dollar amount as the tickets you would have purchased. Thank you for your support.

Mail to PO Box 356, North Fork, CA 93643

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **May 8 – CMWC Board of Directors Meeting**  
4 pm at a location to be determined  
Closed Session - Directors only.
- **May 10 – Mother's Day**
- **May 12– Fire Brigade Chipping Day**  
9 am Call Carol for start location
- **May 25 – Memorial Day**
- **May 26 – Food Drive Grace Community Church**

## NEXT MONTH

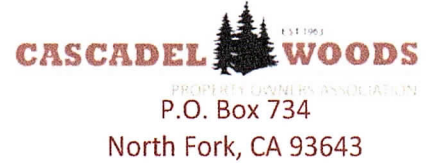
- **June 20 –Annual CMWC Membership Meeting**  
Tentative – Date could change
- **June 21 – Father's Day**
- **June 23 – Road 233 Two Community Volunteer Event**

## FROM THE EDITOR

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



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**Volunteer Time Sheet for NFPA Certification**

Organization Name (e.g. Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade or Individual)	
Grant #:	N/A
Project Name:	Cascadel Woods Fuels Reduction For 2019

<b>Name:</b>	
Company Name (if applicable)	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

<b>Date(s)</b>  <b>2020</b>	<b>Description of Activity</b> (e.g. chipping, pile burning)	<b>Location</b> (e.g. where the work was performed)	<b>Hours Donated</b>	<b>Rate</b> (\$25.43 for Volunteer) or Other	<b>Items Donated</b> (e.g. fuel, Labor)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*To be completed by CMWC Firewise Brigade:*

Quarter:	_____	Total Hours:	_____
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If you have any questions, please contact the Carol Eggink at (559) 877-6290 or email: [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net). Please return completed form(s) to: Carol Eggink at the listed email.

*Thank you on behalf of the CMWC Firewise Brigade*





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**Cascadel Mutual Water Company**  
**Closed Session Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Friday, May 8, 2020**  
**4:00PM, Location to be Determined**

In keeping with the Local and National Recommendations for maintaining proper social distancing and requests by the CDC facility management to hold occupancy to a minimum during the Covid-19 emergency, the CMWC Board of Directors will conduct a special Closed Session meeting on May 8, 2020. A regular Board Meeting will be scheduled as soon as the current restrictions have been relaxed. Minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be posted on our website by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Verify Quorum of Directors
3. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes, February 14, 2019
4. Reports:
  - a. Presidents
  - b. Treasurers
  - c. Operators
  - d. Firewise
  - e. Road Committee
5. New Business:
  - a. Review and discuss current past due accounts and special requests.
  - b. Review and discuss pending personnel changes.
  - c. Establish action items.
6. Adjourn Meeting.