



THE WOODS



**INDEPENDENCE DAY A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADEL WOODS
SATURDAY JULY 4th
NO FIREWORKS**

**THANK YOU FOR
DOING YOUR PART
** NO FIREWORKS ****

CAL FIRE NOTICE & INFORMATION

A phone call to CAL Fire gave us some important information in regard to open fires and fireworks.

OPEN FIRES – allowed on private property inside a pit or ring with plenty of overhead clearance.

FIREWORKS – NONE are allowed – PERIOD!

If you see or hear ANY fireworks, you are to call 911 and report it immediately. We must control our surroundings to prevent a fire from starting and becoming a wildfire.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe this 4th of July.

CMWC NEWS

The Water Company has contracted with an outside water service company to maintain our system. Our current operator, Ken Wood has personal commitments that require most of his time.

The company we have hired is S&S Water Services. Ken Wood has been working with the S&S crew to make the transition smoother. S&S will read the meters on July 1.

Foreseeing no problems in July, all emergency contact information will be updated in the August newsletter.

If you experience a water emergency in July, please call Ken Wood at (559) 676-5387.

ROAD COMMITTEE

Over the last Month the Roads Committee, utilizing a qualified contractor, took action repairing potholes throughout our community road system. As I have



previously reported these repairs are driven by seasonal weather and increased load on the system from



commercial deliveries, daily driving with increased tourist use and logging activity. On-going is the project to address maintenance of the bridge and the road creek crossing.

These projects will take time due to agencies involved, necessary approvals and permitting. We will keep you informed of our progress along the way. As always, if you have ideas, suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact me and as always, STAY SAFE. Ed Rose
Committee Lead – 209.626.6450

WATER USAGE LIMITS

Due to many new residents in Cascadel Woods, we felt a reminder on the regular water usage per month might be useful.

The limit per household is 3000 cubic feet (cu ft) or 22,440 gallons per month. The limits are based on the Water Conservation Recommendations issued by the State of California and the available water production quantities supplied by the CMWC wells and the spring.

There is a penalty of \$.05 per cu ft for usage exceeding 3000 cu ft per month. There is an additional \$50.00 for every 500 cu ft of usage after 3500 cu ft per month.

CHIPPING DAY

The Firewise Brigade held two chipping days in June. We were able to help out several residents.

If you are clearing and are able to create a pile of limbs for chipping, call Carol Eggink

to be put on the chipping list. Carol will put out a request for volunteers and more residents who need chipping so



we can hold another chipping day.

FIREWISE BRIGADE/COMMITTEE

Cascadel Woods is one of two communities in Madera County that are recognized Firewise USA communities as far as I can tell in my research. The other is Lake Shore Park Homes in Bass Lake. Some Insurance companies are issuing credits for Cascadel Woods home owners because we are a certified Firewise USA community. Please check

with your carrier to see if they offer this credit. On the Cascadel website, you will find documents that show we are a Firewise community. Check this link:

<http://cascadelinternet.com/water/national-fire-protection-association-certified-firewise-community-since-2010/>

Many of you are turning in your hours of work on your property and any work you are doing around the subdivision for fuel clearance. The total hours submitted this year is 819.5 That equates to \$20,839.89 volunteer dollars. Thank you all for turning in your hours, it helps us to remain qualified as a member in good standing with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA.

You can download or print out a form to turn in your hours from the website at this link:

<http://cascadelinternet.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Blank-Volunteer-Form-for-Firewise-Committee-NFPA-Recertification.pdf> or send Carol your hours via email at egginks@netptc.net.

THE ANNUAL ROAD 233 EVENT

The event was scheduled for June 13. We were gifted with a nice summer rain on June 12. Carol, Kathy Tooms and Simon Elman showed up and gave it a good show. The rain did affect some areas and made it hard to cut.

We decided to hold a second Road 233 event on Jun 23rd. That went better. Grasses were dryer and we



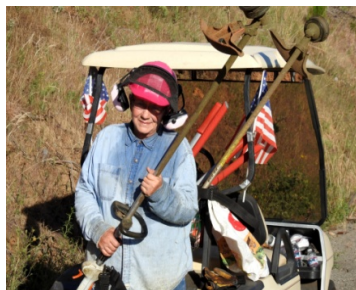
had five people show up. Simon Elman acted as the traffic control guard for us. He also had the first aid kit, cold water & snacks, and hand sanitizer. Thank you, Simon.

Suzann Foster, her

sister Pennie Barger, Suzann's Gardener – Joseph and Carol Eggink had weed eaters in hand and attacked the easements from the archway down just past the first curve. We did not get very far, but what we did get to looks very good.

Yes, it looks like there will be another day or two to finish up on

Road 233. Carol will send out a request for volunteers



once again. Maybe you will be able to help out for an hour. Every bit helps to protect this mountain top by making sure the first responders can get up here to defend our lives and homes.

Carol thanks all of the residents for doing so much extra this year. You are making it possible for her to do other areas in the subdivision because of the work you are doing.

MADERA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

You may be aware that there are 146 acres of land encompassing Manzanita Lake that was given to Madera County by PG&E recently. On June 16, the planning commission held a meeting to do several things around the lake. One of which is to build an RV Park. Please see the link below for all the information and contact persons should you wish to voice an opinion.

<https://www.maderacounty.com/home/showdocument?id=21135>

IDEAS FOR FUN WITH THE KIDS

Eight fun things to do with the kids – like put the kids behind the camera and let them direct a home movie. Plant a mini garden. Click the link and find out more.

https://calstate.aaa.com/via/things-do/fun-things-do-at-home-with-kids?cmp=EMC_MSP_MKT_MONTHC_eUpdate_eVia_MSHP_0620&ajs_uid=b17a1d75014682c394f1255006d99a91

Ten Museums in the West to explore From Home

<https://calstate.aaa.com/via/things-do/virtual-museum-tours>

Ten Animal Live Streams to Get your Wildlife Fix

<https://calstate.aaa.com/via/national-parks/animal-livestreams-get-your-wildlife-fix>

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **July 10- CMWC Board Meeting**
4 PM Eggink residence
- **July 18 – Firewise Work day**
8 AM Refresh hydrants areas
- **July 27 – Mail Requests for Nominations for CMWC Board of Directors**

NEXT MONTH

- **Aug 14 – CMWC Board Meeting & Nominations Due**
4 PM – Location To be Determined
- **Aug 21 – Mail Ballots for CMWC Election of Director**

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the August Newsletter by July 29, 2020 to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net.

PRE-EVACUATION PREPARATION STEPS

When an evacuation is anticipated, follow these checklists (if time allows) to give your home the best chance of surviving a wildfire:

OUTSIDE

- 1 Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.) or place them in your pool.
- 2 Turn off propane tanks.
- 3 Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- 4 Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
- 5 Don't leave sprinklers on or water running; they can affect critical water pressure.
- 6 Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
- 7 Put your Emergency Supply Kit in your vehicle.
- 8 Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry your car keys with you.
- 9 Have a ladder available and place it at the corner of the house for firefighters to quickly access your roof.
- 10 Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- 11 Monitor your property and the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened and need to leave.
- 12 Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.

INSIDE THE HOUSE

- 13 Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- 14 Remove flammable window shades and curtains. Close metal shutters.
- 15 Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- 16 Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- 17 Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- 18 Shut off the air conditioning.

ANIMALS

- 19 Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- 20 Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.