

THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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CMWC NEWS

ROAD REPAIRS

On December 21, Cascadel Road was graded, and drainage repair was completed by SKC Construction. After grading, the road was rolled in order to compact it.



NOTICE – REMINDER

Please remember to turn off your water at the meter if you will be gone for an extended length of time. This will help to prevent water lines from freezing and breaking in the event of a long freeze. If you forget to turn off the water, please call Stan Eggink at 559-877-6290, and he will get your water turned off at the meter. Thank you for your help.

FIRE BRIGADE

Chipper Update

On December 10, Simon Elman, Susie Odry, Carol Eggink, and CMWC Director – Ed Rose began chipping on Cascadel North at Waterfall Way. The chipper became clogged, and we had to stop.

The chipper was parked and Simon, Ed, and Carol took the chipper apart and proceeded to unclog the chipper. It was six hours of work, and it was finally unclogged. On another day, Carol assisted Simon in removing the blades so they could be taken in to be sharpened. The five drive belts have also been replaced.

The chipper should be put back together in the early part of January, weather permitting.

Once the chipper is back in action, the Fire Brigade will complete the chipping requested by the property owners.

New Fire Box

With a very generous donation to the Fire Brigade, by Ed and Judy Rose, we are planning to build and stock a new Firebox on Cascadel North. Simon has agreed to build the metal framing for the box and is looking to get the outside body of the box built with the help of resident Bob Shevlowitz. Their labor will be a donation. Thank you, Simon and Bob.

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. Contact her by phone at 559-877-6290 or email at egginks@netptc.net. Renters are welcome to join in as well.

SPECIAL MEETING WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

On December 3, the President of the Water Company, Stan Eggink was included in a conference call with Madera County, USFS, CAL FIRE Office of Emergency Services to discuss several items, one of which was the burn scar above us on Forest Service Lands in regard to the possible heavy rains that may hit. After the Mission Fire, the heavy rains of 2017 & 2018 brought down upon us an incredible amount of silt from road washouts above us that proceeded to clog our culverts and threatened to undermine our roads. Bass Lake USFS District Ranger

Denise Tuolumne assured us that at least two USFS personnel will be on Autumn Ridge Way during any heavy rains to watch for hard runoff that may cause mudslides and other damage to their roads to flow rapidly into Cascadel Woods culverts.

SNOWPLOW

Brian Curtis has agreed to drive the new plow in the event of a snow fall for the next month. Thank you so much Brian. We are looking for persons who would like to learn to drive the plow. One person has offered to learn the plow. He will be instructed on the procedure as conditions permit while it is snowing. Thanks Keith Simmons.

CWPOA NEWS

Special Revenue Fund– was CSA-21

Prior to January 7, 2020, when the Madera County Board of supervisors passed a Resolution to dissolve County Service Area (CSA) – 21 and simultaneously create an Independent Park District, the CSA was changed over to a Special Revenue Fund. This editor could not get any answer from anyone at Madera County on why this was done. It seems that we have been listed as such for several years. See the report on our website at:

<http://cascadelinternet.com/poa/member-info/new-csa-21-clubhouse-inspection-report-and-cost-april-29-2019/>

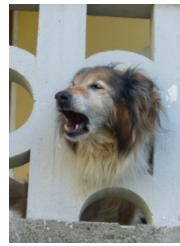
It has been almost one year since the Supervisors passed legislation to dissolve our CSA-21 and create a Park District, and this has yet to happen. This editor has not been successful in getting information regarding this issue from Madera County personnel other than it is being held up due to Covid-19.

Dave Braun is the CEO of the Local Agency Formation Commission or (LAFCO) and is in charge of overseeing the formation of all Special Districts and their dissolution. He can be reached at david.braun@co.madera.ca.gov and his phone number is (559) 675-7821. His office is located at: 200 W. 4th Street, Suite 3100, Madera CA 93637. Maybe Dave Braun will answer your concerns re: CSA-21-Special Reserve Fund.

The CMWC applied for an encroachment permit to maintain the open area in a better fire wise condition than it was managed under another organization last summer. The last permit was to expire on December 19, 2020. We have not been awarded the permit as of January 3, 2021.

Another topic of discussion was the offer to look into a grant offered through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Services for those affected by wildfire. The grant was not applicable for the CMWC to take on for the community. It was to be undertaken mostly by private property owners. So we shall keep looking for other grants and apply as often as we can.

EXCESSIVE NOISE-DOGS BARKING



This is a friendly reminder to all residents to please be respectful of your neighbors if you own dogs that bark excessively. Madera County has a noise abatement listed as: Madera County Code of Ordinances- Title 9Peace- Safety and Morals- Section V –

Offenses Against Public Peace- Chapter 9.58.010 – 9.58.040. <http://maderacounty-ca.elaws.us/code/cid16466/9.58/>

Also, under Madera County Municipal code - Title 6 – Chapter 6.04 – Animal Control Part IV – Unlawful Acts, you will find it is illegal to allow dogs to bark continuously. Municipal Code 6.04.430 – Abatement of Noise or Nuisance.

https://library.municode.com/ca/madera_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT6ANAG_CH6.04ANCO_IG_EPR

You should call Animal Control to report the nuisance at 559-675-7891.

Thank you for helping us to have a more peaceful existence in Cascadel Woods.

CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Fire Officials have declared the Creek Fire Contained!

The fire began on the evening of September 4, 2020 and created fire damage in Cascadel Woods with the complete loss of four homes, damage to two other homes, and several acres burned.

On December 24, the Creek fire was determined to be contained with an unprecedented 379,895 acres burned.

NOTE: Our Water Company provided 907,000 gallons of water to the fire crews fighting the wildfire.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Jan 16 – Fire Brigade Meeting**
10:00 AM at the Eggink Home – Masks required

NEXT MONTH

- **Feb 12 – CMWC Board Meeting Closed Session due to Covid-19**
3:00 PM at the Eggink home – Masks required
- **Feb 20 – Fire Brigade Meeting**
10:00 AM at the Eggink home – Masks required

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Submissions for the February Newsletter should be sent to Carol Eggink by Jan 28, at egginks@netptc.net.