



We breathe in the crisp fall air and take in the beauty of our surroundings. It's gratifying to note that, for the first time in many years, the community has been able to make significant improvements to benefit of all who live in and visit Cascadel Woods.

The Whiskey Creek Bridge

Long a source of conversation and consternation, the old wooden bridge has been replaced with a structurally sound roadway and walkway.

Engineered to do the job for years to come, early comments about the bridge are that the straightforward design is tasteful and well-suited for the environment.

The new bridge is a shiny illustration of how we residents have made a difference. Our road maintenance fees, modest by almost any standard, have been carefully collected over many years so that the CMWC could purchase the labor and materials without a special assessment or raising fees, which have not been increased since 2010, despite escalating costs for goods and services. Members are to be congratulated for paying dues faithfully and on-time. As we accumulate the funds, more improvements—such as addressing the weir crossing—will be underway.

AS WE APPROACH THE SEASON, LET'S PAUSE TO REFLECT ON OUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS HERE IN CASCADEL WOODS.

Enhancing Our Fire Safety

There are more than 480 acres of trees and meadows in Cascadel Woods. And we're smackdab in the middle of a forest that's seen more than its share of wildfires. After the Mission Fire and Creek Fire licked around the edges of our community [tragically taking homes with it] and burned everything for miles around us, we reaped the benefit of more than 11 years' work to reduce fuels.

Under the tireless direction of Firewise Brigade Leader, Carol Eggink, an impressive cadre of volunteers wacked weeds, trimmed and felled trees, dragged brush, hauled slash, and burned woodpiles from sunup to sundown to make us safer.

Cascadel Woods has been a Firewise USA® Community sanctioned by the National Fire Protection Association [NFPA] for more than 11 years. That's why we are respected and appreciated by the fire agencies that protect the region. We're leading examples of community commitment to fire mitigation and proactive effort.

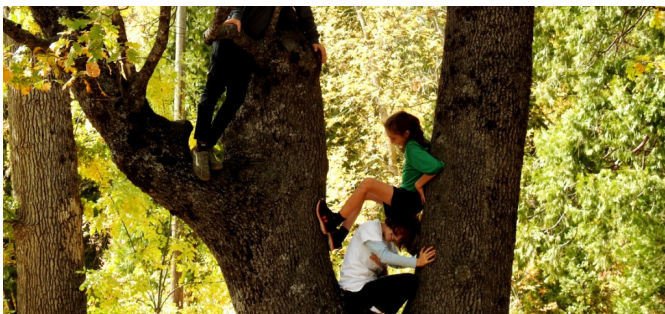
Look around and you'll see that the landscape has improved dramatically. There's more to be done, and we're working with responsible parties to clean-up the remaining log decks just as soon as the burn season opens.

Snowplow Replacement

After the snowplow was destroyed in the Creek Fire last year, we moved quickly to replace it in time for the first snow event. Applying \$10,400 from our snowplow insurance coverage, we acquired the truck with plow for \$14,000. We keep our roads passable for residents, visitors, and very importantly, the school bus.

Expanded Business Efficiencies

CMWC is a business—a Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation—registered with the State of California. With assets totaling \$2.5 million, the Board of Directors conducts business almost everyday to ensure the vitality of the organization. This last year we made critical improvements to our operations. After a suitable search, we replaced our accounting firm. We also engaged a new bookkeeping service.



Both changes result in more timely information and more effective processing of internal and external reports. Additionally, an audit of our insurance plans revealed opportunities to update our coverage to meet the realities of today's business climate.

Cascadel Community Garden

Renewed interest in cultivating a garden in the common land behind the clubhouse got a boost when Bobby Macauley, Chief of Staff for District 5 County Supervisor Wheeler, met with residents to discuss use of the area. Pictured [L to R] are Bobby Macauley, Michael Delaney, Stan Eggink, Jo Ann Huffman, Susie Odry, Carol Eggink, Jessica Negrette [group leader], Bobbi Boes, and Angela Patriarca.



Topics ranged from access to water, use of The Bath House, and oversight of the garden. Mr. Macauley expressed interest in helping us with any red tape and is supportive of the general concept. CMWC President Stan Eggink and Mr. Macauley will meet to iron-out the details. The group seeks interested participants to join the effort. See the contact information in the November issue of *The Woods*.

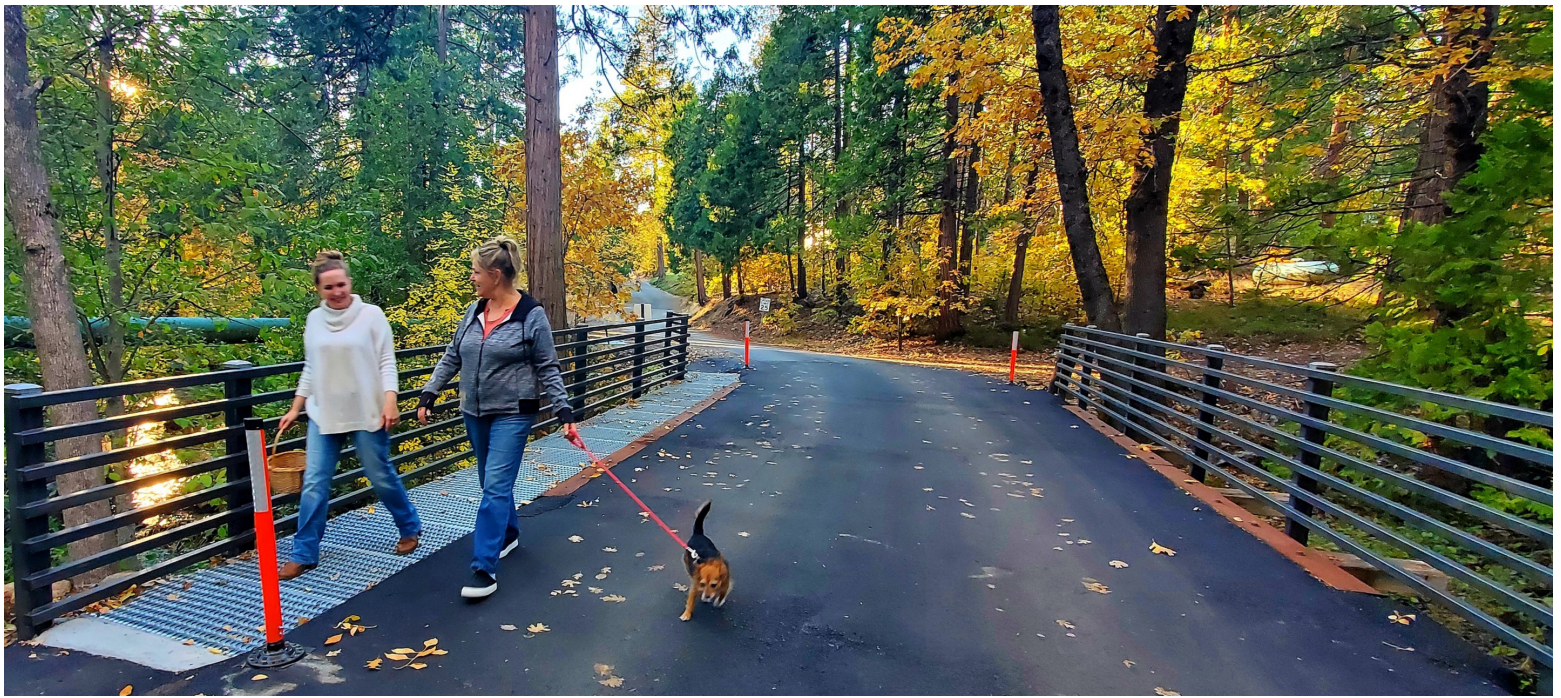
Maintaining Momentum

There are many more reasons to give thanks this season. Contributions to the Firewise Brigade and Neighborhood Watch are at an all-time high.

The spirit of people around here is evident. We plan to have more get-togethers, more community involvement, and more opportunities to celebrate our many blessings. From T-shirts, to potlucks, to group gatherings to beautify our neighborhood, we'll discover new ways to contribute to quality of life in *The Woods* newsletter.

Let's make 2022 a year that sees all of us safe, healthy, and thankful for one another.





Our new bridge is structurally sound, aesthetically pleasing, and designed to serve for many years to come.



