

# Give Thanks



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## THE WOODS

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### FROM SIERRA NEWS ONLINE

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**MARIPOSA** — Effective Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 8 a.m., the **burn permit suspension in the State Responsibility Areas of Madera, Mariposa and Merced Counties will be lifted.** CAL FIRE MMU Unit Chief Mike van Loben Sels is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and winter weather have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. For burn day information call 209-966-1200 prior to burning.

**Eastern Madera County: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Permits are required.**  
Permits are available at all CAL FIRE stations during normal business hours.

#### **Pile Burning Requirements**

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned
- The burning of trash, painted wood, or other debris is not allowed.
- Do NOT burn on windy days
- Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to pile as it burns down
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby
- An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards.

State, Federal and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands. For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

#### **ROADS by Ed Rose**

The rehabilitated bridge surface and walkway are in operation. Additionally, a surface refresh was made at the sharp bend culvert turn. More activity will be taking place as funding builds and weather permits. In the meantime, please be cautious and prepared for severe weather conditions that can affect our mountain community.

#### **DID YOU KNOW? By Michael Delaney**

Cascadel Mutual Water Company is a Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation.

California recognizes three types of nonprofit corporations: religious, public benefit, and mutual benefit corporations. These types differ in terms of their missions, activities, and fundraising regulations. But they share an essential feature—to further a purpose other than making a profit. A mutual benefit corporation stands apart from the other types of nonprofits in that its mission is to serve its members and not the public. Common examples of mutual benefit corporations are homeowners' associations, chambers of commerce, fraternities, and professional associations.

#### **COMMUNITY POTLUCK BBQ**

We had over fifty people join together to share good food, enjoy old friends, and meet new neighbors. Kristen Fry led the children in a game of placing a bell on the scarecrow's nose, and Kitty Williams led the kids of all ages in a game of cupcake walk.

There was a contest for best costume for adults and children. Those that dressed in costumes were all winners. Charles, a friend of Kitty & Jim Williams, was dressed as Moses, and he won first place for the adults. Liam was the big winner for the children.

Thanks to Ken and Sandy Trapp for the games they brought for all to enjoy.



## FIREWISE

We would like to thank all who have donated to the Firewise Brigade. Your donations will ensure the log piles will be burned now that the burn season has opened back up again. We welcome any volunteers to help watch fires. We will begin on the CSA area between the clubhouse and Cascadel South. We hope to add logs to burn piles from that huge deck next to the road, reducing that fire hazard.

Cascadel's Firewise Brigade has been a Firewise USA community since 2010. The certification as a Firewise USA community may produce a small reduction in your homeowners insurance. Just send the certificate, found on our website; <http://cascadelinternet.com/>. Click onto the Water Company side of the site and then click onto the National Fire Protection Association link at the top. Download the letter and the certificate. Send both to your insurance carrier as proof of our status as a Firewise USA community.

### Never Underestimate the Power of a Garden! By Jessica Negrete

Our community has potential for unique possibilities. Some members of our community have been inspired by this potential and are dreaming up an opportunity for us to join individually, in hopes of creating something magical, together. A community garden!

Sometimes we may forget that we are all part of a larger ecosystem. But as we work together, we grow together, reminding us of the significance of this system and the importance of strengthening bonds.

Each of you is invited, with your unique perspectives, tools and offerings, to join us in deepening the roots of our community through the roots of a garden!

Our goal is to come together and plant a garden, but also, to cultivate a space for dreaming and sharing. To provide a foundation for learning and resources, and a place for not just work but for rest and peace too.

The garden is a place where we can transform our individual perspectives and ideas into collective, fruitful actions. Whether you'd like to get your hands dirty once, be involved weekly, or attend monthly invitations, there is a place for everyone.

If you feel inspired, please email [jessicanegrete@protonmail.com](mailto:jessicanegrete@protonmail.com) to be updated on news and meeting dates as we progress.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."*

~ Margaret Mead



## VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11

Ever wonder why Veterans Day is on the 11<sup>th</sup> and does not change? World War I ended on the 11<sup>th</sup> month, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

### 11-11-1918

On this day, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 am that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car in the forest of Compiègne, France. The Armistice came into force at 11 am Paris time.

The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.

### THE POPPY FLOWER

One should wear the poppy on the right side:

- The red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives.
- The black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home.
- The green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much.

The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that the World War I formally ended.

### NOW YOU KNOW

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Nov 07 – Daylight savings Ends 2 AM
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Day

## NEXT MONTH

- Dec 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec 31 – New Year's Eve

All newsletters are available on the Cascadel website at <http://cascadelinternet.com>.

Submissions for the December newsletter should be sent to Carol Eggink by November 27, at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).