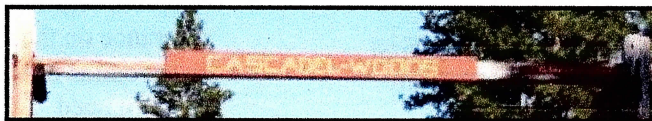




March 13, 2022

# THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADDEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
VOLUME 76 MARCH 1, 2022



March 17, 2022

## FIREWISE

Judy Rose and Carol Eggink took a grant writing course in February to learn the best ways to apply for funds to reduce wildfire fuels.

The Firewise Chair surveyed and took 'before' photos of twenty properties that require assistance to clear hazardous fuels. The photos also include properties surrounding water company facilities. The water company infrastructure remains our highest priority, and will be cleared of all standing hazard trees, logs, and thick brush.

The second priority is property that surrounds Cascadel Woods, adjacent to the Sierra National Forest. Standing and fallen dead burnt trees are numerous and will require hundreds of thousands in grant funds to clear. The process could take several grants over a few years to complete.

The third areas of concern are properties adjacent to the creeks flowing through Cascadel Woods. The areas immediately next to the creeks and pond will be surveyed by a Soil Conservationist from Madera County to ensure that no local wildlife and insect habitats are disturbed, while allowing access for recreation for residents.

The work in the next grant will be determined by the amount of funds granted. If the amount is less than \$100,000, we will address the water company facilities properties to protect our most important natural resource.

## FIREWISE PREPAREDNESS DAY is MAY 7

It may be early to announce this workday, but it's never too early to clear hazards that could hinder equipment from safe passage through our streets.

The Firewise Brigade will host a chipping day on May 7, 2022, weather permitting. To participate, please stack your trimmings at the edge of your property, close to the street. Call Carol Eggink at 559-877-6290 to put your name on the list. The crew will pile the chips on your land.

We also will clear access to fire hydrants. Limbs hanging into the roadway will be trimmed back for emergency vehicles and the school bus clearance. You can help by cutting back branches that overhang the street on your property.

We will remind you next month, so mark your calendar.

## ROADS *By Ed Rose*

Storms are expected infrequently through the spring. Be aware of weather forecasts and keep your vehicles prepared. As always, be cautious, as we have many drivers who are unfamiliar with rural roads.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A private property, recently vandalized and reported to the Sheriff's Department, highlights the importance of the need to keep a watchful eyeout for trespassers.

Increasingly, people are becoming aware of our community. Airbnb renters and contractors working in the neighborhood bring people to The Woods. If you see something suspicious, please call the Sheriff.

Going away for a vacation? Tell a neighbor, or contract with Citizens on Patrol (COPS) to patrol your home while you're away. This service is free, and donations are always welcome. Call the Oakhurst substation for information on how to retain this service: 559-658-2555.

## FACEBOOK PAGES



Be sure to visit the Facebook pages at the links below to see what's going on in the neighborhood or to report something of interest.

To become a member on the Cascadel Woods Community or Cascadel Woods Resident page on Facebook, you can make the request at:

<https://www.facebook.com/cascadelwoodscommunity/>

And

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/797742927443851>

We hope to see you there!

## DID YOU KNOW??? By Michael Delaney

They say 'everyone is Irish' on St. Paddy's Day. The first recorded US celebration was on March 17, 1737, in Boston.

There's more to the Irish than whiskey, beer, corned beef, and shamrocks.

*Did you know...*

- Ireland is the world's 20<sup>th</sup> largest island and the third largest in Europe.
- Four Irish authors have won the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- The national emblem of the country is the Celtic Harp—no other country in the world has a musical instrument for their national emblem.
- The Irish learned how to distill spirits from monks who came to Ireland during the 7th century. Centuries later more than 400 brands of Irish whiskey are exported to the USA
- The RMS Titanic, constructed in Belfast, when finished was the world's largest steam-powered passenger ocean liner.
- The US White House was designed by James Hoban, an architect born in Kilkenny, Ireland.
- The police force in Ireland [the Garda] is not armed—only detectives carry guns.
- The author of Dracula, Bram Stoker, was Irish.
- Ford Motor Company founder, Henry Ford, was of Irish descent.
- Cedric Gibbons, born in 1823 in Dublin, designed the Academy Awards Oscar Trophy.
- Irish inventions have made a global impact, including color photography [1894], the guided torpedo [1877], the hypodermic syringe [1844], the binaural stethoscope [1851], the induction coil [1836], the ejector seat [1946], and the submarine [1878].

*Michael Delaney, a second-generation Irish-American, holds dual citizenship in the US and the Republic of Ireland. He enjoys whiskey, beer, corned beef, and shamrocks.*

## CMWC NEWS

The CMWC Firewise Committee and Brigade have worked tirelessly to reduce the hazard fuels in Cascadel Woods. Here are just some of the things they do for us all:

- Weed-eat the easements throughout the subdivision
- Host chipping days for the community, free of charge

- Help out seniors and those who cannot do fuel clearance on their private property
- Split rounds into firewood and take truckloads to those in need
- Mow the shelter in place and other CSA open fields for your recreation and safety
- Host the annual roadside clearance days along Road 233
- Coordinate and hire CAL FIRE Mt. Bullion crews
- Actively apply for Fuel Reduction Grants
- Record the hours of work performed by you to the National Fire Protection Association to maintain certification as a Firewise USA<sup>®</sup> Community.

All of these benefits are made possible through your generous donations and volunteer support. We wish to take this opportunity to say...



## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Mar 13 – Daylight Savings Begins**
- **Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day**

## NEXT MONTH

- **April 8 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
3:00 PM at the CDC in North Fork  
57839 Road 225 (The old logging mill site)
- **April 17 – Easter Sunday**

## FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Submissions for the April Newsletter should be sent to Carol Eggink by March 27, at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).