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# THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
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## FIREWISE

Our good neighbor, Forrest Negrete, is working to clear debris piles that Mt. Bullion crews created in the CSA in March. Thank you so much!



*Carol Eggink and other good neighbors spent two days burning many wood piles in the same area.*

Additional resident donations have allowed us to engage the Mt. Bullion crews for three more days. They will continue working the same area in the hopes of getting closer to the pond.

As more donations come in, or when the county releases the funds in the CSA accounts for our fuel clearances, we will hire these Cal FIRE crews to do even more vital work.

**The community thanks you for your generous donations of labor and money to protect Cascadel Woods and the surrounding area from the devastation of wildfires.**

## FIREWISE PREPAREDNESS DAY is MAY 7

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) awarded The Firewise Brigade a \$500 grant for fuel clearance to be performed on National Firewise Preparedness Day. We will host a chipping day on May 7, 2022, weather permitting. It's easy to take advantage of this event. Please stack your trimmings at the edge of your property, close to the street, and the crew will pile the wood chips on your land. Call Carol to add your name to the list: **559-877-6290**

We will clear around fire hydrants and remove over hanging limbs to improve roadway access for emergency vehicles and the school bus. You can help - trim branches that overhang the street from your property.

## HABITAT PROTECTION

In March, we asked a Soil Conservationist from the Madera County Natural Resources Conservation Service to survey the areas around the pond and along the creek. With all the clearing activity around these sensitive areas, we want to ensure that we are not disturbing nesting sites or natural plant life that encourage bees, other small insects, and animals.

Logs in the pond will remain for local habitat. Logs surrounding the pond that hinder



pleasure walks will be removed if they have not begun to deteriorate into the soil. We have registered to receive free Xerces Monarch and Pollinator kits that we will place around the pond and along the creek.

## CSA-21 NEWS—ATTEND THE UPCOMING MEETING

CSA-21 was created under Resolution 84-599 on December 10, 1984. On January 7, 2020, Resolution 2020-005 declared that CSA-21 would be transferred to an Independent Park District.

In an email just received (March 28), CEO Dave Braun of LAFCO, informed us of a planned meeting for residents to discuss this issue. It will be held at the Pines Resort in late May. All residents who are members of the CSA-21 will be notified by mail. We've asked that the meeting be held in the evening, or on a weekend, so that most of us can attend. We'll pose our questions during the meeting before a decision is made on the status of the CSA-21 parcels.

## ROADS *By Ed Rose*

This month I will begin assessing the roads for annual pothole repairs and improvements. If there any potholes of special concern on your street, call or send me a text:

**209.626.6450**

*Drive safely and always watch for children.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We must remain vigilant and know what to do to protect our property. Last month, around 8:30 pm, a man and woman in a small pickup truck were spotted prowling the neighborhood and entering private driveways. A neighbor called Carol Eggink, who followed the truck up to Cascadel Heights. Marc Mandel was also assisting in the search.

When the truck turned around at the end of the street, Carol asked if the couple was lost. After they explained that they were merely driving

around, they were informed that the area is private property, that the Sheriff would be called, and that they should leave. They were followed to Road 233 until they were out of site.



**If you see something, call for assistance.**

### Going away for 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 to retain this service: **559-658-2555**.

Pick up a form from Carol Eggink or print one for yourself at home. Visit:

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

Just scroll down the webpage to the Mar 21 post regarding vacations.

### TAKE NOTICE!!!

A resident reported her Bear Box was broken into by a BIG bear. Remember to spray areas surrounding your yard with Pine Sol. A neighbor in the Heights on this side of the ridge reported seeing a big Mountain Lion midday. California Mountain Lions are listed as endangered and may not be harmed.

If confronted, remain facing the animal. Try to appear as large as you can. Do not bend over to pick up a rock to throw. Back away slowly. If attacked, fight back. Visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/learning/safety-ethics/?cid=stelprdb5228155>

## DID YOU KNOW? *By Michael Delaney*

### The Origin of April Fools' Day

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

Some people who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1.

They became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April Fools." These pranks include having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d' avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

*Source: history.com*

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **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**

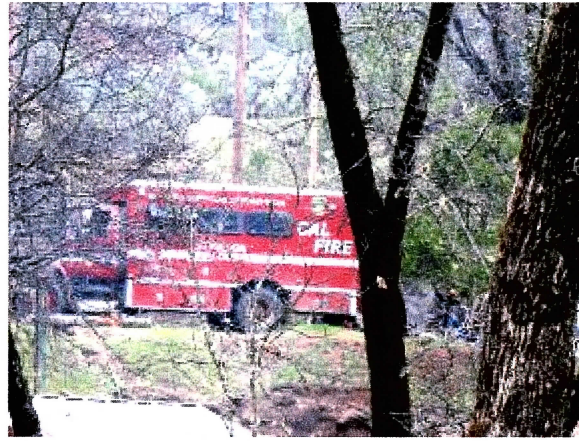
## NEXT MONTH

- **May 7 – Firewise Preparedness Day Event**
- **May 8 – Mother's Day**
- **May 14 – Firewise Community BBQ**
- **May 30 – Memorial Day**

## FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for May's edition to Carol by April 27: [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).

This newsletter was edited by Michael Delaney.



CAL FIRE Mt Bullion Crews cleared, piled, limbed up trees and set fire to 9 piles today, 03-29-2022. They will be here for two more days in the hope of getting to the pond.

Thanks to all who have made donations to the Firewise Brigade. This could not have happened without your help.





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**Cascadel Mutual Water Company  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:00PM  
Location: CDC (Old Log Mill Site)**

### **AGENDA**

**Face Masks Optional. Social Distancing Recommended**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Verify Quorum of Directors**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes of the CMWC Board Meeting for February 11, 2022**
- 5. Reports:**
  - a. President**
  - b. Treasurer (Busy Bee Accounting)**
  - c. Operator (S&S Water Services)**
  - d. Firewise**
  - e. Road Committee**
  - f. Communications**
- 6. Old Business:**
  - a. Additional improvements to bridge.**
- 7. New Business:**
  - a. Status of Cal-Fire, Mt. Bullion- Cascadel projects, past /future.**
  - b. Proposed grants and status to date.**
- 8. CLOSED SESSION**
  - a. Membership revocation**
- 9. RESUME REGULAR SESSION**
- 10. Assign Action Items**
- 11. Adjourn Meeting**