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# THE WOODS



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## **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 overhanging limbs to improve roadway access for emergency vehicles and the school bus. You can help: trim branches that overhang the street from your property.

## **FIREWISE ANNUAL BBQ & POTLUCK**

**This year's BBQ is May 14 from 11am to 4pm.**

The residents of the new Firewise USA Road 225 site will attend. With only eleven members in this group, we have invited them to join us. This event helps to satisfy requirements for Firewise USA recertification.

Hear informative speakers from CAL FIRE Rancheria Station, Citizens on Patrol from the Sheriff's Department, US Forest Service, PG&E, and Jon Cottingham, Program Manager of Coarsegold Resource Conservation District. Our neighbor, Simon Elman, will speak for CAL FIRE on the proper use of a fire extinguisher.

**Sheriff Tyson Pogue plans to make an appearance - says he loves BBQ!**

**The event will provide critical information on the wildfire conditions we face this year. We hope many of you can make it.**

If you have a basketball or volleyball, please bring them. We have the nets so you can play with friends. We are not permitted to use the clubhouse, so we will have a port-a-potty and sink on the lawn of the clubhouse.

## **CMWC NEWS**

**New 99,000 gallon water tank:** After a few years of Covid-related delays affecting our engineering partners, we received the final documents. CMWC Board approval is required prior to the USDA finalizing our loan to replace our three older and leaking 15,000 gallon storage tanks. This will bring our community water storage capacity to approximately 189,000 gallons. We plan to schedule the construction during the more fire-safe and reduced water usage time frame of November - April, depending on parts, material, and contractor's availability.

## **CSA-21 NEWS—ATTEND THE UPCOMING MEETING**

We will hear discussion on transforming our CSA-21 into an Independent Service District. What does it mean? Who will be in charge? What is the liability of the 47 acres for the residents of Cascadel Woods? Hopefully these

questions and many more will be answered.

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) as of this writing has not set a date for the meeting at The

Pines Resort. We will receive a mailer notifying us of date and time. We are told the meeting will be accessible on Zoom for those residents who cannot make the trip.



## **NORTH FORK COMMUNITY NEWS**

Attend the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of bunk housing for firefighters, a satellite Sheriff's station, and a bay for Sierra Ambulance at the old mill site at 1:00pm on May 4, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Volunteer Fire Station.

The Sheriff's station will be a huge asset to our community. With recent occurrences of strangers prowling our neighborhood, once the station is manned, we will be able to get trained personnel here in minutes.

## CAL FIRE MT BULLION CREWS



The Crews have made a serious dent in cutting up and burning most of the downed logs and debris in the CSA field along Cascadel Road. We hope to have a fun workday with our Firewise Brigade and community volunteers to find the walking path that allows us to easily stroll around the pond. We will let you know when we plan to do this and hope to see some of you there to help.

### WEEDEATING THE EASEMENTS



From now until finished, you may see someone weed-eating easements and fire hydrants along our roads.

Please drive a bit slower through the community to make sure you don't end up with a weed-eater as a hood ornament.

*Thank you.*

### ROADS by Ed Rose

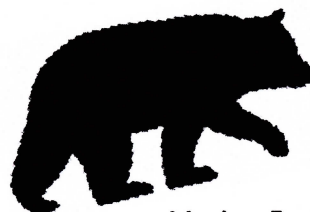
Our licensed contractor will begin work to repair Cascadel Drive from the clubhouse to Cascadel Road the second week of May, weather permitting.



### DID YOU KNOW? by Michael Delaney

**Bears in Cascadel are the *smallest* bear species.**

The American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) or simply black bear, is a medium-sized bear endemic to North America. It is the continent's smallest and most widely distributed bear species. American black bears are omnivores, with diets varying greatly depending on season and location. They typically live in largely forested areas. Despite the name, some subspecies can be brown or even blond in coloration.



There are 15 subspecies of American black bears in addition to our subspecies, the California black bear, including the Olympic, New

Mexico, East Mexican, Florida,

Newfoundland, Louisiana, and more.

Learn more at <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/41638-Ursus-americanus>.

### EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **May 07 – Firewise Preparedness Day Event**
- **May 08 – Mother's Day**
- **May 14 – Firewise Community BBQ**
- **May 30 – Memorial Day**

### NEXT MONTH

- **June 10 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
3:00PM at the CDC conference room  
57839 Road 225
- **June ?? – Road 233 Easement Clearing Event**  
The date is *to be determined* as we get closer to June. We are waiting on the grass to turn brown. The CAL FIRE Mt. Bullion Crews will be assisting if they are not on fires.

### FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for June's edition to Carol by May27: [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).

This newsletter was edited by Michael Delaney.