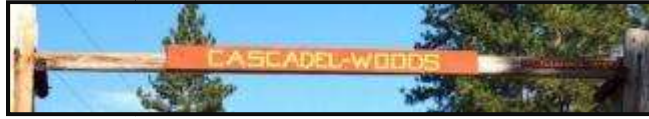




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THE WOODS



**A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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ARE YOU READY?

CMWC IMPORTANT NOTICE

When you send anything to the CMWC office using US Mail, you must use the PO Box 321 address. Three pieces of mail were received May 31, which were post marked in December of 2021 and January 2022.

Thank you

CAL FIRE MT BULLION CREWS



The Crews have been weedeating all over Cascadel Woods and beyond. The annual Road 233 event was a huge success. This was the first time the easements along the entire length of Road 233 were cleared. All the work was accomplished by the coordination efforts of the CMWC President and the Firewise Brigade/Committee and paid for with donations from Cascadel Heights and Cascadel Woods residents.

The crews cleared most of the easements in Cascadel Heights. Some had been cleared by the property owners.

The Crews and the Firewise Brigade cleared the tall grasses by the water company facilities.

The 90° culvert was cleared and the trees on the outlet side of the culvert were removed for clear visibility around that curve - all done by the CAL FIRE crews.

Cascadel Road was also cleared of grasses along the easements. Brushing of the overhanging branches will be done as soon as possible on this road.

All in all, Cascadel Woods is in better shape than it has been in the past. In the event of a wildfire, firefighters should be able to traverse most of our open areas to stop the spread of fire from reaching homes, much easier.

FIREWISE USA PREPAREDNESS DAY

The Firewise Brigade and other volunteers chipped many piles for our residents, working nearly 4 hours to remove the slash piles.

The Firewise Committee and the CMWC President arranged for the CAL FIRE Crews to come out for the Road 233 Event and to clear around the water company facilities as well as clearing road easements. These projects were rescheduled after our Firewise Day.

Thanks to all who have participated in the chipping events. Reducing the piles down to chips makes our community more Firesafe.

FIREWISE ANNUAL BBQ & POTLUCK

Great food and good times with neighbors were enjoyed. The North Fork Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the reserve CAL FIRE crew for our Rancheria Station made helpful presentations. These men had a good time playing games and really enjoyed some tasty BBQ and good community conversations.



Our local Citizens On Patrol, (COPS), neighbors from the Heights reminded us of the importance of having visible and reflective

address signs on your property. They also discussed the importance of evacuating when told to do so. The Fire fighters can't completely focus on their jobs knowing there are people who refused to evacuate.



There is a new fuel clearance rule to be aware of. The Five Foot Clearance rule means within five feet of your home

there should be no trees or shrubs. CAL FIRE Inspectors may not enforce the rule this year, but look for it to be an area of concern next year for sure.

CMWC NEWS

The Consumer Confidence Report for 2021 is finalized and can be downloaded from our website at this link: <http://cascadelinternet.com/water/member-info/legal/>

You may also download the report from our Facebook at Cascadel Woods Community or Cascadel Woods Residents.

If you prefer a hard copy in the mail, please call the office at (559) 877-2635 and make your request.

A mass email has also been sent out with the link.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Drought conditions in California persist. Restrictions for water use may be imposed sometime in June.

CSA-21 NEWS

During the workshop for dissolution of the CSA 21 parcels, the possible outcomes were explored. We heard discussion on transforming our CSA-21 into an Independent County Service District (CSD)/Park District.



LAFCO and Madera County are hoping to consolidate Cascadel Heights Road Maintenance District, (MD 97) and another Road District, MD 8 with Cascadel Woods CSA 21.

Property owners from Cascadel Heights made it abundantly clear that they have no desire to change the status of their Maintenance District at this time.

One property owner from Cascadel Heights brought to light the restrictions imposed on a Park District in regard to fuel mitigation. It seems they do not allow the clearance activity that we must perform to create a defensible space on all of the CSA 21's 47 acres inside Cascadel Woods.

A property owner from Cascadel Woods suggested another possibility for the outcome of the CSA 21. He suggested that the property be given to the Cascadel Mutual Water Company. This would ensure the four

parcels of the CSA 21 would be maintained as described for a Community Forest.

CAL FIRE Forester, Len Neilson was asked to survey our 47 acres several years ago and give his educated expertise on how to best maintain our open spaces. He told us to thin out clumps of trees, limb up the trees to 6-8 above the ground, brush down under the canopy of the remaining trees, allow areas of growth for wildlife habitat, but keep the area surrounding these habitats clear to create a fuel break. We were also told to keep the foliage along the streams to a maximum of 10 – 15 feet to prevent the foliage from taking over the open fields.

LAFCO informed us that all property owners who are paying the annual assessment for the CSA 21 will be able to vote on the outcome of the CSA 21 parcels.

You may view the workshop video at the following link: <https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/9d3c34373ad61e745f09402d832af80344ea96647c4c388c67fb13e950f77942>

CEO of LAFCO, Dave Braun, may be reached for any questions you might have regarding the outcome of CSA 21 at: david.braun@maderacounty.com or (559) 675-7821.

ROADS by Ed Rose

Maintenance activities will be performed over the next few months. Additionally, summer visitors traveling our roads may be unfamiliar with rural and private roads. Please yield appropriately, maintain awareness, and be courteous.

DID YOU KNOW? Will return in the July edition.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **June 10** – CMWC Board Meeting
3:00PM at the CDC conference room
57839 Road 225
- **June 19** – **Father's Day**

NEXT MONTH

- **July 2-3** – **Logger's Jamboree**
Recreation Center in North Fork
- **July 4** – **Independence Day**
Please Remember – NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for July's edition to Carol by June 27: egginks@netptc.net.

This newsletter was edited by Michael Delaney.

