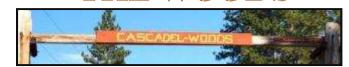


OCTOBER 31

THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION VOLUME 83 OCTOBER 1, 2022



EVERY DAY

CMWC NEWS

The CMWC Board held its Annual Members Meeting on September 24. No new Board nominations were received from the membership, an election was not required [Corporate Code 7522 (d)]. Stan Eggink and Ken Trapp were appointed for another term. The 2022–2023 CMWC Board members and their elected positions are:

President – Stan Eggink
Vice President – Ed Rose
Treasurer – Steve Johansen
Secretary – Ken Trapp
Director of Communications – Michael Delaney

OUR WATER FACILITIES

During the Fork Fire, the power was off for 72 hours. The pumps automatically switch to propane-fueled generators during the outage. The system performed perfectly, and water flowed without interruption. We will now obtain a larger tank for the longer evacuations.

FIREWISE BRIGADE

THE FORK FIRE EVACUATION

On September 7, the Fork Fire began in the town of North Fork. In no time at all we were under mandatory evacuation. MC Alert sent all of Cascadel and surrounding residents to our clubhouse to get directions on evacuating through the forest service road through the Taylor property. Stan went down to the clubhouse to get it ready for first responders and residents to be able to go inside if they wanted to get out of the heat and/or use the rest room. Turned out the toilet had been gutted. Stan came home and disassembled one of our toilets to repair the clubhouse, but it did not fit. The clubhouse had to be closed again. A Madera County maintenance employee repaired the toilet the following day, but the

need was no longer urgent. At least we should be ready for the next emergency.

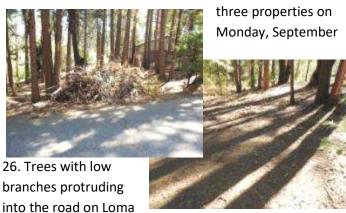
Our Firewise Brigade member, Simon Elman, went to work and began laying out hoses at the clubhouse hydrant. He had assistance from Roel Manalastas, Bob Buckles, Nate Hodges, Robert Mendoza, and probably others who were gathered around the clubhouse and shelter-in-place. This was a great community effort. Thank you all.

When everyone began arriving at the clubhouse, they parked everywhere in a rather haphazard way. Simon got everyone arranged in a fashion to be able to leave in a hurry if needed. Simon has worked many emergency areas in the past and has a lot of experience in these things. We are most grateful for his quick thinking and initiative to make it much safer.

Simon Elman did some work with the Red Cross during the Fork Fire and he received a donation of four spades and four rakes for our Firewise Brigade.

CHIPPING DAY

The Firewise Brigade and volunteers cleared debris from



Linda were removed to allow for easier access for large trucks and emergency equipment.



Thanks, to the volunteers who came out to assist.

They were Leon Henderson, Rob Shevlowitz, Steve Norwood, and Stan and Carol Eggink.



CAL FIRE CREWS

The CAL FIRE Crew helped to clear the fuel break in the field beside the clubhouse. This area will be dragged to smooth out the ruts with the skid steer. The crews also cleared the CSA field between Cascadel Drive and Cascadel Road. This helps to create a fuel break behind several homes on Cascadel Drive. The piles created from the clearing will be burned when permitted.

This crew also worked the easements on Cascadel Road clearing the trees and brush from the road to make the ingress and egress wider for residents and emergency equipment. Some logs have been cut into rounds for splitting behind the clubhouse. Feel free to collect the rounds for personal use.

With the community action from our volunteers, Firewise Brigade, and the CAL FIRE crews, Cascadel Woods is much safer. **Thanks to all** who have helped to clear so much slash and log decks over the past two years.

CASCADEL T-SHIRTS

Get your Cascadel Woods T-Shirts for a donation of \$20



or more and support the Firewise Brigade at the same time. Sizes are Small to 2X. The T-shirts are royal blue. Call Stan or Carol Eggink: 559-877-6290.

HOME OWNERS INSURANCE

At the September 27, Eastern Madera County FIRE Town Hall, with Assemblyman Jim Patterson in Oakhurst, United Policy Holders [a 501c3 nonprofit organization] presented their program to assist homeowners to purchase insurance or that have been dropped by their carrier. This company has been in business for 31 years. You can contact them at www.uphelp.org or call Annie Barbour at 415-393-9990 x111.

There will be documents posted on the Facebook page with more information. The link to the Facebook Cascadel Woods Residents page is:

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

NORTH FORK WOMEN'S CLUB CHILI COOK OFF

The Women's Club is holding the Annual Chili Cook Off at Bandit Town on Oct. 8th^h from 11am to 2pm.

This is a fun event for the family. Hope you can make it.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOW THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION.

THANK YOU!!!

FROM ALL THE WALKING RESIDENTS

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Oct 8 North Fork Women's Club Chili Cook Off
 At Bandit Town – 55420 Road 226, \$5 admission – 11 AM to 2 PM
- Oct 14 CMWC Board Meeting CDC Conference room at 3 pm.
 57839-F Road 225, North Fork
- Oct 29 Tarantula Festival
 Coarsegold Historic Village
 35300 HWY 41, Coarsegold, CA
- Oct 31 Halloween

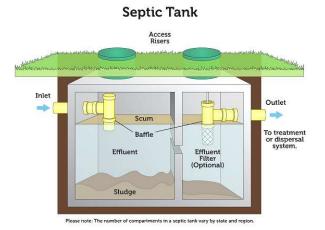
NEXT MONTH

- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 8 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day

DID YOU KNOW? - By Michael Delaney

Do This to Save Money on Your Septic System

During the Holidays, Family and friends from out of town love to visit us in The Woods. Many do not think twice about flushing the toilet or using the garbage disposal. But our septic tanks need TLC year round.



Avoid septic surprises with these tips:

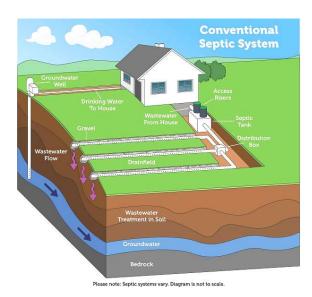
Never flush these things down the drain:

Cooking grease or oil...dental floss...diapers... non flushable wipes (baby wipes or wet wipes)... cigarette butts... coffee grounds... cat litter... chemical solutions...feminine hygiene products... paper towels

Our septic systems contain a collection of living organisms and that digests and treats household waste. Pouring toxins down your drain can kill these organisms and harm your septic system. Whether you are at the kitchen sink, bathtub, or utility sink:

- Avoid chemical drain openers for a clogged drain.
 Instead, use boiling water or drain snake.
- Never pour coffee grounds, cooking oil, or grease down the drain.
- Never pour oil-based paints, solvents, or large volumes of toxic cleaners down the drain. Even latex paints should be minimized.
- Eliminate or limit the use of garbage disposal.

This will significantly reduce the amount of fats, grease and solids that enter your septic tank and could clog the drain field.



To learn more, and view a series of quick videos on how to avoid unnecessary expense, visit: https://www.epa.gov/septic/how-care-your-septic-system#caring

You may also ask for assistance from the Madera County Environmental Health Department by calling 559.675.7823 or on line at www.madera-county.com/envhealth.



You may submit articles for the November newsletter by October 27, 2022 to Carol Eggink: egginks@netptc.net.