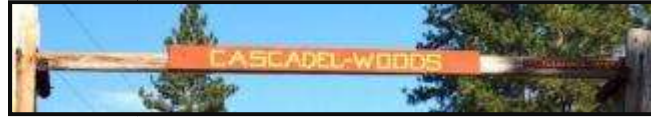




# THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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**Call Before You  
Light It**

APRIL 9

## CMWC NEWS

### Protecting our Water

The recent Boil Water Order [BWO] was issued for the period from March 2–24. Knowing the facts behind this order may help us understand why it's so **important to shut off your water at the meter** whenever you'll be away for an extended time.

1. A resident's open water meter allowed a very large water leak to occur through cracked underground pipes buried in snow.
2. The water loss was so large that the Water Company had to activate the spring to prevent Cascadel Woods from exhausting our water supply, which typically comes from our wells.
3. The introduction of spring water, with the high turbidity it generates this time of year, necessitates that we boil the water before drinking it.
4. This leak affected more than the homeowner—the entire community lost thousands of gallons of valuable water for two weeks, as volunteers and contractors dug through tons of snow to locate and stop the leak. It would be another week to purge the system before Madera County Environmental Health would cancel the boil notice.

### Lessons Learned

Dealing with this emergency was costly and could have been prevented.

1. Before you leave your residence empty for an extended period, please shutoff your water at your water meter.

2. If you don't know where your water meter is—or you forget to close it before you leave—please call the Water Company for assistance!

## FIREWISE

The chipper that we used to chip your piles was taken from us in late March. The CDC allowed us to have unlimited use in trade for making repairs to the chipper and maintaining it in working order.



David Kono retired from his job at the CDC and the person who took his position decided to sell the chipper. We were not given a chance to bid on it. We will come up with another way to rid the community of debris piles for the coming summer. Especially since almost everyone has some broken limbs in their yard from the heavy snow. Many community residents have jumped in and cleared logs from roadways. There are also volunteers cleaning up the broken limbs from the clubhouse area. Thank you one and all!

If any resident has need for the Oak from the CSA properties for your woodstoves, you are welcome to cut the limbs into rounds and take it home.

## SNOW DAYS IN THE WOODS

We now have a whole new concept of snow days. The snow fall in late February was one for the record books for Cascadel Woods. The general consensus is we received about six feet of snow.

Our plow is not strong enough to push that amount of snow around. We were fortunate that resident and District Five Supervisor, Bobby Macaulay, was able to get the county plows in here to help us out.

It was difficult to get around with only one lane roads, but everyone did pretty well. At least we could get out, if necessary.

The Public Works Department sent us a massive Grader. It was really



too long and it did some damage to the roads, a driveway, and several green telephone boxes. The photo to the left shows the grader in the Eggink's driveway. The operator had no respect for property. We asked Bobby to take that machine out of here and give us the

Loader with the bucket to reduce the damage being done by the Grader. Guess he could not make that happen. We will repair the roads again once the weather allows.

## BRIDGE REPAIRS

After the heavy rains of January, we had to make emergency repairs on the bridge support. After the heavy snow falls, we received more rain with the threat of flooding in all the creeks due to snow melt from the higher elevations.



Stan Eggink spoke with Nate Hodges and Nate laid out the plan, ordered the materials, and gathered a crew to make the second phase of repairs under the bridge in one day. It was fascinating to watch how this project was implemented.

We have scheduled a structural engineer to review the temporary repairs the first week of April.

The water levels did not exceed the banks of the creeks, but the water flow coming down the mountain from behind the clubhouse was flowing directly to the bridge.

Nate put his Bobcat to work with the snow and made water diversions to keep the water off the bridge. He also made pathways for the water to flow across the CSA fields leading to the creek.



## 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.







Heavy snow on many roofs created damage. Especially to the smoke stacks on metal roofs.



In spite of the amount of snow we received, it was really beautiful.



The snow broke limbs off Oaks all over the subdivision.



There were guardians for our elderly and singles. Volunteers came out to check on others. Some helped shovel roof high snow from decks so power could be restored to the home. Others made sure folks had food and wood. People helped with sand bags as well. It was all very special. Cascadel residents really come together during emergency situations.

Nate Hodges really helped this community with his efforts on the bridge, and making snow piles to guide water away from the bridge at the clubhouse.

These are some of the reasons that make living here in The Woods so precious.

#### EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Apr 9 – Easter Sunday
- Apr 14 – CMWC Regular Meeting of the Board  
CDC 57839-F Road 225, Conference room 3pm
- Apr 22 – Earth Day

#### NEXT MONTH

- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 29 – Memorial Day

#### From The Editor's

*We hope you enjoyed the newsletter. Please send your ideas for articles for the March newsletter to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) by Apr 27.*

*Thank You*