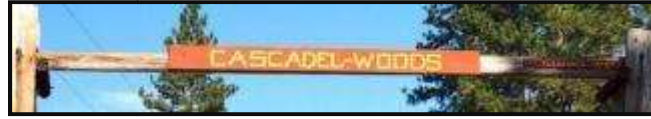


THE WOODS

Saturday, May 6, 2023
WILDFIRE
COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS DAY



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION VOLUME 90 MAY 1, 2023

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FIREWISE



May 6, 2023 is National Firewise Preparedness Day.

The Firewise Brigade members and many volunteers have been very busy clearing away many piles of broken limbs created with the enormous amount of snowfall in February.

On May 6, a couple of the Brigade members and possibly a volunteer or two will be clearing the hydrants of the tall grasses.

The Shelter in Place is in great shape and ready for the wildfire season.

The roadsides have been cleared of



most of the piles and the CSA area just past the

clubhouse is being cleared of piles by burning.

The road to the CSA Apple Orchard behind the clubhouse



is not usable due to the water flow on this road. This field will be cleared as soon as possible.

Remember to **record your hours of clearing debris** from your property.

Brushing, piling, and burning are all recordable hours.

If you take a truckload to the dump or a community burn pile, **record the number of truckloads** you had.

When its weedeating time, the hours spent **weedeating your property should be recorded as well.**

Turn these hours in to Carol Eggink via text 559.676.3783, email egginks@netptc.net, or by landline at 559.877.6290. These hours help us to fulfill the requirements mandated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in order for us to be re-certified.

So far we have turned in 527 hours. This equates to \$15,783.65 in volunteer value.

Well done, everyone and THANK YOU!!!

FIRE BOX REPAIR

The fire box on Loma Linda was pushed down by the snows of February. Jacob Paquette was hired to make the repairs for us. Thanks Jacob for a job well done!!!



Before



After

ROAD WORK

Sage Engineering repaired sides of the road washed out by the rains and filled some potholes for three days in late April.

The patch of road near the falls is very wet and will get the final phase of black top after it dries out.

Sage Engineering will return for more repairs as time allows.

CMWC NEWS

The CMWC Directors created an Advisory Committee to the Board. The committee will have one Director and will be headed up by Nate Hodges. Nate has offered to give educated advice to the Directors in areas of his expertise.

Michael Delaney has provided his skills to the creation of a, "Welcome Packet" for new residents of Cascadel Woods.

As soon as he is comfortable with its release, it will be put on the Facebook Group for your opinions and suggestions prior to publication. He is in the process of tweaking it and adding a few more interesting bits of info. Hopefully, he will have something for you to review in a couple of months.

Our website will undergo some updates as well in the next few months.

DID YOU KNOW? By Michael Delaney

Cascadel Woods is not a campground.

Every year at this time, people prepare to have friends and family come for a visit. Many consider setting up camp for a few days. And why not? The Woods is a beautiful place to get closer to nature.

But, it's important to remember that abundant wildlife warrants extra consideration for our safety. Many coming from out of the area may not realize that we share the forest with all kinds of wild animals. And a few are predators. Bears roam the woods, as do cougars, coyotes, and rattle snakes.

Being aware of your surroundings is a top priority. And most of the residents do a fine job of that. Just remember to help your visitors to be alert.

As an aside, a quick phone call to Sierra Ambulance confirms that, in the case of a poisonous snakebite, patients will be transported to the nearest hospital in Fresno County by ambulance or helicopter to receive antivenin. For serious pediatric cases, the patient may be taken to Valley Children's Hospital.

Avoiding a rattlesnake bite is a perfect example of the old adage—*an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.*

RESIDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There are so many unsung community helpers out there. We want to thank all of you for your caring hearts and spirit. You make a huge difference in the condition of Cascadel Woods.

For Example:

Jerry Corn has offered to help weedeat with Carol this year when he can. This means so much to Carol. Thanks Jerry.

Mark Jordana and Karen Jordan collect trash from the roads as they take walks.

Jack Cornett cleared the debris from Cascadel Lane and a part of Cascadel North, and then brought three truck loads to the burn piles.

Simon Elman and Jeff Bryson helped to clear debris from the roadsides of Vista and a few yards.

Thanks to all who just take care of things that need to be done.

GET YOUR SUMMER EMERGENCY BAG IN THE CAR

It is time to be prepared in the event you are evacuated and you cannot get back to your home.

Do you have these things in your bag?

Phone charger, list of medications, banking info, credit cards, water, energy bars, toilet tissue, wet wipes, change of clothes, etc.

How about someone to collect your animals for you if you cannot get home?

Give this issue serious thought and be ready for wildfire season.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **May 6 – Firewise Preparedness Day**
- **May 14 – Mother's Day**
- **May 29 – Memorial Day**

NEXT MONTH

- **June 9 – CMWC Board Meeting**
CDC 57839-F Road 225 3 pm.
- **June 18 – Father's Day**



From The Editor's

We hope you enjoyed the newsletter. Please send your ideas for articles for the June newsletter to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net by May 27.