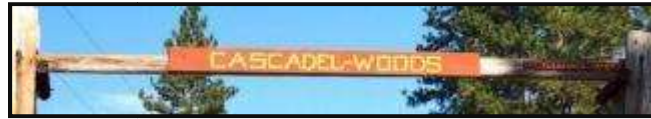


THE WOODS



JULY 4



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
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ALWAYS!!!

FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED

CAL FIRE reminds everyone No Fireworks Allowed in Mariposa and Eastern Madera County. (This includes Cascadel Woods)

Keep a watchful eye out during the Holiday. If you hear or see fireworks being used in The Woods or surrounding areas, call the Sheriff at 559.675.7770.

2023 Light Up the Sky Bass Lake Fireworks and Boat Parade!

Get there early to find parking.

There will be a Boat Parade during the day and the Fireworks show begins about 9 pm.

CMWC FIRE BRIGADE

FIREWISE EDUCATIONAL BBQ and POT LUCK EVENT

The Firewise BBQ was a HUGE success!! Thanks to all who attended!!!

We had about 50 people attending, with many children.



Photo by Ciara Paquette

We would like to thank our grill mates, Michael Delaney and Stan Eggink for keeping the hamburgers and hotdogs coming to the tables.

As always, the potluck dishes were excellent.



CAL FIRE Rancheria Station crew showed up with their engine and handed out small gifts to the children. They also allowed all to examine the engine up close.

We were excited to have Cascadel resident and CAL FIRE Assistant Deputy Director, Frank Bigelow speak to the community on wildfire fuel mitigation and home protection. Thank You Frank for the most informative presentation we have ever had. Residents were overheard talking about what they learned and continued asking questions during lunch.



If you missed this event, you can find a hard copy of the presentation on our website at: www.cascadelinternet.com. Click on the Water Co. front page ticker: <https://cascadelinternet.com/water/> to read.

Red Cross Volunteers and Cascadel resident, Simon Elman and Cliff Mac Burney presented information on a project which provides home owners a free inspection of their property to educate them on ways to protect their home and property against wildfires.

Simon also shared information on a different project the Red Cross provides for home inspections. This program checks to make sure the home owner is educated and up to date on the most current smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers.

If you missed this and would like to get information regarding either of these important projects, give a call to Cliff Mac Burney at 559-580-0107.

Several Cascadel Woods T-Shirts were purchased with a small donation to the Firewise Brigade at the BBQ. Thanks to all for your donations. The donations enable the fuel clearances to continue throughout the community by the Firewise Brigade, volunteers, your local weedeater, Carol, and the hiring of the CAL FIRE Crews. If you wish to make a donation to offset the costs and support these valuable volunteers, make your check out to the CMWC and be sure to put *Donations to Fire Brigade* in the "for" line.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

ROAD WORK

Sage Engineering made much needed repairs on Cascadel Road in June.

The easement clearings were started in June. This work will be ongoing as needed through the summer.

ROAD 233 ANNUAL CLEARING EVENT

We live in such a beautiful place. One of the drawbacks to living up here is there is only one way in and out for us all. In 2016, we began clearing the easements on Road 233 to help clear the way for residents to get off the mountain and emergency equipment to get up to protect us.

We have come a long way since 2016 in our clearing efforts.

Last year Cascadel's CMWC Fire Brigade hired the CAL FIRE crew to clear Road 233. This was made possible with the help of generous donations from Cascadel Heights. The crew impressed us all and for the first time in many years and cleared the entire road of tall brown grasses.

This year was even more remarkable. Our Cascadel Heights partners donated \$650 to this event. Cascadel Woods donated as well.

The CAL FIRE crew worked for three days on Road 233. The crew weeded for two days and removed small brush and downed limbs and trees. We were able to get the county to bring up their chipper to eliminate all the brush piles from the sides of Road 233 to make us as fire safe as possible.

The crew also cleared the easements in Cascadel Heights. We hired Jeff Bouche to haul off the brush from the roadsides in the Heights. Donations covered this expense as well.

The crew finished Cascadel Heights and had some time left in the day so we had them help out with the entrance of Cascadel Woods on the finger of property between Cascadel Drive and Autumn Ridge Way.

The importance of clearing easements on Road 233, the Heights and Cascadel Woods is vital to us all in our fuel mitigation to be as Firesafe as possible each year. We have seen how wildfire is able to be guided away from the cleared areas as proven during the Mission and Creek wildfires.

Thanks, to all who donate each year. You make keeping us safe, a lot easier.

REMINDER

We are now into the summer and it is time to make sure certain things are in place at your Cascadel home and in your vehicle.

A few ideas are:

1. Sign your family members and yourself up for MC Alerts. These alerts can be anything from Heat Advisories to Wildfire Evacuations. You can do this at the following link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/1332612387831894/new>

2. Be sure you have a list of items you must add to your evacuation bag; **a)** in a moment's notice to evacuate. **b)** warning of possible evacuation – the extra things you would like to take with you.

3. Does everyone in the home, guests and family members, know where to meet up in the event of an evacuation notice, especially if you are separated from each other?

Remember your pet's needs as well.

For your vehicle

1. Keep plenty of water in your car. Change it out often in the summer time.

2. Keep a phone charger in your car.

3. Place important info on your phone and/or on a flash drive in case you cannot get back home.

You are urged to visit the CAL FIRE, <https://www.fire.ca.gov/prepare> and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Wildfire-safety-tips> sites to learn as much as you can on all you can do in advance to be as prepared as you can be in the event of evacuations for any reason.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

THIS MONTH

- **July 4 – Independence Day**

NEXT MONTH

- **Aug 11 – CMWC Board Meeting**
CDC Conference Room 57839 Road 225 3 pm.

From The Editor's

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