



THE WOODS

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**ARE YOU READY?
STAY ALERT**

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CMWC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership meeting was held on Saturday September 23, 2023. There were three candidates running for the three open seats on the CMWC Board. The three candidates were elected to fill the open seats.



Your Board of Directors' positions are as follows:

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

POTLUCK BBQ

We had a nice turn out for the BBQ. We wish to thank Glen, Suzann Foster's son, for cooking the hotdogs and burgers on the grill. As per usual, we had excellent



side dishes from the all that attended the event.

Ken and Sandy Trapp provided a

fun game for folks to play. Several tried the game and seemed to enjoy themselves.

It was nice to see faces of our newer residents as well as familiar faces of the longer term residents.

It was suggested by some, to have a community BBQ at least every three months. We would like to hear how you feel about this proposal. You can voice your opinion on our Residents Facebook Group.



Almost every person at the BBQ questioned why we



cannot use the clubhouse. They were told the County will not allow the use of the building in its current condition. The men at the

BBQ offered to help repair the building if permission was given by the county. It seems the county may be getting a few calls for permission to make repairs to the clubhouse as well as permission to occupy the building for various events like our Holiday party, weddings and birthdays.

CMWC FIRE BRIGADE/COMMITTEE

The Fire Brigade held a meeting on Sept 9 to recruit new members to the group. We had several show interest.

After the BBQ, The Fire Brigade held a training meeting where Brian Curtis instructed those present on the



proper way to hook up a hose to the hydrant and the **proper way to charge and shut off the hydrant**. Most people would not realize the damage that can be caused to our entire water system by charging our hydrants improperly. Failure to use the proper precautions could cause the water lines to break. Then no one would receive water and those responsible could be liable.

Brian also instructed the class on the different sprays and their use, to knock down flames. Improper use here could



actually cause the fire to spread. It was a very nice turn out for the training.

Every person was given the chance to hold the charged hose and to try the different sprays by turning the nozzle.



REMINDER TO ALL CMWC MEMBERS

Due to water conservation, each household is limited to 2550 cubic feet of water per month. If you go over this amount during one month you will be fined from \$.25 to \$1.00 per cubic foot over the 2550 limit, depending on the amount of the overage.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Stan Eggink, President of the Water Company.

Thank You

FIRE BRIGADE REMINDERS

Just because the weather is turning cooler, it does not mean we should stop preparing for wildfires.

The Camp Fire of 2018, which killed 85 and destroyed the town of Paradise outside Redding in Northern California, started in November.

We live in the most at risk area for wildfires in Madera County. Stay on the alert. Keep your go bags ready and keep the leaves raked up from under your decks as they begin to fall.

Make sure to clean out your chimney. We have had a couple of chimney fires here in the Woods. We need to be ready to extinguish small fires before they become huge fires.

CAL FIRE REMINDER

Burning wood in a fireplace creates buildup in the firebox and in the chimney. This buildup, among other factors, increases the risk of fire. The [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#) indicates the leading factor contributing to home heating fires—as much 25%—was failure to clean chimneys and solid-fueled heating equipment. Annual inspections and chimney cleanings help to keep that risk in check and promote safe fireplace operation. A crowning touch is to make sure a spark arrestor is installed on top of the chimney.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

THIS MONTH

- **Oct 13 – CMWC Board Meeting**
CDC Conference Room 3 to 5PM
57839 Road 225, North Fork
- **Oct 14 – Chili Cook Off at Bandit Town**
55420 Rd 226, North Fork
- **Oct 14 – Solar Eclipse**
- **Oct 21 – Fire Brigade Meeting**
Clubhouse grounds 10 am. If inclement weather, we will meet at the Eggink's. 59491 Loma Linda Dr.

NEXT MONTH

- **Nov 5 – Daylight Savings Ends**
- **Nov 11 – Veterans Day**
- **Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Day**

From The Editor's

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