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## Emergency Medical Services in North Fork

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At the April board meeting, Aaron Sundstrom, Executive Director of Sierra Ambulance Service, announced that July 1, 2024 is the tentative date to begin posting an advanced life support ambulance at the North Fork Emergency Services Building located at the Old Mill Site. The plan now is to post a crew and ambulance around the clock, subject to availability. Sierra Ambulance provides 9-1-1 paramedic ambulance service to Eastern Madera County from stations located in Oakhurst, Bass Lake, and Coarsegold. The deployment plan posts ambulance crews to optimally cover the broad geography of this part of Madera County. When one ambulance is committed to a call, dispatch will move in-service ambulances for better response times.

“The long anticipated opening of Station 11 will enable us to shorten response times in the region,” explained Sundstrom, “as well as be available for event coverage and wildfire support.”

A number of items must be completed before the crew can occupy the station. Arrangements call for the storage of supplies and equipment at the station, which will decrease the need to drive to headquarters to restock the ambulance.

## CMWC FIREWISE BRIGADE

CAL FIRE Crews began pushing back the overgrowth on our common area just before the bridge. This should add a nice layer of protection for the homes along this field.

When the crew returns, they will be burning the many piles at the entrance of Cascadel Woods.

If you would like to have your property assessed for fuel clearance needs, contact Carol Eggink at 559.676.3783.

It is time to put your **Evacuation Go Bags** together. Check this link for reminders of what to include;

<https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/emergency-supply-kit/>

## REMINDER

Here are a few items to consider while preparing your home and clearing your yard this year for the coming wildfire season.

Cover exterior attic vents and install metal wire mesh (1/8 inch or smaller) to under-eave and soffit vents.

1. Relocate vegetation under or near decks at least five feet from the deck.
2. Remove mulch from around the home and replace with rock, gravel, or stones.
3. Remove ignitable features within 30 feet of all structures, firewood piles, and portable propane tanks.
4. When it turns brown – cut it down (grass)
5. Limb up your big trees 6-10 feet from the ground, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the height of smaller trees. Remove grass and small shrubs from under the canopy of trees.
6. Turn in your hours of work on the yard and home to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) or 559-676-3783. Thank you.

## FREE RED CROSS OFFERS FOR YOU

Simon Elman, still has time to come to your home and assess your property for wildfire protection and install up to three new smoke alarms in your home free of charge.

You need only go to this site;  
[www.redcross.org/CCRwildfire](http://www.redcross.org/CCRwildfire)

***Education is the first step in protection against wildfires for your family and home.***

## **ROADS**

Road repairs are in the works. The Board obtained two bids with the third bid still in progress from local paving companies. After one of the companies has been selected to do the work, they will order the hot patch and then schedule the work. With more rain coming in, it will be about two more weeks before repairs will begin.

We wish to put out a Thank You to Nate Hodges for temporary repairs at the end of Cascadel Drive and patching the holes on the curve just as you enter Cascadel Dr South. All who travel the area are also grateful.

## **REMEMBERING**

## **AVA THIESEN**



***Our dear friend and family member passed from this world on March 31, 2024. Her kind and loving presence will forever be in Cascadel Woods. You are invited to share your memories of Ava with her many friends and loved ones on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 11 AM to 2 PM at the North Fork Rancheria Community Center.***

## **FIREWISE**

May is Wildfire preparedness month. Since we have had the CAL FIRE Crew in the subdivision making wider fuel breaks, we did not plan any special activities this year. As you are aware, we really never stop clearing and weedeating the open areas.

If you have brush from yard and tree trimming, you are invited to take your debris to the open area near the bridge. No household trash please.

**Have you signed up for MC Alert? If not, do it soon. Here is the link;**

**<https://member.everbridge.net/1332612387831894/login>**

## **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- **May 7 – National Teacher Day**
- **May 11 – Remembering Ava Thiesen  
North Fork Rancheria Community Center  
11:00 – 2:00**
- **May 12 – Mother’s Day**
- **May 27 – Memorial Day**

## **NEXT MONTH**

- **June 14 – CMWC Board Meeting  
CDC Conference Room – 3 PM  
57839 Road 225, North Fork**
- **June 16 – Father’s Day**

**From the Editor**

***We hope you enjoyed this edition of **The Woods**. Send your ideas for articles for the June 2024 newsletter to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) by May 24.***