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THE WOODS



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**IS YOUR HOME
READY?**

FIREWISE

Outdoor debris burning was suspended May 19, 2025. You all did a lot of clearing this year. It was obvious by the size of the piles left in the Burn Area. Thank you all for doing all you can to keep us safe from wildfires.

This year has been a bit hard on Carol Eggink in the Weedeating area. She is doing as much as possible but can always use extra help to get this place as clear as usual. Someone has been helping because easements have been cleared that Carol did not do. Thanks to all who are quietly assisting in the easement clearing. It is really appreciated.

Thanks to Loraine Vance for helping Carol clean the clubhouse for the Firewise BBQ.

As the grass turns brown, we will get it mowed or weedeated down. It's a lot easier to do then and should not grow back.

On May 13, 2025, the Madera County Board of Supervisors contracted with CAL Fire to staff Station 11 in North Fork 24/7/365. They hoped to have it staffed in May, but it appears it will be later. It will happen. All the pieces have to be in place for the transfer of personnel from the Rancheria Station and transfer of an engine to take place.

This Emergency Services Station will also be equipped with Sierra Ambulance and personnel at some time. A sub-station for the Sheriff's Department will also be included.

DID YOU KNOW by Michael Delaney

Why is Cascadel Mutual Water Company so focused on maintaining Cascadel Woods?

There is a strong focus on preserving services through local control in Cascadel Woods primarily due to the community's high wildfire risk and its demonstrated success in wildfire prevention and resilience. Cascadel Woods, located in the Sierra National Forest, has faced multiple evacuations during some of the region's most

catastrophic wildfires. Despite these threats, the community has repeatedly minimized damage to homes and infrastructure, thanks in large part to our proactive efforts in fire prevention and fuel reduction.

Cascadel Woods is recognized as a Firewise Community by the National Firewise USA® Program, which requires residents to develop and implement a wildfire risk assessment and action plan, as well as to volunteer significant hours toward wildfire mitigation work. These efforts have proven effective—during incidents like the Mission Fire, Creek Fire, Fork Fire, and others—Cascadel Woods survived largely because of its preventative activities and community engagement.

Preserving services in Cascadel Woods through local oversight—such as road maintenance, water supply, and emergency preparedness—is essential for sustaining these wildfire mitigation strategies. Reliable services enable continued fuel reduction, maintenance of defensible space, and rapid emergency response, all of which are critical for protecting lives, property, and the unique natural environment of the community.

Additionally, the area's abundant wildlife, scenic features, and proximity to Yosemite National Park make it a valuable ecological and recreational resource, further underscoring the importance of maintaining robust local control to support both residents and the broader region.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- June 13 – CMWC Board Meeting
3:00 pm at the CDC Conference Room
- June 15 – Father's Day

NEXT MONTH

- July 4 – Independence Day

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition of **The Woods Newsletter**. Send your submissions for the July edition to Carol Eggink by June 25, 2025, at egginks@netptc.net or call/text at 559-676-3783