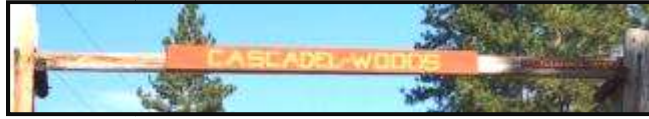




**November 5**

# THE WOODS



**A NEWSLETTER FROM  
CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY  
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## CMWC NEWS

### TWO REMINDERS

1. We are seeing too many water overages. We are under a water conservation mandate at this time. We have been since June 25, 2022. Here is what you will be charged for overages. You can read the full Resolution on our website:

<https://cascadelinternet.com/water/member-info/>.

- Zero to 2550 cu ft – no penalty
- 2551 – 2800 cu ft – charged \$.25 per cu ft
- 2801 – 3000 cu ft – charged \$.50 per cu ft
- 3001 – 3400 cu ft – charged \$.75 per cu ft
- 3401 and above will be charged \$1.00 per cu ft

2. It is time to remind all part-time residents to turn your water off at the meter and drain the house, to prevent freezing pipes, when you leave Cascadel for more than three days. If you have forgotten or cannot get up here, call Stan Eggink @ 559-321-6969. He will turn the water off and drain the house from outside bibs.

### FIREWISE BRIGADE

We held a Fire Brigade meeting on Oct 21, on the clubhouse front deck. We had 12 people show up and very interested in volunteering with the Fire Brigade.

We asked for volunteers to adopt a fire hydrant or two, a fire box, and maybe even one of the four mailbox clusters year round. Most of the group has agreed to adopt several items.

If you wish to help out the community, you are invited to help maintain the hydrant nearest you and any mailbox cluster during the year. This includes weedeating and snow removal as needed. Your help is most appreciated. All hydrants & Fire Boxes on Vista E & W, Hillcrest, and Loma Linda are adopted. The mailbox cluster on Loma Linda is also adopted. One hydrant each on Cascadel Road and Cascadel South has been adopted and the clubhouse mail box. Thanks to all the volunteers for your help.

The group suggested an inexpensive way to mark the hydrants in deep snow should we get the level of snow we had last year. We should be picking up the items shortly and getting the posts behind each hydrant. The post will have blue reflective tape or paint at the top of the post.

Simon Elman and Jeff Bryson have been refreshing the lid covers for the shutoff valves for each hydrant with bright yellow paint.

The group will be burning all the slash piles throughout the CSA areas when burning season is allowed once more. We need a couple of hard rains to get the season open.

### ROAD WORK

Our contractor is continuing work on Cascadel Road, from the Cascades to Cascadel Dr. South. Trenches were cut in along the sides of the road and the pavement should happen the first of November.

Pot hole filling should follow shortly thereafter.

### *DID YOU KNOW? – By Michael Delaney*



**California trains and tests your water company directors.**

Recently I attended a mandatory training course endorsed by the California Water Resources Control Board. Completing the course is required for directors and repeated every six years. The ethics training covers fiduciary responsibilities for directors, compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and long-term financial management of a Public Water System.

Corporate directors have several duties under the law, including:

- Duty of Loyalty—Place the interests of the corporation and shareholders before personal interests

- Duty of Care—Requires decisions that pursue the corporation's interests with reasonable diligence and prudence
- Avoid Conflicts of Interest—Be transparent, fully disclose financial interests and do not participate in decisions that affect personal financial interests

My training included other topics, including drinking water standards, water quality monitoring, operator certifications, recordkeeping retention, public information responsibilities, and setting rates.

As a true nonprofit corporation, Cascadel Mutual Water Company is highly regulated. Many laws determine how the directors must manage the organization, and a handful of regulatory agencies monitor our compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to a mutual benefit corporation that is involved with public water supply. I welcomed the training and learned from it. The availability—and safety—of our water supply is paramount. Your board is fully informed in these matters and has an exemplary record of performance. After all, we depend on it.

### **FIREWISE**

It is time to pack your winter go bag for your vehicle.

### **Prepare an emergency car kit**

Always have winter safety and emergency equipment in your car. A basic car kit should contain the following:

- Food that won't spoil, such as energy bars
- Water—plastic bottles that won't break if the water freezes (replace them every six months)
- Blanket
- Extra clothing and shoes or boots
- First aid kit with seatbelt cutter
- Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush
- Candle in a deep can and matches
- Wind-up flashlight
- Whistle—in case you need to attract attention
- Roadmaps
- Copy of your emergency plan
- First Aid Kit
- Phone Charger

### **Items to keep in your trunk:**

- Tire Chains
- Sand, salt or cat litter (non-clumping)
- Antifreeze and windshield washer fluid

- Tow rope
- Jumper cables
- Fire extinguisher
- Warning light or road flares

**Did you know that wiping the outside of your windshield with WD 40 when snow is expected, it will prevent ice from forming on the windshield?**

### **CASCADEL T-SHIRTS**



Get your Cascadel Woods T-Shirts for a donation of \$20 or more and support the Firewise Brigade at the same time. Sizes are Small to 2X. The T-shirts are royal blue.

Call Carol Eggink: 559-676-3783 or Stan: 559-321-6969

### **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

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

### **NEXT MONTH**

- Dec 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec 31 – New Years Eve

**PLEASE DRIVE SLOW THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION.**  
**THANK YOU!!!**  
**FROM ALL THE WALKING RESIDENTS**

**Send your ideas for articles for the December newsletter to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) by Nov 27.**

