

THE WOODS





A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY VOLUME 99 FEBRUARY 1, 2024

February 19, 2024

New Office Hours Tuesdays, 10:30am to 2:00pm

FIREWISE BRIGADE

Resident and Fire Brigade member, Simon Elman shared a FEMA report on the results of a 2023 survey for Disaster Preparedness. This survey of people from across the United States gauges the nation's disaster preparedness actions, attitudes, and motivations.

The 2023 survey conducted from February 1 through March 14, 2023 included over 7,600 responses. Results from the 2023 survey indicate that slightly more than half (51%) of Americans believe they are prepared for a disaster and 57% took three or more actions to prepare for a disaster within the last year.

The most common actions people took to prepare for a disaster were assembling or updating disaster supplies (48%) and making a plan (37%); the least common actions were planning with neighbors (12%) and getting involved in their community (14%).

The Fire Brigade and Committee hold a community BBQ event each year to inform residents of the numerous ways we can be better prepared for disasters in this area. The biggest threat to us would be in regard to wild fires during the summer months.

We also try to remind residents of the need to sign up for the MC Alert system in the monthly newsletter as well as good fuel mitigation practices surrounding your home. Cascadel Woods has proven that we know fuel mitigation. We survived the 2017 Mission Fire and the 2020 Creek Fire. Cascadel residents, your fire brigade, and the hiring of crews each summer, (with the help of your donations), has done an amazing job in fuel mitigation. All of our collective efforts make it possible for the first responders to defend most of the 447 acres that is Cascadel Woods. Keep up the great work because the threat will always be there.

Carol is looking for someone to train to head up the Firewise Brigade and report each year's accomplishments and hours worked by the residents on fuel mitigation to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). If you are interested call Carol at 559.676.3783 or email at egginks@netptc.net.

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

- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 9 CMWC Board Meeting 3PM CDC Conference Room 57839 Road 225 The Old Mill Site in North Fork
- Feb 14 Valentine Day
- Feb 19 President's Day

NEXT MONTH

- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Vernal Equinox
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday
- Mar 29 Good Friday
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday

Send your ideas for articles for the March 2024 newsletter to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net by Feb 27.