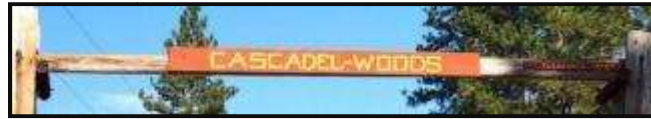




# THE WOODS



**EVERY DAY**

A NEWSLETTER FROM  
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## FIREWISE ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ

The Annual BBQ was great despite the temperature. Our speakers were very informative again this year. The CAL FIRE Rancheria Station was unable to attend due to a fire they had been fighting overnight and into that day. Carol Eggink, our Firewise USA Chair, started the meeting off and then introduced the three speakers before enjoying our BBQ.

**Jan Quisted**, a past resident of Cascadel Woods, now a representative of Citizens on Patrol (COPS), spoke to the crowd on the importance of getting out when asked to evacuate and the importance of getting those GO BAGS ready NOW.



**Jose Hernandez** of the USFS had an opportunity to come up the road to Cascadel Point from the Sierra Scenic Byway while trying to get to the Mormon Lightening Fire. He soon found the road was seriously in need of repair. Huge ruts in the road and fallen trees across the road. Jose spoke to District Ranger, Dan Tunes, and explained the condition of that road and suggested they repair it so we could have another way off this mountain. Not sure where that will go. We have had this discussion with about four different District Rangers over the years with no help to be given. Jose also reviewed the two lightning fires, Mormon and the Owl Fire. They were both rather small and the crews knocked them out in two days' time.



Jose brought several items to share with children and adults from the USFS.



We were honored to have **Frank Bigelow**, Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation and Fire Engineering & Investigations Division, speak on many issues going on in the departments he is responsible for.



Cal Fire has hired more personnel. They now have more helicopters and planes for air drops. Cal Fire and the Madera County Board of Supervisors are working on an Armadore plan to get our North Fork Station 11 staffed full time. It sounds like when the new bunk house is finished, it could be staffed shortly after. That would mean an engine here full time and during the off season, one member of staff would be on site. During the fire season, at least three staff personnel would be on

site full time. We hope this will happen after this year's fire season is over.

The BBQ was prepared and cooked by Ken Wood. Those baby back ribs were incredible. We had a great variety for the pot luck dishes and desserts. Our residents can cook up some great dishes for BBQ's. Thanks to all who participated.



Ken & Sandy Trapp brought the BBQ Favorite game for all to have a try with. It is a BBQ tradition at this point. Thank you both for bringing the game each year.

This year we included a raffle for fun. Our CMWC Director, Michael Delaney took on this task. Michael chose some very useful items for his raffle. All proceeds went to the Firewise account.

We wish to thank Bryant Ace Hardware in Oakhurst for their very generous donation of a ten-by-ten canopy. All the items for the raffle were purchased at Ace Hardware.



The cost of the items raffled off was \$122.75. Total tickets sold were \$240, for a net proceed of \$127.25.

We also handed out three



Cascadel Woods T-Shirts for donations of \$60.

This Firewise Community meeting and BBQ are required events by The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for every Firewise USA community to remain in Good Standing. Cascadel Woods has been a Firewise USA Community since 2010. Bob Buckles started us off. He passed the job to Warren Cox who passed it over to Carol Eggink when he moved.

Carol is looking for someone to pass this on to soon. If you are interested, call Carol at 559-676-3783.

Thanks to all who joined us at the CMWC Annual Firewise USA event. We hope to see you again next year.

## NATE HODGES WINS

**Nate Hodges is the 2024 STIHL TIMBERSPORTS US MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION!!! CONGRATULATIONS NATE!!!**



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## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Aug 9 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
CDC Conference Room – 3 pm to 5 pm
- **Aug 15 – North Fork Schools 2024 Year Begins**
- **Aug 21 – Home School 2024 Year Begins**

## NEXT MONTH

- **Sep 2 – Labor Day**
- **Sep 22 – Autumn Equinox**

## From the Editor

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