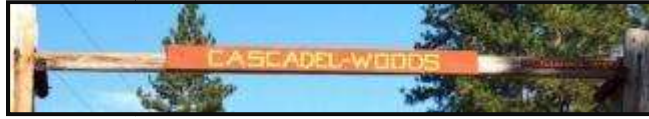




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THE WOODS



A NEWSLETTER FROM
CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
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SEPTEMBER—LOOKING BACK ON THE ANNIVERSARIES of MISSION & CREEK FIRES

On September 3, 2017, the Mission Fire began just outside The Woods. The fire was contained on September 13 after burning 1,035 acres, threatening 237 homes, damaging four buildings, and destroying four homes in and near The Woods. At its height, 1,739 personnel fought this ferocious fire.



*In this photo from September 7, 2020, a firefighter fights the Creek Fire in Madera County, California.
Josh Edelson/AFP/Getty Images*

Starting on September 4, 2020, the Creek fire—California’s sixth-largest wildfire—would grow to burn 379,895 acres and consume 856 structures. Finally contained 112 days later on December 24, it forced evacuations for two weeks on Cascadel Mountain.

REMEMBERING FOR THE FUTURE

We remind our residents of these fires because wildfire can start anywhere, at any time, and can spot out to another area in a heartbeat. We must keep our properties clear all year round. Remember to begin

clearing the five foot area around your home. Remove tree limbs extending over your house.

Make sure your go-bags in the car and in your home are refreshed with new water bottles and energy bars. Update the backup of your computers and keep with the go-bags. Take photos of your possessions for insurance purposes.

CMWC FIREWISE

The community weedwhacker attacked the ravine on Cascadel Drive North in August. Still more to do. A huge THANK YOU to Leon Henderson for moving two piles of punk rounds from this area to the CSA field near the bridge. Thanks to Simon Elman who trimmed up a large apple tree from the ground. We will be re-mowing the shelters-in-place again in September.



Photo courtesy of Michael Olwyler, Sierra News Online

CMWC NEWS

SPRING

The water main that delivers our spring water broke. We switched to the wells to keep the water flowing. Cen Cal came out and repaired the break. The water line was flushed and treated. The spring was put back in service and the wells were turned off on August 26th.

EASEMENT CLEARING

Some of the streets still have trees hanging into the roadways. We have scheduled Clean Cut to come in and perform trimming to improve clearances for big trucks and Emergency Equipment. This should happen mid September.

THE FIRE CREWS

The crew that has helped us with the fuel clearances have been busy fighting wildfires in the nearby areas. They have been released and we have asked for their help with more weedeating roadsides, water co facilities, and the CSA areas. They should be here in early September.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting is to be held in conjunction with the October's regular meeting of the CMWC Directors on October 11, 2024. There will be no election this year.

In accordance with Non Profit Mutual Company Corporate Code 7522 (d), states that if the number of nominees for a board is equal to or less than the number of directors to be elected, the corporation can declare the nominees who are qualified and eligible for election to be elected without any further action.

The CMWC Annual Reports will be mailed to all property owners mid-September.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOW THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION.

THANK YOU!!!

FROM ALL THE WALKING RESIDENTS

SUPPORT THE FIREWISE BRIGADE/COMMITTEE

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 or Carol Eggink: 559-676-3783.

COARSEGOLD TARANTULA AWARENESS FESTIVAL

October is tarantula mating season. You know the weather is cooling down when you see these gentle creatures emerge to find a mate before returning to their burrows for the winter. Tarantulas are an important part

of our eco system, so please be careful to avoid them as they slowly cross the road.

Check out this link for more details on the event happenings.



<https://coarsegoldchamberofcommerce.com/event/tarantula-awareness-festival/>

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Sep 2 – Labor Day
- Sep 22 – Autumnal Equinox

NEXT MONTH

- Oct 6-12 - Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 11 – CMWC Annual Meeting & Reg Meeting
CDC conference room 3 – 5 pm
57839 Road 225, North Fork 93643
- Oct 26 – Coarsegold Tarantula Festival
- Oct 31 – Halloween

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition of *The Woods Newsletter*. Submissions for the October newsletter should be sent to Carol Eggink by September 25, at egginks@netptc.net or call/text at 559-676-3783.