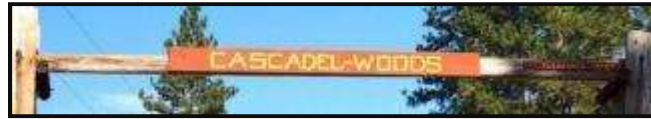




THE WOODS



**OCTOBER 6-12
CLEAN THE CHIMNEY**

**A NEWSLETTER FROM
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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 31**

CMWC FIREWISE

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all who supported your Firewise group in the hiring of the CAL Fire crews to clear the easements on Road 233 for their second year. This was our ninth year of coordinating the clearing of the easements on Road 233.

We finally received confirmation that Madera County paid for the crews to clear the easements on Road 233 this year. All who donated were contacted to find the proper way to return their checks and or cash donations. Between the residents of Cascadel Heights and Cascadel Woods who had donated, we had several tell us to keep the money for fuel reduction in Cascadel Woods. This act provided over \$700 in donations to the Firewise.

We scheduled another five days of work from the CAL Fire crew and have supplied the fireboxes with missing equipment.

Simon Elman inventoried the six fireboxes with the help of two volunteers; Russ Johnson and Karen Jordan. Thanks to all who assisted in this project.

Reminder:

It is very important to clean the chimney, or flue, and the wood stove pipe before your first fire of the season in order to help prevent a fire in the chimney or stove pipe.

Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) is October 6-12, 2024

This year's FPW campaign, **"Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™"** strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Here is a link that you can explore with the kids for some fun learning on smoke alarms and fire safety.

<https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>

History of Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President

Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in the event of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Here is a link for you to explore, in greater detail, on this fire. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/urban-planning>

CAL FIRE CREWS WERE HERE IN SEPTEMBER

We have had a hard time hiring the crews to assist us for the fuel mitigation in Cascadel Woods, due to the amount and size of the wildfires in California this year.

We were finally able to get them to begin the clearing on the CSA off the end of Hillcrest. The last time this area had been cleared was back in 2010 when our resident and first Firewise USA Chairman, Bob Buckles, went



through Cascadel with a grant he had been awarded. It looks great so far. The crews worked two days on this area and have a few

more days scheduled to finish it off in October, if the crew is not called out to fight fires.



We can now see the creek again from the road.



The crew uncovered a lot of downed logs. We will remove them as time and volunteers are available.

VOLUNTEERS WORKING THE OPEN AREAS



Ed, Judy Rose, and their Grandson Axel took care of dead trees in the Apple Orchard off Cascadel Dr North.

The pic shows them raking up the debris in the area to load into the skid steer.

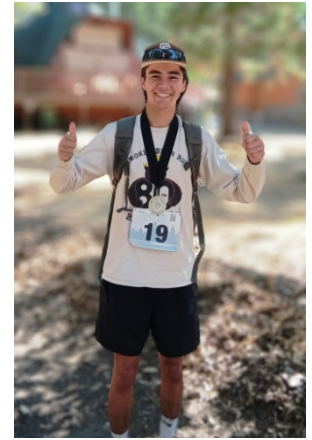
Thank you, for seeing the problem and correcting the issue for the community. Your hard work is appreciated.

BASS LAKE SMOKEY BEAR RUN 2024

Cascadel Woods provided some happy participants and winners in this year’s Smokey Bear Run. Here, we have Joy Callahan and Graham Guizar’s children, Liam- 3rd place, Luke- 2nd place and Jubilee, who won medals for their age group.



Ed and Judy Rose’s daughter, Miranda won 1st place and her son Gunner won 2nd place in their age group.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!!!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **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**

NEXT MONTH

- Nov 3 – daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 11- Veterans Day
- Nov 28- Thanksgiving Day

FROM THE EDITOR

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