



# CASCADEL FIRE WISE / BRIGADE

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## FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:02AM at the home of Carol and Stan Eggink.

Members present: Simon Elman, Susie Odry, Stan and Carol Eggink, Ken Wood, Brian Curtis. Water Company Board Director, Ed Rose also present.

### 1. Purchase of green reflective signs for the subdivision

Simon and Ed agreed to inspect the 4x4 posts currently in the ground for stability, location and any other issues that may be present. This will enable us to purchase the correct amount of pressure treated 4x4x10's. Ed will donate one post to the project.

Carol will price out all signs and any hardware after the inspection has taken place.

There will be a notification in THE WOODS newsletter asking for "comments and concerns". We will give the residents two weeks to voice their concerns and then depending on the comments and concerns voiced, we can purchase the signs. We will check with Sandy Chailli to see if her supplier can match the prices found on line. If so, we will give the job to her for the benefit of the North Fork Volunteer Fire Department.

Simon and Ed will use white marker spray to mark the areas to be inspected.

### 2. New firebox for Cascadel Drive South

Simon will donate his labor to build the frame for the firebox. A "Build the Firebox" day will be planned when he has finished. The community will be invited to join in on this event along with the Firewise Brigade.

Before the box is built, a call will be placed to 811 to allow the public utilities to inspect the areas where new posts will be set and old posts to be re-set for stability or re-located for better visibility. The placement of the box will be marked with white for inspection by the agency's before digging the post holes.

### 3. Re-Do of the Cascadel Woods Firewise Plan

Information gathered from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), Carol would like to provide a bit more for the residents in helping them assess their property for wildfire prevention. The committee will submit short articles each month in the newsletter as suggestions the residents can do for themselves. Along with these tid-bits of information, we will offer to come and help them assess their property, should they ask.

### 4. Possible Chipping Day along Vista East

Several trees shed quite a bit of debris and/or fell into the roads recently with the Mono Winds. Neighbors rallied all over the subdivision and kept the roads clear. However, there is a lot of debris along our roadsides as a result and could be cleared with chipping.



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The Chipper has a part out for repair. When it returns the call will go out to the community by way of the newsletter, to gather debris along the roads to be chipped by the Firewise Brigade on a date to be set. Stan will check on the part.

An incident occurred this month when a woman fell while exploring the Cascadel Falls. She had to be air lifted out. Tragically she did not survive. Simon and Brian went to the scene separately and offered their assistance and gathered as much information as they could.

Simon suggested that the Brigade members try to make a showing during emergency incidents in the subdivision incase; directions, information or traffic control is needed by the First Responders. It was agreed this was a good idea. Carol noted that she stayed at home and was able to answer calls from residents due to the incoming information from Simon and Brian who were on site and called her to inform her with updates from time to time. (We should do a training day on this type of incident at least twice a year and include walkie-talkie's – channel 7.)

It is obvious; the Firewise Brigade served the residents of Cascadel quite well during this tragedy with their presence at the incident and by holding down the phone. Well done members!

Due to the increase of residents renting their homes with Airbnb, it was suggested we make personal contact with these owners to inform them of the hazards that occur naturally here in Cascadel Woods due to the surrounding National Forest, the cascades and falls, and the natural predators in the area.

Carol will work with Ken to get this information to the owners as well as a small notice in the newsletter.

Simon asked about the "Phone List" that used to come out each year and could we get a new one. This list was something Cindy Curtis did for the community while she worked in the office. Carol will bring the Phone List up to date and include it along with the newsletter when space is available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM

UPDATE: Simon and Ed did the inspection on all sign posts in the subdivision and presented the findings to Carol.

Ed and Simon also began treating the strong posts with stain for protection against the coming winter weather. Thanks to these two for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Carol has completed her pricing updates for the purchase of the signs and hardware. This list has been sent to Sandy Chailli for price comparison.

Carol has completed a revision of the Firewise plan and sent out to CAL Fire and USFS for approval.

Stan has picked up the part for the chipper and it should be back in commission soon.

Simon should have the frame for the Fire Box finished in a couple of days.