



THE WOODS



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MEETING & ELECTION

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CMWC NEWS

It is time for our Annual Membership and Election Meeting. The Request for Nominations for the CMWC Board of Directors was mailed out September 17, 2026. The written acceptance of any nominee was due into the office by noon on September 1, 2026. We received no nominee acceptance by the set deadline. Therefore, the election for Directors of the CMWC Board is not required and the two qualified candidates, the incumbents, will be appointed at the regular meeting of the Board.

Along with the election/appointment of the 2026-2027 Fiscal year, this is a great opportunity for all residents to gather at the clubhouse for light refreshments and chat with your Board to share ideas you may have for our open spaces and clubhouse as well as other issues which may have come up and you would like some help with. It is your community and the Board would like to hear your ideas and dreams for Cascadel Woods.

FIREWISE

Earlier this year, we were contacted by the Coarsegold Resource Conservation District, (CRCD) who had a zone clearance grant to share with you. I sent out a query to see if any of you were interested. I received a few responses. We were able to get two homes side by side on the list. These two homes were worked for a couple of days and the results were amazing.

Please check out their site for more projects where you can sign up to receive free assistance to reduce fuels and clear the zero to five foot zone: <https://crcd.org/projects/>

We have another venue for you to check on for ***fuel clearances, wood removal and chipping on your property***. This is offered by the Eastern Madera Fire Safe Council, (EMFSC). If you are interested in getting on a list for some free assistance in any of the three areas mentioned above, go to this link: [EMCFS: Wildfire Preparedness, Resilience & Safety Resources](#). Check this

link every month. Keep signing up for assistance. They were able to assist at least one home in Cascadel resulting in a very satisfied property owner. So don't give up. Keep looking. Keep signing up.

SOCIAL EVENT

The Hot Dog Ice Cream Social was so much fun for all who attended. Cal Fire Station 11 and a couple Captains



showed up at 11:30 – 12:00 and all the dogs were already gone. Most folks just do not RSVP to our events. But it just worked out ok. We had 11 half gallons of ice cream and there was only

one full half gallon left.

We are ever so thankful for the donations many folks made to the Firewise. It will help us put on the next community event. We ended up with \$197 in donations.

All the kiddos had such good fun with the many games and huge bounce house the Paquette family brought for our use. Thank you, Jacob and Ciara, so very much.



Since Cal Fire arrived a bit early, we let them share the Zone clearance challenges and latest requirements with the group as they finished up their ice cream. Bottom line for now is the inspections will not be enforced until 2027. So the more we do now, the better it will be when the inspections become enforced. By that, I mean, that Cal Fire has a law enforcement department. If you are cited for non compliance after the first inspection of your property you will be given 30 days to rectify the areas marked as non compliant. If you can show signs of work in progress, the inspectors will most likely give you

another 30 days in which to finish the areas marked on the citation. The inspectors will return once more about 90 days after the first inspection. At this time, if the work is still in progress, they may give you more time to complete. However, if no work is done at the first 30 day inspection, you could force the inspectors to turn your citation over to the Cal Fire Law enforcement department. They in turn can turn the matter over to the District Attorney for prosecution.

If any of you get a citation, please let Carol Eggink know. She will try to assemble some volunteers from the community to try and help you, if the job is something volunteers can handle. We do have our limits.

Michael Delaney, your Vice President of the CMWC and Vice President of the North Fork Emergency Services Auxiliary, spoke to the group regarding home hardening and the benefits of retrofitting your soffits and house and attic vents with the ember resistant 1/16" mesh. Michael is working with Rick Hamilton, resident of The Heights and President of the North Fork Emergency Services Auxiliary to try and coordinate with a company called Wildfire Defenders to make a mass purchase of the mesh if enough of our residents want to buy. For a look at the product you can check their site at:

<https://www.wildfiredefensemesh.com/shop>

Wildfire Defenders Mesh has a program where a community can get together and enter the sizes of all their vents into their program under our name. The more who order, the more likely we could qualify for a price break.

I will hold another Firewise meeting on Sunday, September 13, at the clubhouse from 2 – 5 pm to sit with any resident who is at least interested in hardening your home this way. Most insurance companies will give you a discount for doing this. Measure your vents; count the number you need, bring it to the clubhouse meeting. I will take the figures home and input the info according to each home owners needs. After we have entered all the numbers, we will see if we have met the number for a discount and a price will be quoted. We can each make a decision at that time if this is something we can afford. It does not hurt to explore this very important way of hardening your home.

BATH HOUSE CLEAN-UP

We gathered a few very capable volunteers to help with cleaning out the bath house located behind the clubhouse. Dave Head is heading up this project. Marc Mandel volunteered his truck and dump trailer for our



use to empty the bath house of all the trash. It was two loads and a metal load. Volunteers came to sweep weedeat wash and load the trailer. They were

Ellie Hefner, Kristen Fry, Cole McBee, and Carol Eggink. Dave Head has single handedly cleared out all the broken

windows and is in the process of replacing the glass. New doors are being installed.



A surveillance system and lighting is also in progress.



Little by little things are coming to life again.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Anyone wishing to rent the clubhouse should contact any Board member or the Clubhouse Committee.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

September

- **September 5-7 – Labor Day Weekend**
- **September 13 – Firewise Meeting**
Clubhouse 2- 5 pm - Everyone welcome
- **September 26 – CMWC Member's Meeting & Elections** – at the clubhouse 10:00-12:00

October

- **October 12 – Columbus Day**
- **October 31 - Halloween**