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NEWS FROM THE COHASSET FIRESAFE COMMITTEE

Hello Cohasset Community Homeowners and Residents,

Even though we have not been able to meet in person, the Cohasset Community Association, Emergency Preparedness Committee, and FireSafe Council have been busy buying and testing radio equipment, applying for and receiving grant funding, working on Firewise USA designation, and communicating with CalFire and Butte County regarding the upcoming fire season.

We recently received two fuels reduction grants. One grant is from CalFire for \$509,762. This grant will be for work on a total of 500 acres, including 205 acres of on the ground fuels reduction, and 295 acres of environmental review for future projects. Work will concentrate along our evacuation routes Cohasset Road and Vilas Rd. It will also include work around homes, driveways and structures for defensible space. Acres will be included for those that cannot do their own defensible space work.

The other grant is from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for \$100,000. This grant is for environmental review and planning only. Work will be concentrated on larger properties with lands on Mud Creek and its tributaries. SNC funding focuses on clean water projects.

Work will be starting on these grants soon and there is a potential that on the ground work will be done this year. However, it is clear the pandemic has changed many plans. You may be getting a knock on the door, a letter, or other communication to ask if you want to participate! Butte County Fire Safe Council will be administering both grants and will lead the planning and implementation in concert with CalFire and other agencies.



We are also in the process of applying for Fire-Wise USA certification. If Cohasset becomes a Fire-Wise USA site, we can use that certification on grant and homeowners insurance applications. The goal of FireWise USA is to assist homeowners to reduce wildfire risk at the local level.

“FireWise USA empowers and educates homeowners to create plans and actions to save their homes while making the community safer for emergency responders.”

We have already met most of the FireWise USA criteria because of all your work and a committed CCA and committees!

However, we do ask can you please fill out the attached questionnaire for a “wildfire risk assessment”. NO names, addresses or personal information will be shared with FireWise USA or any other agency. We need your true assessment of your home and property characteristics. It’s a good educational tool for all of us to check out our homes. You will not be graded!

We will compile the information to make up our community assessment. Again, no homeowner will be penalized, fined, inspected, or visited because of this survey! We locals are trying to get a snapshot of Cohasset’s wildfire risk and the more who participate the better picture we will get.

If you want more information about FireWise USA sites you can visit National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA.org). Please call or email me with any questions pmputerbaugh@yahoo.com 342-1641.

If you have ANY questions about how to save and fill out this form please email me! If you want us to send in PDF form please email me! If you want to print and fill out you can do that too. Please place in the CCA mailbox at 11 Maple Creek Ranch Road and let me know when to pick-up.

Thanks, Trish Puterbaugh

[Click here to download the questionnaire or see last pages of this newsletter. Thanks!](#)



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Cohasset Community Association

Message from the Prez

2020 is nearly halfway through, which means that it's just about time for the CCA Board of Directors' Election. This year will look different than in years past, but the importance of voting remains the same. Each of the eleven seats are up for re-election and any member of the CCA can run for a spot on the board. If this is something that interests you, please let me know by June 9th, and I'll be happy to add your name to the ballot. We can use all the help we can get in our efforts to host fun events for this community.

After thorough discussion we have decided to conduct a drive-thru style voting station. Members will be able to remain in their cars and turn-in their completed ballots to our one-of-a-kind ballot box. Our wonderful volunteer, Maggie Krehbiel will be available at the CCA building between the hours of 5

pm and 6 pm on Thursday, June 11th. She will then collect and tabulate the votes for the board meeting that will follow at 6:30 pm. We will display enter and exit signs, to make the process as smooth and easy as possible, then your community civic duty is done!

This year's ballot will be available on the cohassetcommunity.org website by June 10th. You can print it out, vote for your favorites, and bring it to the CCA building to be counted. We will also have extra copies available at the building if you don't want to print your ballot ahead of time.

Please use this opportunity to let your voice be heard and give our many awesome volunteers the vote of confidence that they deserve!

*By ~ Melissa Zaros
893-8590*

Favorite Poems Corner

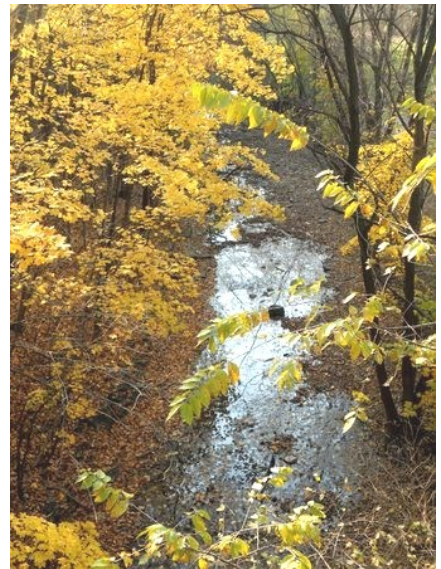
I chatter, chatter, as I flow
To join the brimming river;
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I wind about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout,
And here and there a grayling.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots,
I slide by hazel covers;
I move the sweet forget-me-nots
That grow for happy lovers.

I murmur under moon and stars
In brambly wildernesses;
I linger by my shingly bars;
I loiter round my cresses.

And out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming river;
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.



Excerpt from "The Brook" by Alfred Lord Tennyson

County Corner



Dear Friends,

It has been three months since I have seen you, though it feels much longer. The county continues to operate in all essential functions while observing COVID-19 precautions.

There are multiple concerns in our mountain communities including internet access for both students as well as those working from home. I have been in constant communication with our Butte County Office of Education and internet providers to search for solutions.

Because of our radically slowed economy, gas taxes are down approximately 50%. As you may be aware those taxes fund many of our road maintenance projects. I have been able to work closely with our Public Works department to modify projects (the Cohasset Road chip and seal) so that the most impacted areas of roadway are addressed first. Public works has been very receptive to the specific needs of each community and is doing their best to respond quickly.

Please remember to copy me in emails regarding complaints/requests of county departments so that I can follow-up.

There are multiple locations set up for COVID-19 testing in Chico, I post regular updates on my Facebook page, Tami Ritter, Butte County Supervisor. If you are not a Facebook user or just want to talk to a real human, call my office at 891-2800. Kathleen (my chief of staff) or I will get back to you promptly.

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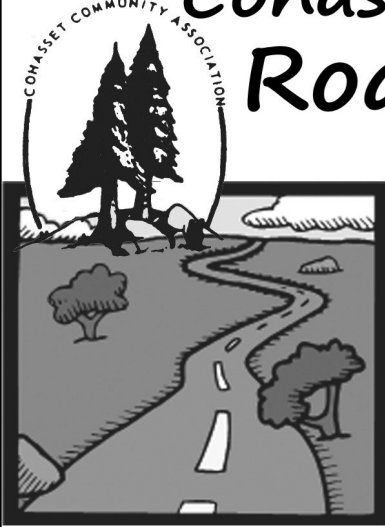
CCA Yard Clean-up

Thank you to everyone that helped to clean-up the yard. It looks great!



Community Corner

Saturday May, 30 Cohasset Community Road Clean-up



8:00 am at the
Community
Center for
Coffee & Snacks
8:30 to 11:30
road clean-up

Bring Gloves and a water bottle

Spring Cleaning! Come gather together with fellow Cohassians for our yearly Cohasset Community Road clean-up. We will all meet at the CCA at 8:00 a.m. for coffee, juice & snacks. Then we will hit the road for trash pick-up between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. I am seeking volunteers to help with rides and trash hauling. Please give Dede Sterling a call if you can help, 530-342-9669.

CCA Calendar

Road Clean-up

- May 30th, 8am

CCA Board Election

- June 11th 5-6 pm

CCA Board Meeting

- 2nd Thursday 6:30 pm
- Next meeting is June 11th

Commodities

- 2nd Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm

On-hold:

Yoga

- TBD

Brew Club

- TBD

Mountain Music

- TBD

Bingo

- TBD

CCA EPC/FSC Meeting

- TBD

Chili Cook-off

- Cancelled/postponed

Cohasset Annual Bazaar and Music Festival

- Cancelled/postponed

Weed Wrench Loaner Program

The CCA owns three weed wrenches that can be loaned out to CCA members to help them eliminate brush, Scotch Broom, blackberries, and small cedars by pulling it out by the roots. The wrenches are three different sizes and can be loaned as a group or individually. They are hand-held mechanical tools that are not difficult to use. They may be loaned

out for seven days at a time, with an additional seven days possible if they are not already reserved. A \$50 deposit is required, and will be returned when the weed wrenches are returned. The agreement form is available on our website, cohassetcommunity.org. You can call Susana Malcolm, 893-0109, to reserve the wrenches.

Now is a great time to get started removing brush from your property. The soil is still damp and it makes it easy to pull out the plants.

Also, broom is blooming and going to seed earlier and earlier. It is a good idea to get it out before it has had a chance to produce a new crop of seeds. Give us a call



Community Corner

Bizarre Bazaar Times...

The CCA Board of Directors considered the risks, and, after much discussion and feedback from the community via Facebook, decided to cancel the 50th Annual Cohasset Bazaar and Music Festival. It was scheduled to take place on August 1st this year, which is just a mere eight weeks away. This is a huge disappointment, but a necessary decision, considering the current situation, and the challenges of social distancing at an event like this.

We need your support now more than ever. The Bazaar is the most important fundraiser of the year because the proceeds from this event are what keeps our doors open to the community the rest of the year. Most of us renew our memberships at the Bazaar, and now that can't happen ei-

ther. If you would like to fill out the membership slip and mail it in, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to making this event happen when the time is right. Stay tuned for

further updates on how you can show your support during these very bizarre times.

By ~ Jill Stewart

Bazaar Chairwoman



"Bingo?"

"Bingo?"

"Not yet."

"When?"

"As soon as the group size ban is lifted."

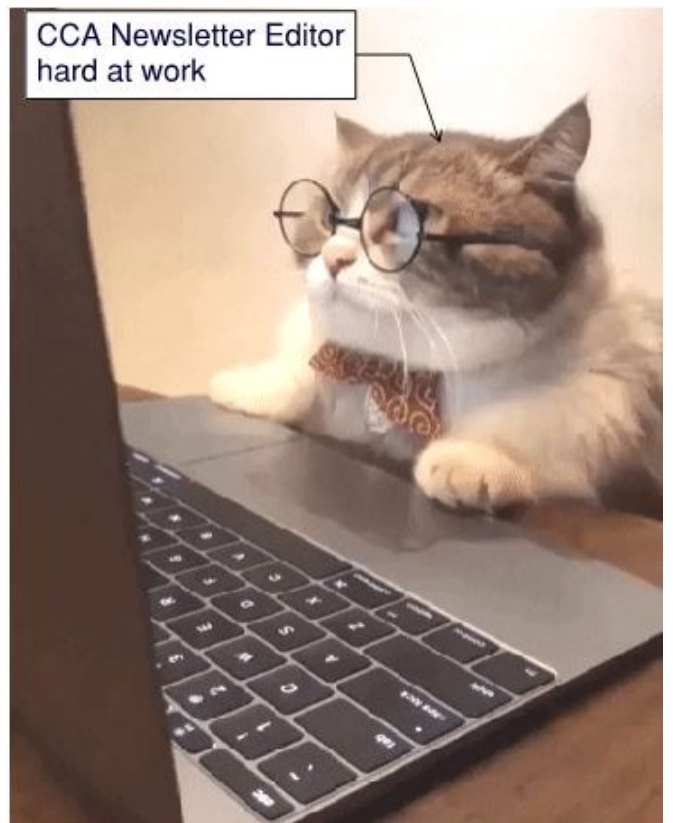
"Ah, ok, well thanks."

"Check the Cohasset Community Association Facebook page for updates."

"Got it!"



CCA Newsletter Editor
hard at work



Cohasset 4-H



I usually start these reports by saying that our 4-H club has been very busy over the last few months. Sadly, this time, that is

not the case. We have been following the state and national 4-H guidelines and have had to cancel all of our club meetings and most of our project meetings. We have been sheltering in place, learning from home, and hoping for the day when we can once again meet as a group.

However, we did have a few activities before we were shut down in mid-March. Our rabbit and swine projects have also continued with a small number of members.

First of all, we would like to thank the Cohasset community for your awesome support of our Souper-Bowl Soup Sale. We had a nice crowd, tasty soups, and delicious bread donated by Hearth and Stone Bakery. It is so gratifying to see so many people come out to support our programs.

At the end of February, we



also got out to visit the Nor Cal Reptile Adventures. Kenni and David Huff recently bought the business, located at 5050 Cohasset Rd. #50. We got to see their snakes, lizards, tortoises, and rats, oh my! The highlight of the trip was getting together to hold Calvin, the very impressive 13-foot long Burmese python, and we left with the same number of kids that we came with.

Our animal project members continued to care for their animals under the stay at home rules. Unfortunately, the Silver Dollar Fair was canceled and the kids were all at risk of not being able to sell their animals after all their hard work and expens-

es. Fortunately, Kris was able to sell her pigs in a private sale to the LaRocca family, who has bought her pigs at the fair in the past.

BidCal auctions stepped up and offered to do an online auction for all the 4-H and FFA project animals. They have been doing a phenomenal job putting this on and garnering support for the kids. The Pocock kids will be selling their rabbits on this site. We appreciate BidCal for stepping in to help out.

As restrictions are lifted we are hoping to end the year with our annual end of year party, BBQ and awards ceremony. Thank you all for your support this year!

By ~ Susana Malcolm 893-0109.



EPC/FSC Corner

Hi Fellow Cohassians,

This is just a quick update on the GMRS radio communication project. As you all know, when we experience a power outage, we can sometimes lose both electricity and phone service. The purpose of the radios are to allow us to not only talk to each other, but to receive, and provide, critical information with Butte County Emergency personnel in the event of a critical incident.

I began working on an alternate way to communicate in 2008. Last October, I was contacted by Butte County Sheriff's Office with the idea of trying the GMRS radio system. Sheriff Honea asked his communication staff to come up with some ideas of what would work for rural communities that would be in addition to what they already had, in the event of an emergency.

The BCSO Reserve Communications began researching and decided on the GMRS radios because of ease of use, lack of testing requirements and cost. Mt. Ida in Oroville was the

first community to begin using the GMRS radios. Mt. Ida has a neighborhood watch group and they all jumped on board. Mt. Ida was also able to raise the funds, find a location, and add a repeater to extend the distance their radios could reach.



Some Cohassians began buying the radios in November 2019. On February 26, 2020, we held our first "official" test of our radios. If I count all the spouses/partners that participate, we are up to 17 people! We do a radio check every Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Channel 17. This would be the same Channel 17 as is on

the .5 watt walkie-talkies. Most participants are using a 15 watt Midland portable radio. It is an MXT115, 15 watt GMRS, two-way radio and comes with an external magnetic mount antenna. Three of us have the 40 watt Midland portable radio. It is an MXT400, 40 watt GMRS, two-way radio. You do need to buy the antenna and cable/mount separately.

Our members are mainly in the upper part of Cohasset. There are only two of us that currently can talk to anyone that is not in Cohasset. I have approached both PG&E and Butte County to apply for a grant or donation to off-set the purchase of a repeater.

We would love to have more members. If you think this is something you would be interested in, please contact me. Stay safe.

*By ~ Maggie Krehbiel
Chair, EPC/FSC
Call or text: 530-514-4067*

Donation Station

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Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. The prices, products, and services are all the same as using Amazon regularly.

When selecting your charitable cause, you can search and select Cohasset Community Association as your charity of choice. This is just a small

way to help give back to our community, just by buying things you would already buy.

By ~ Nicole Regan



Commodities Update

Cohasset Commodities has been staying strong! Each month during this pandemic, we've been implementing different practices and safety standards to keep volunteers and community members safe and healthy. The volunteers would love to thank those members of the community that have been flexible with us on our changing distribution processes.

For anyone that doesn't know, Cohasset Commodities is a monthly food distribution for supplementary groceries. We wel-

come and serve any community member that could use some extra food for the month.

Cohasset Commodities takes place on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Cohasset Community Association building, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm (or until we run out of food). We hope everyone is staying happy and healthy during these times.



By ~ Nicole Regan

CCA Internet

The Cohasset Community Association (CCA) has been offering FREE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET to the Cohasset community since April 11th. This free service is primarily meant to be used by students to download content or to upload work assignments, but it is available for everyone.

Many of you are now faced with doing more things online: Home-schooling kids, work meetings, and multiple other things,

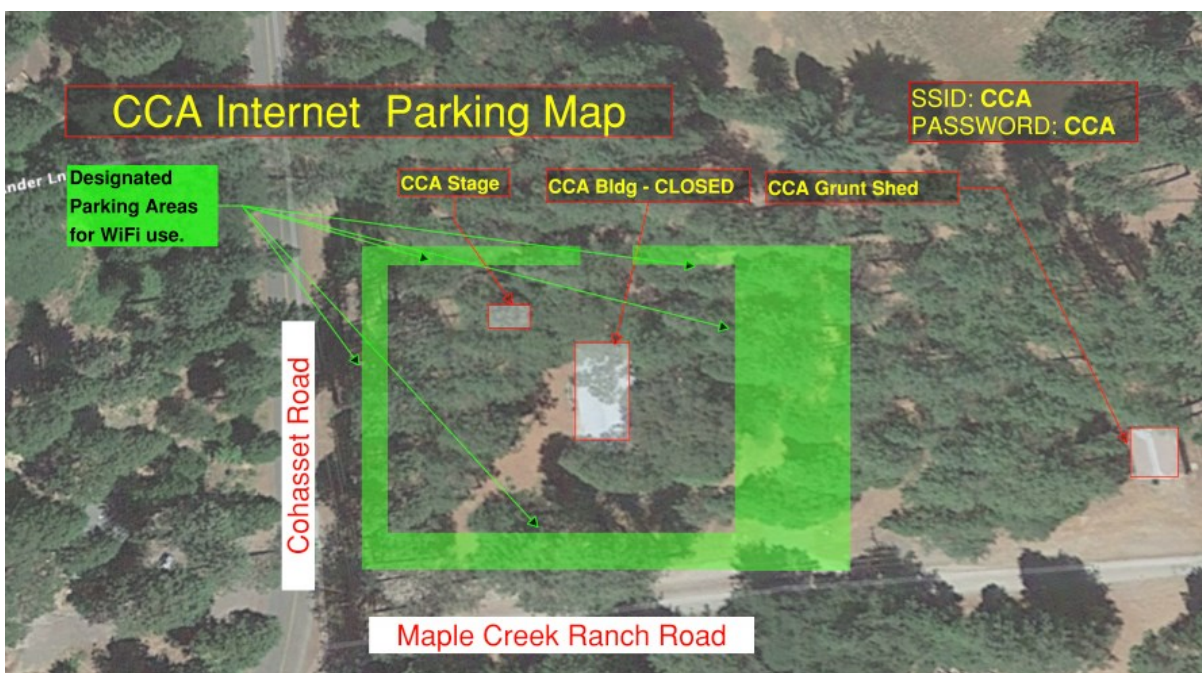
which your current Internet may not be able to support. The CCA wants to provide this service to the community during this difficult time. this service to the community.

The Internet is available via a Wi-Fi network "CCA". This network is available around the building. We've designated areas where you can park and use the Internet from the convenience of your vehicle. The building will be closed during this time and we re-

spectfully request the community to follow social distancing guidelines.

The CCA may have additional guidance on usage and rules, should the need arise. After the COVID-19 pandemic is over, the CCA will reassess how to offer this service. It will likely be converted into a pay-per-use access arrangement. For now it remains free, enjoy it.

By ~ Jim Zaros



Census 2020

Here is a [link](#) to a sample census survey. They don't take long to complete and if you want to fill it out online, there is free wifi at the CCA building for the entire community to use. This is a [link](#) to information about the questions that are asked and not asked.

2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

For more information, visit:

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Any Thoughts of Selling Your Home?

Cohasset homes are selling quickly, and perhaps you have been thinking of selling your home. As a resident of Cohasset for nearly 50 years, I know how unique this mountain is, making me the perfect agent to list your home. For more information, call me to make an appointment for a current market analysis of your home or property.

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Thanks, Trish Puterbaugh

Home Ignition Zones - General Building Construction

Roofing Materials

Asphalt or fiberglass Shingles _____

Metal _____

Wood _____

Tile _____

Soffit Vent - a screened vent in a house that allows air flow to the attic or space below roof

Non-combustible soffit vent with mesh or screening ____

Non-combustible vent without mesh or screening _____

Unknown or NA no vents _____

Siding

Wood _____

Stucco _____-

Metal _____

Plaster/cement/Rock/masonry products _____

Skirting - Material used around the bottom of the homes and decks to protect the foundation from exposure

Wood _____-

Metal _____

Wood/plastic composites

Attachments - Decks, patios, fences are they?

Combustible _____

Non- Combustible _____

Windows

Single Paned _____

Double Paned _____

Leaf litter, pine needles or debris on roof or gutters

Maintained _____ -

Not maintained _____

Gutter type

No gutters _____

Metal gutters _____

Plastic gutters _____

Immediate Zone 0-5 ft from homes. Immediate vegetation and materials

Dead Vegetation, pine needles, dried leaves and ground debris within 5 ft of home?

_____ Trees or shrubs within 5 ft.? _____

Hardscaping around perimeter - walkways, gravel _____

Wood Mulch products ? _____

Trees and shrubs next to homes or branches overhanging roof or near chimney?

Intermediate Zone 5-30 ft. from home This area uses landscaping and breaks (areas of non-combustible materials such as dirt, cement or rock) to help influence and decrease fire behaviour

Fuelbreaks such as driveways, walkways/paths, patios & decks? _____

Lawns, native grasses? _____

Vegetation in this zone spread out? Trees spaced to a minimum of 18 ft. between crowns. Shrubs limited to a few clusters? _____

Ladder Fuels trimmed? Large Trees pruned up from ground 6-10 ft _____

Plants, trees, lawns watered? _____

Extended Zone - 30 to 100 ft from home. Up to 300ft.**Goal here is not to eliminate fire, but to change and influence fire behaviour and spread.**

Heavy accumulation of ground litter or debris? _____

Dead plants and trees? _____

Storage sheds, outbuildings free of vegetation? _____

Trees 30-60ft from home have at least 12 feet between canopy tops? _____

Trees 60-200 ft from home have at least 6 ft between canopy tops? _____