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CCA Membership – Your Support is Vital!

It's time for our annual membership drive and membership renewal! The Cohasset Bazaar and Music Festival is usually the time when many of us sign-up and renew our memberships, but unfortunately we can't gather together this year. We had a very successful drive at the 2019 Bazaar and we are hoping to build on that this year.

Membership is due August 1st, but can be sent in anytime during the month of August, and will run until July 31st next year. A current membership status allows folks to vote in CCA elections, run for a seat on the board, and also use the association building for their celebrations, gatherings and meetings at a reduced rate. You will also receive an email notification when the current newsletter is published; a big communication tool for Cohasset.

The CCA acts as a community forum and is recognized by county and state government officials as the voice of Cohasset. We are often in touch with the county and state through our Supervisor, Tami Ritter, Butte County Public Works, Sheriff, PG&E, Cal-Fire, Chico Unified School District and CHP. The CCA advocates for our community needs, which is crucial for such a small town in our county.

The building always needs maintenance, upgrades, and supplies. The CCA also has expenses in the form utilities, insurance, and property taxes. Many community members use the building for yoga, commodities, horseshoes, car-

nivals, bingo, Mountain Music, the Chili Cook-off, and of course, our annual Bazaar and Music Festival.

During our current pandemic, the community center has served as an important Wi-fi hotspot, and offers this service for free, regardless of membership status. Radio Club, Brew Club, 4-H, Firesafe and Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings are also held at the CCA building.



Please update your membership by going to the Cohasset Community Association website and looking under "The CCA" - "Membership" and check out membership levels. There is a form attached to this newsletter and I

will send one out on our local Facebook pages. There are also printed forms at the Cohasset Store to pick-up. Your membership dues are tax deductible, and a receipt can be issued, upon request. The CCA is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization, and all of your donations stay local, to keep our building operational.

Please leave a check and the form, or an explanation of your membership level in the CCA mailbox at 11 Maple Creek Ranch Rd. in front of the Community Center. If you have any questions please give me a call 342-1641 or email pputerbaugh@yahoo.com and I can pick-up your check. Thanks so much for your support!

*By~ Trish Puterbaugh,
CCA Membership Chair*

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Cohasset Community Association

Message from the Prez

Last month the Cohasset Community Association held its annual election for board directors, and officers. All positions were available, and I'm happy to report, all positions were filled! Due to the pandemic, we offered drive-up voting this year; which worked out really well!

In order to serve on the board, a person must be a current CCA member, and live or own property in Cohasset. The directors and officers take up issues regarding the building, its maintenance, and its use. We often plan and carry out events, during a "normal" year, as well. More than anything, we are tasked

to make good decisions regarding the community center, and making a concerted effort to meet the needs of the people that live here. This is the work of volunteers who aim to make this a better place to be, even during difficult times.

We very much appreciate the volunteers that step-up to fill these positions. We had a few, very experienced directors, retire from the board this year; Maggie Krehbiel, Kathy Lawson, and Karyl Clark. They served with conviction and dedication to this community, and we are extremely grateful for their various contributions to the board, and Cohasset as a whole. Thank you!

Maggie is still serving as the Emergency Preparedness Committee Chairwoman, and is primarily focused on the GMRS radio program. She is willing to share her knowledge and would like to pass the chair position on to another volunteer. If you are interested in the EPC, contact Maggie directly, at 342-6547.

The CCA Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 year is as follows:

President: Melissa Zaros

Vice President: Jill Stewart

Secretary: Jim Zaros

Treasurer: Kate Holmes

2 year Director: Nicole Regan

2 year Director: Elaine Baker

1 year Director: Susana Malcolm

1 year Director: Barbara Wright

1 year Director: Vincent Commendatore

1 year Director: Paul Wellin

1 year Director: Dan Holmes



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Community Corner

Road Clean-up 2020

Thank you to everyone that helped out in this year's road clean-up. Even though we had to delay the event for a day due to lightning & thunder, it went very well! A very special thank you to my right hand gal Linda Hartsong! Also a special thank you to the Zaros family for taking all of those tires, couches and mattresses to the dump on a separate run! Thanks to Kevin Sterling & Liz Weber for driving and dropping-off volunteers.

Thank you Gary Lee for taking care of all the CCA brush with your tractor & thank you also to the Highway Patrol, which helped keep all the trash picker-uppers safe by slowing down traffic. Also, special Thanks to Tami Ritter and her assistant Kathleen, for their help with the grant process. Of course most of all, there would not be a road clean-up without all of

you volunteers out there. We are all very thankful for you because you not only make Cohasset a more beautiful place on the outside, but also on the inside! It's this community of people that make Cohasset such a wonderful place to live!

*Thank you everyone!
DeDe Sterling*



CCA Calendar

CCA Board Meeting

- 2nd Thursday 6:30 pm
- Next meeting is August 13th

Commodities

- 2nd Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm

Yoga

- Tuesdays 6pm
- Sundays 9:30am

Tai Chi

- Friday 10am

Brew Club

- 3rd Wednesday 7pm

On-hold:

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, [The illustration shows two people using weed wrenches. The top part shows a person standing and using a long-handled weed wrench to pull a bush. The bottom part shows a person using a shorter-handled weed wrench to pull a bush. The drawings are simple line art.](http://co-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

hassetcommunity.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 soon.

Cohasset Community Association

Message from the Prez (continued)

I am happy to introduce a few of our new and new-er directors and officers to serve on the board. Here is a little bit about them.

Thanks for welcoming me to the board. My husband, Richard, and I moved here in 1994 from the bay area, and have been slowly working on improving our land ever since. I didn't know I married a gardener! ☺ We raised two kids here in Cohasset, Devon & Cole, who have since moved to Washington. We love our mountain community and the natural beauty. I look forward to learning more about all that the board does in the community.

By~ Elaine Baker

After raising our kids in Chico, my wife Sheri Simons and I came to Cohasset four years ago. We immediately fell in love with the woody hills (or is it the hilly woods?). I was trained as a mathematician, and first started out as a mathematics teacher at the middle school level. Following graduate school, I taught at the university level, and then finally ended up in the software world. I retired in 2011, and now fill my time cycling, cooking, gardening, playing music, modifying and repairing old Fender amps, and waiting for Sheri to retire (in a year and a half); so she can join in the fun.

By~ Paul Wellin

My children had a charmed early life living in what we call "Cohasset 1.0" starting in 1989. I was an aide at the Cohasset School and one year later became the school office manager for four years.

We lived across the street from the school so my commute was pulling my young son

across the street in a little red wagon. In Chico, I worked at CUSD schools as well as two charter schools. I retired two years ago from Blue Oak. I am grateful to be in my "Cohasset 2.0" home which we have been remodeling. It's very good to be back in Cohasset and serving our community on the Association Board.

By ~ Kate Holmes

I am a retired music teacher and choir director who started my teaching career at the Cohasset Elementary School! My wife, Kate, and I moved our family up to the hill back in 1989 and lived here for ten years. After 15 years living in Chico and Paradise, we decided to come back and enjoy our retirement years where we had so many fond memories. I enjoy living in the forest, playing bass in the band "The Defcats". I also love the privacy and the wonderful vibe that exists here on the hill.

By~ Dan Holmes

I was raised in Fort Bragg, California and moved to Chico to attend Chico State. I moved to the Bay Area to get a doctorate in chiropractic and then moved to Cohasset in 2013. I have loved it here ever since. I work in Chico as a registered nurse and I am the proud owner of Cohasset Chiropractic, where I do adjustments for local patients at my home office.

By~ Vincent Commendatore

My family and I moved to Cohasset in 2018. I currently spend my days painting, enjoying nature, and wishing I was at a thrift store. I may be recognized as the mom trying to organize the Cohasset Kid's Play Group, or the Bingo caller with the bad jokes and Chicago accent. I am definitely recognized once

you've met me because if you've seen my hair, you'd know me anywhere.

By~ Nicole Regan



Reflection Corner

I Remember When.....

I thought I would put together a little article where our community members could share some of their fond memories of life in Cohasset. Here are some of their responses.

One of my favorite memories is of the cattle drive that used to come up Cohasset Road every spring surrounding everyone's cars on their way to work. One year, at the very end of the drive was a little boy, sitting tall in the saddle, legs sticking out to the side, and behind him was the school bus.

Trish Puterbaugh - "I remember when we could stop for a 25 cent draft beer at Greenwood's and maybe play a game of shuffleboard or pool!"

Donna Hall - "I remember when we went visiting our neighbors on horseback. Most families had at least one horse

to get around the neighborhood."

DeDe Sterling - "I remember when my kids were so excited to run and catch the Maple Creek Ranch train. I also remember what fun it was to



be a Girl Scout leader and have the girls visit with all of my rescue animals."

Jill Stewart - "I remember that the phone line was a party line when we were growing up. We shared a line with the Tyres. Our calls were two short rings and theirs was one long one. As kids, with too much time on our hands, we could listen in on the others' conversations."

Connor Gehrke - "I remember when an RV meth lab crashed near Vose's and blocked the road and we all turned the occasion into a massive tailgate party."

Lara Conkey-Wiebelhaus -

"I remember when my kids got to take a hayride back to the Sorenson's Pond. I think it was at Christmas time. I also remember that when I first moved here, there was a group of women quilters that welcomed me to join them."

Paul Wiebelhaus - "I remember when we had the dunk tank at the Bazaar."

Janna McClaskey - "I love driving home unwinding and leaving it all behind."

By~ Susana Malcolm

Community for the Win!

Road Crew Update

Jesse Magana, a Supervisor of the Road Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works, recently attended a CCA Board Meeting to touch base with us on the work that is being done along the road in the canyon.

The Public Works Dept., Cal Fire, and California Conservation Corps crew has been very busy creating a safe evacuation route for Cohasset in case of a fire emergency. They have been braving the 90+ degree heat on an almost daily basis clearing brush and cutting the gray pines that hang

over the road. They are also creating open spots where cars can shelter if they have to wait to get out.

The crew, based at the Butte Fire Center in Magalia, works under the direction of Cal Fire. The Corps is a year-long work program that trains youth ages 18-25. It has programs throughout the state that focus on environmental projects, fire safety projects, as well as an academic educational component. Most of the youth come from urban areas of Southern California, and for some, this is their first experience working in the mountains. Many are hoping to gain the

experience they need to become a Cal Fire firefighter. According to their website their motto is "Hard Work, Low Pay, Miserable Conditions, and More!" We are certainly witnesses to the hard work and tough conditions as we pass them toiling on the road.

Members of the board and the entire Cohasset Community are very appreciative of their hard work and their concern for our safety in case of disaster. Give them a wave as you pass.

By~ Susana Malcolm

Where the Hell is Cohasset?

Did you know that we have a sister city on the East Coast? Co-

hasset, Massachusetts sits on a rocky shoreline just 20 miles south of Boston, and bears NO resemblance to its' West Coast sister

city. It is a charming resort town with many historical buildings, a town square, and its very own yacht club (which doesn't look a thing like ours in Campbellville).



It's definitely the older sister. The area that is now Cohasset, Massachusetts was first explored by John Smith in 1614 and became settled in

1670. The town's name came from the Algonquian word Conahasset, which according to Wikipedia, means "long rocky place".

Two years ago, my wife

Kate and I did a cross-country road trip and camped just south of Cohasset, MA. at Wampanatuck State Park. Since we're true-blue Cohassians, we had

to visit! So we hopped in our Jeep (which we towed there and back) and went

hunting for the perfect T-Shirt. Never found the shirt shop, but that was OK. It's a nice place, but we like our Cohasset better!

By ~ Dan Holmes

Together we can do this!

Commodities -

Commodities distribution in Cohasset has been acting safely and with care to help supplement grocery needs for our community. Distribution is on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 AM, at the CCA



building. Summer has even brought in fresh produce that will be included in the distribution! Mark your calendar for the next scheduled distribution.

*By~ Nicole Regan
(530)891-2877*

ARE YOU READY FOR WILDFIRE?

The Butte County Fire Safe Council, along with several CalFire personnel came up in June to tour and discuss plans for fuel reduction grant implementation for Cohasset Ridge. We hope some work will be done this fall, but COVID has slowed the process. Cohasset residents may be getting notified asking for your participation in the coming months. All of our work around our homes and community has been noticed! We have already fulfilled all volunteer matching work for both of our grants. Please continue to keep track of your work hours and send in to the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC). The BCFSC has numerous grants where they need matching volunteer hours.

We are also in the final process of applying for FIREWISE USA Certification. If

Cohasset becomes a Firewise USA site, we can use that certification on grant and homeowners insurance applications. California Fire Plan Insurance provides discounts to Firewise Communities.

CalFire will be performing defensible space inspections this summer, but we don't know where or when – so be prepared.

“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”.

Sheri Simon and Paul Wellin, Jan Lee and I, have completed our Cohasset Firewise Risk Assessment. If you want more information about Firewise USA you can visit National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA.org).

The county is in the pro-

cess of completely re-doing the evacuation plans for all Butte County communities. You should be receiving a mailed copy of the new plan in the coming weeks

As we are all aware, PG&E is working hard in Cohasset to mark and remove trees they deem a hazard to their lines. If you have any questions or concerns about the activity, call PG&E directly.

The **chipper** is up and running again until the new funds run out. Call BCFSC at 877-0984 or go to their website Buttefiresafe.net – programs – chipper program to sign-up. If you have any questions about defensible space or other firesafe issues, please give me a call. Trish Puterbaugh 342-1641 pmputerbaugh@yahoo.com.

By~ Trish Puterbaugh

Community Corner

Dear Fellow Cohassians,

I wanted to bring you up to date on some things the EPC is still able to work on. I am currently focusing on the GMRS radio system which the County is encouraging all the rural communities to establish. Here in Cohasset, we currently have 10 active families. We would be thrilled to have more Cohassians join us. This radio group is open to all Cohassians.

The Butte County Communication Reserves came to Cohasset and mapped out areas of coverage all over our mountain. The county is looking at putting a repeater up on Platt Mountain in Forest Ranch. We should know within two to three weeks if we here in Cohasset are able to use it.

The great news is that I am currently able to communicate with some GMRS opera-

tors in Mt. Ida. In fact, during the Ida Fire this past week, I was able to hear how well the radio system worked for that community. While I was listening, their power went out. They were all still able to use their radios because of the independent power sources they were using and provide one another with updates on the fire.

Tonight, I was able to use a new repeater on Kelly Ridge. Not only was I able to speak with someone on Kelly Ridge, I also spoke with someone in Bangor! By now you are probably saying 'So What?' Well, when we lose power and phones up here, we are now able to reach out to someone off our hill that can help us get help if we have a need. After the protracted PSPS outage last fall, when we lost power, land lines and cell service (our cell connects

through our wireless), we were feeling alone. Maybe you were also. I heard, in real time, how well these radios worked for the Mt. Ida community during their fire.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you know that we are still working on things to benefit the community, even though we can't have meetings at this time. If you are interested in learning more about the GMRS radios we are using, or want to join, please give me a call.

Take care and be safe,

Maggie Krehbiel

Home – 530-342-6547/ Cell – 530-514-4067

Chair, EPC



Community Service Members!



Deanna Mayberry

and less stress; after working for many years in a stressful environment. She has enjoyed her time in Cohasset, stating that “People have been really friendly!” She takes her job seriously and loves being out in the elements. She is also enjoying our trees and scenery. Please offer a friendly wave as you pass her on the hill, and make her feel welcome! Thanks!

By~ Melissa Zaros



Want Some Mail?

A'course Ya Do!

As many of you have already noticed, we have a new mail carrier for the Cohasset route. Her name is Deanna Mayberry, and she started as our mail carrier in late January of this year. I've heard many a mail carrier gripe about how difficult the Cohasset route is to learn and memorize, but she managed to learn our route in record time.

Deanna applied to this job looking for more flexibility,



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