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Mark your calendar and save the date- Saturday, April 27th, noon to 3 pm. The Cohasset Community Association is hosting our semi-annual fundraising event, the Cohasset Chili Cook-Off!

It's a perfect opportunity for a springtime mingle, tasting chili, and casting your vote for the 'People's Choice'

winner. Enjoy live music, raffle drawing, photo booth, and more!

Admission is \$5 (kids 12 and under are free).

To enter a chili in the contest- \$20.

**Prize Categories:**

1. Judge's Choice
2. People's Choice
3. Most Enthusiastic

To sign up, and receive participant's rules and regulations, please call Candace at 530-892-8240 or 530-680-3002.

The CCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer-run organization that provides community services to the people of Cohasset. Your participation and generosity are what keeps the doors of the Community Center open.

Thank you for your generosity!

By: Jill Stewart

## Tending the Wild – Getting Ready

Wildfire is a normal part of California ecology. The question is not IF it will come – the question is WHEN will it come? We realize this more than ever after the Camp Fire. We cannot stop fire in California, but we are able to prepare. We can tend our lands as the Native Americans did for thousands of years. We can become forest keepers, and land stewards. Even if we own a small parcel, we know how to harden our homes and create more resilient landscapes that will potentially withstand wildfire.

As Kathy has written, we have had several excellent speakers at the EPC meetings. Ward Habriel, from the Butte Fire Safe Council, will be coming to Cohasset on April 20th. He calls his talk “get ready”, but it will focus mostly on fire-wise landscaping.

We will find out if we receive the CalFire California Carbon Initiative Grant in May. In the meantime, CalFire is already preparing an environmental review for much of our “front country”. These are the lands to our west toward the valley and to our south, toward Highway 32. These lands are on the Musty Buck Ridge and adjoin the Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve and large landowners in Chico Creek Canyon. They are also preparing reviews of our evacuation route. The plan is fuel reduction.

The county was planning to completely chip and resur-

face Cohasset Highway and Vilas Road this year. Due to the Camp fire, this may be pushed back to 2020. If the work does get pushed out, the county says they will still do a gutter clean, gravel, and heavy patchwork of our roads.

I was elected to the Board of the Butte County Fire Safe Council and will represent Cohasset Ridge. I am also the chipper contact, so please let me know if you have questions about the chipper. It is up and running and everyone is encouraged to create your defensible space and talk to your neighbors about assisting them with work if you see they are unable. The chipper number is 877-0984.  
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**Prices for CCA newsletter advertisements:**

Business card size \$25  
1/2 page \$75  
1/4 page \$40  
Full page \$150

# Cohasset Community Association

## Office Hours

Our new County Supervisor, Tami Ritter, campaigned, and was elected, (in part) on her idea of "office hours" in the communities that she represents. The idea is that she will spend time in each of the towns, at least once a month, to meet her constituents, and hear their concerns. The first of these took place on March 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center. From all reports, it went very well and Supervisor Ritter was happy to meet some more folks from Cohasset. She was here for almost three hours, and has scheduled the 3rd Tuesday of



each month, from 4 to 6 p.m. to hold her Cohasset "office hours". Everyone is welcome to stop in and chat, or ask questions.

*By: Melissa Zaros*

## CCA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all of our new and renewing members! We have had several new members join and we are looking for more! The CCA is the voice of Cohasset to local county officials, law enforcement, roads, California Highway Patrol and Cal Fire. The association maintains the community building and grounds for many community events, such as 4-H, yoga, town halls, beer group, horseshoes, bazaar, chili cook-off, yard sales, Mt. Music, road clean-up, bingo, and the Halloween Carnival, just to name a few.

The building is available to members, for a small donation. It has been used for weddings, memorial services, and other private gatherings. Members are encouraged to host classes in the building for Cohasset residents as well.

Please fill out the form below and send it in!

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN COHASSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TODAY!**

For New or Renewing Memberships Choose One:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

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Your membership donation is completely tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to: CCA and send to Cohasset Community Association, 11 Maple Creek Ranch Rd. Cohasset, CA. 95973.

# Community Corner

## Table-top Evacuation - May 18th

On May 18th at 2:00 p.m. the Cohasset EPC/FSC is planning its first mock evacuation drill. The drill will be held at the CCA building. The building (or grounds if weather permits) will be divided up into sections representing the community. A "fire" will be identified.

Evacuation orders will be issued. Attendees will then be guided through the "evacuation" process. After completion, a review of the exercise will follow to evaluate what worked and what didn't.

The purpose of this drill is to help community members get a bet-

ter understanding of what goes on during an evacuation, and to give everyone a first-hand overview of what will happen during a fire. This drill is being conducted in preparation for a full evacuation drill in the fall some time. I hope to see as many people as possible there.

*By: Kathy Lawson, Co-chair, Cohasset EPC/FSC*



## CCA Calendar

### Yoga

- Tuesdays 6pm (except 3rd)
- Sundays 9:30am

### 4-H

- 1st Wednesday 6:30 pm

### Commodities

- 2nd Wednesday 11am - 1pm

### Brew Club

- 3rd Wednesday 7pm

### Mountain Music

- 3rd Saturday (Starting in May!)

### Cohasset Parents Playgroup

- twice a month. meeting times are posted in "Cohasset Parents" facebook group

### CCA Board Meeting

- 2nd Thursday 6:30pm
- Next meeting is April 11th 2019

### CCA EPC/FSC Meeting

- 3rd Saturday
- 1PM committee meeting
- 2PM public meeting

### Yard Clean-up

- April 13th 9am

### Chili cook-off

- April 27th 12-3

### Road Clean-up

- May 18th 8am

## Mountain Music

We'll be starting back up in May, 3rd Saturday of the month!

## Make Cohasset Road Clean Again

Road clean-up time is coming up! We will have juice, coffee & snacks for everyone. This is such an awesome event and I know you don't want to miss this opportunity to help beautify our community. We will start at 8:00 in the morning instead of 9:00 this year so we can all be done early. We will put snacks out at 7:30. We are looking for volunteers to pick-up the trash and we need drivers to drop-off and pick-up people and the trash

we collect. If you have a truck and can help that would be super helpful! If you have questions, you can call me or you can just show-up with your gloves on May 18th at 8:00. See you all there!

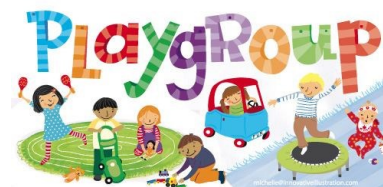
*By: DeDe Sterling*



## Cohasset Kids Playgroup

A new Cohasset resident, Nicole Regan, has grabbed the bull by the horns and started up a playgroup for the littles in our community. The group has already met-up at the com-

munity center twice in the month of March, and plan to meet at least twice a month for the foreseeable future. Nicole has created a Facebook page for those parents that would like more information, search Cohasset Parents. Check it out and enjoy some fun times with the kids!



# Cohasset 4-H

## 4-H Report

It's been quite a while since we have reported on the doings of our local Cohasset 4-H Club. We have had quite a bit going on in the last few months. From special events to project news, there is a lot to report.

In December we pulled off our annual Community Service Project, the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store. As always we would like to thank the community for their generous donations of gifts for the kids to buy. We also want to thank the community volunteers who helped wrap the gifts. We had quite a few shoppers and it was quite a busy day.

In January we went to the Paradise Ice Rink for a great time gliding around the rink. We also welcomed two new members who joined our newly formed rabbit project, led by Heather Lingemann.

We got to work on our game booth for the county Fun Night scheduled for February. Unfortunately, the event was postponed due to the fairgrounds being utilized as a shelter for Camp Fire victims. The theme was Safari and our booth was a Whack-a-Mole game with safari animals. The kids produced beautiful art work for the booth. The event finally took place in March and we won 3rd prize for Best Overall Booth.

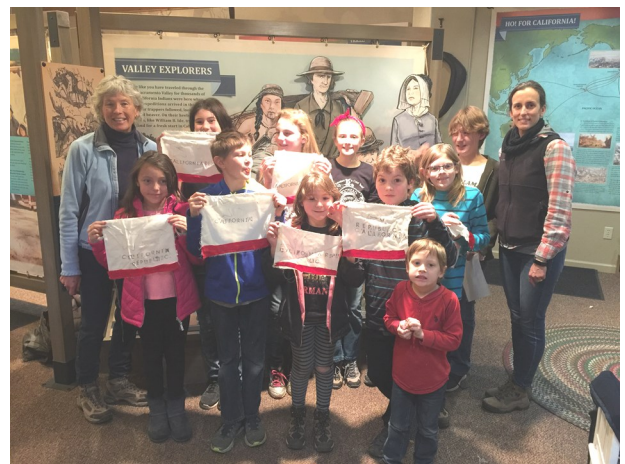
We held our annual Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale Fundraiser in February. Thanks to all of the community members who showed up to support us, and eat soup. We had a dozen delicious soups while Hearth and Stone Bakery donated a wide variety of breads. Your generous participation is helping keep us afloat for another year.

Our projects are all keeping the kids very busy. By the time you get this, the hiking project will have headed out to Chico Creek. The swine project has been raising their pigs since January, and all are doing great! The members have completed ethics

training and are making their posters for the fair. The cooking project made peanut butter and jelly French toast. The welding project is working on a group project of giant sunflowers to enter in the fair, as well as some individual projects. Our new rabbit project is learning about the color variations in the breeds they are raising and details of how to do meat pen entries for the fair.

Our club is looking forward to a busy April. Some of our members will be presenting at the County 4-H Rainbow Craft Field Day on April 6. We are looking forward to participating in the CCA Yard clean-up day on April 16th. We will also be going "Hog Wild" at the CCA Chili Cook-Off on April 27th. We hope to see you there!

*By: Susana Malcolm*



# Community Corner

## Cohasset Emergency Preparedness Committee & Fire Safe Council in Full Swing

The Cohasset Emergency Preparedness Committee & Fire Safe Council (EPC/FSC) is a committee of the Cohasset Community Association. Members of this committee are dedicated to preparing themselves, and our community to survive wild land fires, storm related disasters, road closures, or any other dangers that might befall our ridge, and in general to help make Cohasset a safer place to live. This committee picked up again in November, where it left off two years ago, this time with a great deal of renewed interest from the community.

Our first meeting was held in December 2018. Due to concerns raised by the Camp Fire, close to 40 people were in attendance. We have had Cal Fire Captain Shane Cook speak about creating defensible space around our homes. Susan Beeler, a seasonal, contracted CAL FIRE employee has also spoken at one of our meetings. She, too, advocates for defensible space around our homes. Both speakers encourage clearing the "ladder fuels" from under the trees, limb-ing up the mature trees to as high as we can reach, and spacing trees at a distance apart where their

canopies don't touch. Captain Cook and Ms. Beeler are available, upon request, to survey private properties and give advice about the individual needs of each property. To contact either of these speakers about your property, you can call Maggie Krehbiel at 342-6547 or Kathy Lawson at 343-1479.

Trish Puterbaugh spoke to our group about a grant for which she has applied. If funded, this grant would re-do the shaded fuel breaks along Cohasset and Vilas Roads. It will also provide money for creating defensible space up to 200 ft. in from the road on private property, wherever the home owners give permission. This grant will go a long way to helping Cohasset get up to speed on fire safety. In the meantime (since the whole process will take about 2 years to come to fruition), I want to encourage every resident to get out and clear brush and limb your trees now.

Randy Robb, from the Cohasset Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the importance of house address signs. Everyone needs to have address signs at the road that are visible from all directions. This will help fire fighters and other emergency personnel find you when time is critical.

In March, Liz Weber spoke about the various materials used in making

clothing and how those different materials burn. She described what kinds of fabric you want to wear while burning brush, loading your wood stove, or fighting a fire on your own land.

Ward Habriel, from the Paradise Garden Club, who also represents the Butte County Fire Safe Council, will be speaking at the April 20th EPC/FSC meeting at the CCA building at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00. So, mark your calendars, everyone, and plan to attend.

To date, Maggie and I have met with CHP, Tami Ritter (Butte County Supervisor), and Captain Shane Cook, (CAL FIRE, Cohasset). We have been in touch with, and plan to meet with Sheriff Honea and Cindy from Butte County Office of Emergency services. Topics of discussion include: widening another section of Cohasset Road, installing an audible warning system, developing another route off the ridge, cleaning the ditches along Cohasset Road, and evacuation plans for Cohasset. Each one of these goals is a huge undertaking. So, I would like to encourage all residents to attend as many of these meetings as possible, join the CCA, and volunteer on the EPC/FSC committee.

*By: Kathy Lawson, Co-chair, Cohasset EPC/FSC*

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The Tehama County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is conducting an extensive Assessment and Sediment Reduction Plan for Ponderosa Way in Tehama County. This road is a potential evacuation route up Cohasset Highway thru the Ishi Wilderness. At this time it is impassable except for high-clearance vehicles. After the assessment is complete it will take time to look for more funds to actually do the road work. I will attend meetings and

keep up with this progress to represent Cohasset. We hope, one day, to drive back to Deer Creek to swim and hike again.

The Cohasset CalFire Volunteers address and road sign form is attached to this newsletter. It is critical that emergency personnel – ambulances, fire fighters, and law enforcement have legible, reflective address signs in order to find us. Please order one or more signs for your home and support our volunteers.

Spring seems to be trying to break out – have fun outside!

*By: Trish Puterbaugh, 342-1641  
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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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# Cohasset Volunteer Fire Department

Butte County Volunteer Company 21

## Reflective Address Sign Order Form

Please fill out the following information:	Date Ordered:
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Phone:	
E-mail (Optional)	

### Sign orientation (For mounting)

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Number of Signs: \_\_\_\_\_ @ three or less numbers = (\$15)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ Four or more numbers = (\$20)

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash only: Sorry no Checks.

E-mail order to: [cohassetvolunteer21@gmail.com](mailto:cohassetvolunteer21@gmail.com)

## Thank you for your order!

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# Cohasset Volunteer Fire Department

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Name:	
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Street Signs (Green with White Letters)	Installation	
	Owner	County
1 Street Sign for Pre-existing Pole Mount	\$62	
Bracket for mounting sign onto 2 inch pole	\$17	
1 Street Sign with <b>Hardware*</b> for new installation	\$126	\$294
2 Street Signs with <b>Hardware*</b> for new installation	\$171	\$339

**Thank you for your order!**

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