

Caspar Community News

March 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come to the Community Meeting!

League of Women Voters
Meet & Greet
Friday, March 17, 5-7 pm

Caspar Creek Country Fair
Saturday, March 18, 12 - 3 pm

Wednesdays 12:15-12:45
BOOKMOBILE
March 29, April 12 & 26

Saturday, March 25 10am-12pm
HEADLANDS WORK DAY

Sunday, March 26, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast

EMERGENCY PREPARATION MEETING
Monday, March 27, 7 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 8 - 10:30 PM
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Fridays, 9:30am
April 7 & 21
Caspar Community Board
All Welcome

MOVIES+GAMES IN CASPAR
Sunday, April 9, 4:30-9 pm
MARY POPPINS & THE LOVE WITCH

Friday, April 14, 6:30 - 9 pm
Caspar Pub Night
Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

Sunday, April 23, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast

A complete schedule can be found at our website.

Sunday, March 19th 4PM

COMMUNITY MEETING!
Potluck Dinner Afterwards

Topics to include:
Caspar Water
Emergency Prep Committee
Events Manager

Pop-up Dance Party
funky Dozen

Saturday, April 8, 7-10 pm



Funky Dozen will play music to get your body moving at the **Pop-up Dance Party** on **Saturday, April 8th, from 7 - 10 pm**. The new concert series is organized by a group of local dancers who were missing live music so they decided to make it happen right here in Caspar. \$20 at the door goes to pay expenses & the band. There's also a no-host bar serving beer & wine, benefits Caspar Community.

The next Pop-up Dance Parties are scheduled for **Friday, May 5th** and **Friday, June 2nd**. If you'd like to help, call us at 964-4997 or email caspar@mcn.org.

**We Welcome
Event Manager
Dana Fox**



photo by Robin Whitley Fox

Caspar Community is pleased to announce the appointment of Dana Fox as Event Manager. Dana will coordinate Kitchen and Facilities use at the Caspar Community Center.

Dana is an accomplished food service manager and chef with a wealth of customer service experience in both food service and high tech environments. A true "jack of all trades" Dana has worked as a journeyman plumber, commercial salmon fisherman out of Noyo and owned and operated a video production company.

Dana moved to Caspar three years ago and literally fell in love with our community spirit. He met his wife at Pub Night and stayed on to cook for many community events.

Please welcome Dana when you see him at the Community Center. He is very interested in making our Community an even better place and he'll welcome your feedback.

~ Bob Frey

**Sunday, March 26, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast**

Frequent volunteers **Paula Glessner** and **Wayne Brown** will be our Guest Chefs for the Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 26th. Their menu looks delicious:

Mushroom, red pepper, caramelized onion and cheese omelet served with Potato Rosti topped with crème fraîche and chives, and toasted Fort Bragg bakery bread \$14

Bacon and cheese omelet served with Potato Rosti topped with crème fraîche and chives, and toasted Fort Bragg bakery bread \$14

Gluten Free Biscuits with pork sausage gravy \$11

Vegan creamy grits topped with house made vegan sausage, roasted red peppers and caramelized onions \$12

Buttermilk waffles topped with organic berries and whipped cream \$10

Thanksgiving Coffee, Teas and Juice

Join us for Breakfast on the 4th Sunday of every month. The menu varies with the season and includes vegan and gluten free options. Great food, great company, great cause! Benefit for Caspar Community.

It takes a village! Every month we need a kitchen crew, servers, dishwashers and help with set up and take down. If you would like to help with our monthly breakfast, contact us at caspar@mcn.org or by calling the Center at 964-4997.

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Submissions of activities, events, or information of interest to Casparados is invited. Send them to

lists@casparcommons.org

We  Caspar



**Caspar Breakfast
May 2013**

photo by Sienna M Potts

Organizing for the Unthinkable

A massive earthquake/tsunami/fire partially collapses eight houses on Caspar Road — or damages the bridges over Caspar and Jughandle Creeks isolating Caspar from stores and services — or slides four Caspar houses toward the sea — or destroys upper Fern Creek Road stranding nine properties — or renders tens of families temporarily homeless.

Unthinkable? Yes!! Possible?? Absolutely. Can we prepare for the unthinkable??? Yes — and we are! And we encourage you to join us. Our next meeting is Monday, March 27, at 7 pm at the Caspar Community Center.

For the last two months a group has met on the last Monday of the month at the Caspar Community Center. Everyone is welcome to come to these meetings. We are committed to establishing the Caspar Community Center as an emergency shelter able to care for up to 50 people and feed up to 100 for at least five days, while caring for the medical needs of the injured. As you know, the Center already has solar panels and a back-up propane generator to keep the lights on when the electrical lines go dead. This, along with the fully equipped kitchen, the reinforced building structure, and its location are the basis for making the Center an emergency shelter for all of us.

There are groups of people considering how to: shelter 50 people (cots, blankets, etc.); feed 100 people (rice and beans, etc.); care for the injured (splints, bandages, etc.), communicate within Caspar and with the outside world; store everything (refurbish the garage, purchase a container or ??); and run an emergency shelter (signage, location for the injured, methodology of washing dishes, etc.)

One wonderful community member has offered to store purchased items in a 1,200 sq ft dry, secured space until permanent storage has been prepared.

Fortunately, we do not need to reinvent any wheels, and have had incredible assistance from the Elk Community, which has been working on their emergency preparation for over five years.

Besides an emergency shelter, there are three other essential elements to preparing for the unthinkable.

First, each individual and family needs to have food, water, flashlight, first aid kit, sleeping bags, tent, propane stove, matches, wind-up radio, and more to take care of their immediate needs in the event of a devastating event. These supplies should be stored in a waterproof container and kept away from one's house in case the house collapses. This is everyone's first and most important line of preparation.

Second, neighbors need to know how to help each other in the event of an emergency. Many communities are forming small groups of +/- ten households which share information among themselves about where their gas, electrical and water shut-offs are located; special needs which may exist in a household (e.g. disabled or frail people); physical resources which could help others such as emergency water supply (pool, cistern, etc.) for fire fighting; essential skills such as search and rescue, first aid/CPR, and fire fighting. This information is privy only to people in the neighborhood group. Many communities also have a confidential, community-wide data base which can be accessed by emergency rescue personnel only in the event of an emergency and only to assist in finding and helping people in distress. It could be held by Caspar Community.

Third, community members need training on how to respond to an emergency. CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) is a national organization with a chapter in Fort Bragg which is promoting three-day CERT trainings in first aid and organizational skills. A free Fort Bragg CERT training is anticipated in the next few months. [Fort Bragg CERT](#) meets every fourth Wednesday at the Fort Bragg Police Department.

Want to get involved? Please come to the next two meetings: on **March 19 at the Caspar Community Meeting and Potluck** we'll be talking about the work of the Emergency Preparation Committee; and on **Monday, March 27 at 7 pm** at the Caspar Community Center we'll have a working meeting of the committee. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Minutes of the Caspar Community emergency preparation meetings can be found at casparcommons.org/Resilient.

~ Judy Tarbell