

November 2022

# Caspar Community News

## Makers & Bakers Holiday Fair



**Paul Reiber** fine wood carvings  
**Maria Sari** tropically inspired wreaths  
**Carlie & Jima Abbott** jewelry  
**Annie Lee** Guatemalan imports  
**Dalen Anderson** handbags  
... and (likely) more



**Holiday treats by**

**Marty Johnson**  
**Kris Reiber**  
**Sallie Brown** and the Caspar Kitchen Crew

**Sunday, November 11th noon ~ 5pm**  
**Caspar Community Center**

The second annual Makers and Bakers Fair will take place Sunday, December 11 from noon till 5:00 at the community center. We will occupy both rooms this year with wood carvings by Paul Reiber, jewelry by Jima, Cindy and Lee, Guatemalan imports from Annie, handbags by Dalen and the very popular tropically inspired wreaths by Maria. Bakers include Marty, Kris and Sallie with yummy mince pies. We do have room for a few more vendors. If you are interested in having a space, contact me or **Paul Reiber**

**Dalen Anderson**  
dapazomo@mcn.org

## announcing: Caspar Community ONLINE AUCTION

The third Annual Caspar Online Auction kicks off on November 12th, with another enticing array of local artists' works and donations from local businesses, a total value of more than \$7,000 up for bidding.

There's a lot more about the auction on page 4 of this *Caspar News*.



*Paul Reiber's annual Gertie Caspar's mascot on sale at the auction*

**CLICK HERE FOR THE  
ONLINE  
AUCTION**

*Ellen Athens:  
Micro-mosaic Pendant*

*Marty Johnson's  
Eight Weeks  
of Gourmet  
Bread*



**click here  
for more  
auction info**

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from our postal carrier

Hello,  
My name is James Carmichael, and I am your USPS postal carrier for Caspar.

I want to thank all of you for your support as I have learned your names and addresses. This has helped in my correctly and promptly delivering your mail to your mailbox. It's still a learning process, but it has been helped by personally meeting many of you.

Caspar has its own unique Zip Code. Caspar also has a unique box numbering system based on the long term residency of many of you in Caspar. It makes mail deliveries somewhat complicated as many folk have moved in or out or have had changed residences. Please pardon my errors as I try to organize and streamline delivery of your mail and parcels to the proper address.

If you receive any mail for someone not at your address, please note that if possible, and return that mail, or any misplaced mail, to an Outgoing Mail slot. I can redirect it from there. That would be very helpful.

I could also use your help as we enter into the holiday season by asking that you **pick up your parcels and packages from the parcel lockers as soon as possible** so that they can be opened up and used for other residents' deliveries. This should help reduce trips to the Fort Bragg USPS office for pickup of any but the largest parcels.

I have also opened up several unused and repaired several inoperative parcel lockers so that I can deliver to Caspar as many of your parcels as possible. Also in the works are plans, supported by the Caspar Community Center, for the Fort Bragg USPS to add four or more parcel lockers at the community mailbox location, again ideally reducing the need to go to the USPS office in Fort Bragg to pickup your parcels.

**Thank you again. I look forward to continuing to deliver mail to the great community of Caspar.**

**Happy Holidays!**

*James Carmichael*

## Emergency Preparedness

Caspar's Emergency Preparedness group meetings are moving to the 2nd Monday of the month. The next meeting will be November 14. Email [CasparPrepared@gmail.com](mailto:CasparPrepared@gmail.com) if you would like to receive updates.

Topics under discussion include:

- Emergency response mapping for Caspar neighborhoods
- Does a fire station annex make sense for Caspar
- Promoting reflective address signs
- Designing an emergency response instructional brochure for local residents
- Home hardening and free chipper resources available through the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

### Radio operators needed:

The Caspar Community Center is equipped with a ham radio that has excellent reception and is well situated to assist the coast community in the event of a disaster. What we don't have are a sufficient number of local operators. If you are a ham operator or have an interest in becoming one, please get in touch with Lisa Weg or Eric Stromberger through the CasparPrepared email address above.

## Caspar Community Center UPCOMING EVENTS

### Election Day: Tuesday, November 8

Voting in the South room from 7 am to 8 pm.

Absentee Ballot drop off or replacements.

Wednesday, November 9, 10:30 - 11:15 am

### B O O K M O B I L E

Friday, November 11, 5 - 9 pm

### Caspar Game Night

Wednesday, November 16, 6 - 8 pm

### CalFire Community Meeting Fuel Breaks & Fire Prevention

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Saturday, November 19, 7 - 10 pm \$20

### Music & Dance Wave-Up The Mighty T-Bones

Sunday, November 27, 9 - 11 am

### Caspar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast

## Caspar Game Night

On October 14th, more than 30 people showed up at the Community Center to eat, talk and play games. It was fun to see old neighbors and meet new ones. Ariana set up a great craft activity which was enjoyed by kids and adults alike. People brought their favorite board games, or played something new.



**Hit and Run Theater & Friends**

Hit and Run Theater and Friends returns to the Caspar Community Center on Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5 at 7:00pm for an *Autumn Improv Spectacular Comedy Weekend*. The performers will include Janet Atherton, Mindy Ballentine, Ken Krauss, Jill Lemos, Kathy O'Grady, and Doug Nunn, with Joshua Raoul Brody of Bay Area Theatresports providing musical accompaniment. Recent Hit & Run workshop attendees Brian Dalder, Phoebe Hanson, Katan Sosnovec, and Calvin Stearns-Ayster will join the group for these shows.

Since the early 2000s Hit and Run has done improvised comedy shows several times a year. Our November shows will allow us to introduce some new players to Mendocino audiences.

Hit and Run Theater, in conjunction with The Fog Eater Café, will also present Joshua Raoul Brody's *Beatles Sing-a-Long evening* on Sunday, November 6 at 4:00pm at the Fog Eater Café, 45104 Main St. in Mendocino. Joshua lends his many years of keyboard experience and provides lyric sheets to accompany audience members singing their favorite Beatles's songs. It's a perfect way to cap off a weekend of comedy fun.

The Caspar Community Center will open at 6:30pm and the show will start at 7:00pm. General seating; all ages are welcome to attend! Attendees will be asked to wear masks. Admission is \$20; tickets for seniors and kids under 18 are \$15. Tickets will be available at the door, or you can make reservations by emailing Doug Nunn at [dnunn@mcn.org](mailto:dnunn@mcn.org), Facebooking Doug Nunn, or calling 415-613-4416.



We are hoping to make this a regular family friendly happening. The next Game Night will be on November 11th from 5:30 - 9:00pm.

Admission is free with dinner and dessert available for purchase. We will be making chicken pot pie, butternut squash curry (vegan and GF), salad and dessert. Hope to see you there.

**Dalen Anderson**  
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5 Wonderful Desserts  
made by Marty Johnson

**Bid early; bid often!**

**What You Need To Know:**

The auction opens for bidding at NOON on Saturday, November 12th and closes at 8pm on Saturday, November 19th. Get your bidding paddle and view all the items now:

[CasparCommons.org/auc](http://CasparCommons.org/auc)

Register for a bidding paddle in order to bid; we will also need your email address so we can notify you of your winnings.

Once or twice during the bidding, paddle holders who've been outbid on items may receive emails to invite them to raise the ante.

Saturday evening after 8pm, winning bidders will receive emails notifying them of the items they have won. Item pick-up details will be included with the winner notifications. Most items will be available for pick-up on Sunday and Monday, November 20th & 21st at the Community Center. Payment may be made by check or cash (works better for us) or by credit card.

**Caspar's Online Auction  
Starts at noon on November 12th  
Ends Saturday, November 19th, at 8pm**

It is important to remember that this is a fund-raising event to support our Community Center. Generous donors, including many gifted community members, have donated \$7,000+ worth of wonderful stuff (so far; new additions happen right up until auction's close!) Gift certificates, valuable antiques, personal services, and gorgeous art pieces will all be up for your delight (and purchase). Please vote with your dollars to keep our Center solvent.

more  
auction  
items

Panforte  
by Kris Reiber



gratifying service and edibles  
from friends and neighbors



90 minute  
Acupressure  
by Carole Raye



amazing  
antiques & objets d'art



\$165 of delicious  
Caspar-grown veggies  
from Fortunate Farm



Hot tub, Sauna,  
two massages  
by Anne Yount

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**Caspar Community News**

was laid out by Michael Potts

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

[lists@casparcommons.org](mailto:lists@casparcommons.org)

**We ♥ Caspar**

# FUEL BREAKS AND FIRE PREVENTION AT THE LANDSCAPE SCALE: A COMMUNITY LISTENING AND PLANNING SESSION



A fuel break is a “strip of land on which vegetation has been modified so that a fire burning into it can be more readily controlled.” In the coming years, CAL FIRE will build strategic fuel breaks throughout Jackson State Demonstration Forest. These fuel breaks will work best if they are planned and implemented in collaboration with JDSF’s neighbors. Please join us at the Caspar Community Center to:

- Hear from Unit Chief Luke Kendall and Deputy Chief Brandon Gunn from CAL FIRE about the locations and techniques planned for the JDSF Shaded Fuel Breaks. Are there any key locations on the map that they missed?
- Hear from Doug Turk with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District about cost-share program funding available to manage forest fuels on your land. Shaded fuel breaks work best if they follow topography instead of property lines. **You might be the steward of a strategic location to protect your community.**
- Hear from Scott Cratty of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council about managing fuel loading from your home out to 100 feet, from home-hardening assistance to “chipper days”.
- Hear from Kyle Farmer of the Mendocino County Prescribed Burn Association about local opportunities to build comfort with small-scale managed fire.

**Caspar Community Center** - 15051 Caspar Rd, Caspar, CA  
**Wednesday, November 16th, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm.**

For questions or suggestions, contact **Kyle Farmer**, [kfarmer@ucanr.edu](mailto:kfarmer@ucanr.edu)