



*To preserve & enhance the quality
of all life in Caspar*

Thanksgiving 2019

Greetings Casparados!

When I think back on this year **I am filled with gratitude to all of you who make our community so strong, resilient, and fun!** You may have set up a monthly pledge, or thought to send a check for the times you've used the EV charging station, or you've been able to be so generous you have funded entire projects. Some of you are servers at every **4th Sunday Breakfast** or dishwashers at every **Pub Night**, or you've created an event or class we get to enjoy together. So many of you come to our community events, helping out, bringing friends, slipping a few extra dollars in the tip jars – keeping us going, together. **Every day I am grateful to live in our small town** (*where I was born!*), working and playing with our remarkable Caspar Community.

As we began to plan our annual **New Year's Eve Dance Party** (*see over*) we realized this will be **the twentieth year we have begun on the dance floor together**. Twenty years ago the first party was held in the old Company Store, to celebrate the new millennium. I was away from home in 1999 but I know that quite a few of you who were here will be dancing with us this year to the uplifting music of **Mama Grows Funk**.

Our **Caspar Community Emergency Preparedness Project** has been getting stronger, joined by other coastal communities inspired by our group's work to make plans to help us all through potential disasters. Several neighborhoods and groups from Caspar and other parts of the Coast have gathered to plan together in meetings and workshops at our Center and in many other places nearby. I was told recently that if a tsunami ever comes our way, *Comptche is ready to shelter us*. **What we do here spreads out into our wider community** – and comes back to benefit us even more!

When the electricity was shut off in October, I was here at the Center with the band, setting up for our Pop-up Dance Party. The lights came back on so fast band members didn't believe me when I said that we had just switched from PG&E to our own power. Living in downtown Caspar, it was such a comfort to see our events continue without interruption and the Center ready as needed (the landline works and I check in every day). There are many heroes amongst us to be thanked for that, those who set up and who maintain our back-up system to be almost as strong as our everyday system.

Our biggest project in the past year, made possible by your donations and volunteer time, has been to restore our garage. We will be able to use it for secure storage for equipment we use for events, rentals, and even food for emergency use. We now have a freeze dryer which preserves fresh food for up to 20 years. As we organize our garage, we'll be able to make our green room more attractive and comfortable. In 2020 we will be refinishing our floors, painting the building, and, as always, keeping the Center well-stocked and equipped for its many uses.

Please consider a donation to Caspar Community in your year-end financial planning. Caspar Community is a 501c3 organization (EIN: 94-3321996). Your contribution is tax deductible. Visit our website at **casparcommons.org** or call the office at 964-4997 for more information on making a donation or setting up a monthly pledge.

One of my favorite comments from visitors and renters from other areas, appreciation repeated several times this year, is, **"Of course the building is beautiful, but what an incredible community!"**

Thank you for being part of it.

Sienna M. Potts
for Caspar Community

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Caspar identity stuff
 at 4th Sunday Breakfast
 or online at the
Caspar Community store
etsy.com/shop/CasparCommunity
 Great Stocking Stuffers
 or Hannukah presents!

from the President:

HELP PAINT THE CENTER!

We are seeking funds to paint the building next early summer. Our Center is nearly 100 years old and the exterior needs a refresh to make it last the next 100 years. This will cost \$30,000 dollars.

Bob Frey
 for the Caspar Community Board

**Join us in Caspar
 for Merriment
 and Community!**

Friday, December 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Caspar Pub Night

Open Mic, Dinner, Beer & Wine

Saturday, December 28, 10am

Caspar Headlands Work Day

Find us out on Caspar Headlands until noon.

Saturday, December 28, 7pm

Foxglove & New Nashville West
 with special guest **Gene Parsons**

**NO 4th SUNDAY BREAKFAST
 IN DECEMBER!**

Tuesday, December 31
 8pm-12:30am

**New Years Eve
 Dance Party**

Mama Grows Funk
 appetizers, potluck desserts,
 no-host bar

Friday, January 10, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Caspar Pub Night

Saturday, January 25, 10a-12p
Caspar Headlands Work Day

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

20th ANNUAL
Tuesday
December 31st
8:30 pm
New Years Eve
Dance Party

Dancing with Mama Grows Funk
Bring appetizers, snacks, desserts to share

We hope you'll save the date, and join us this December 31 to celebrate the New Year, Caspar style. **Mama Grows Funk** will provide dance tunes to get us moving into the new year. Please bring appetizers, snack foods, or desserts to share potluck style. Caspar Bar will be serving lovely libations. Advance tickets \$25, will be available at Harvest Market in Fort Bragg, Out of This World in Mendocino, at Caspar Community Center & online, \$30 at the door.

As always, we could use your volunteer energy to help put on this annual community event.

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