



Caspar Community News

May 2018

We Need a Name!

In the last issue of the Caspar Newsletter, I wrote about what the Caspar Emergency Preparation group has been doing this past year.

This group is now wrapping up its initial work and moving into a community outreach mode to help people organize their neighborhoods to be better prepared to help themselves and each other should the need arise.

I believe it is time for us to have an agreed-upon name.

This morning I sent an email to the 74 people signed on to the group which said “I’d like to title a display of shelter-in-place barrel locations and want your input on what our group should be called. Two possibilities come to mind: Caspar Community Emergency Preparation Committee and Caspar Community Resilience. Please jot down and send me other names and thoughts.”

In true, grand Caspar fashion, lots of suggestions came in, including this great idea

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from Michael Potts: “... defer the working out of this matter for the Community Meeting. It could be an interesting discussion, and when finished, if Caspar is still as good at consensus as we think we are, we’ll all own the name.”

So — I hope you’ll all come to the Caspar Community Meeting this Sunday at 4 pm, followed by a community potluck at 5 pm — and figure out what to call this hardworking, inspiring group.

~ Judy Tarbell

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Highway Crossing Update

You have probably noticed Caltrans doing a lot of work on Highway 1 at Fern Creek Road and Caspar Street. This is the result of many years of Caspar residents working with Caltrans, starting nine years ago, to improve safety at that intersection. Most people, including the elderly, handicapped, adults with young children, bicyclists, and horseback riders, as well as drivers of cars and trucks entering and leaving Highway 1, have problems at that intersection.

The Caspar Community has met with Caltrans often over the years and I have made a series of lengthy phone calls, letters and emails. Some small improvements were made but they were not sufficient. Accidents continued and people could not cross safely.

Current Caltrans work should make a significant improvement. There will be the following changes and additions:

1. Yellow warning signs, including a pedestrian panel, a 45mph suggested speed panel, and a speed radar display approximately 500 feet both north and south of the intersection. Currently traffic speed is 55 mph.

2. Lights at the corners – not traffic signals – on Fern Creek Road and Caspar Street. Caltrans assures us that these lights are certified by the [International Dark Sky Association](#) or an equivalent. They will be shaded and have back side control to illuminate only at their base and minimize all light and glare effects on neighbors, animals at the pond, and the starry sky. Caltrans deems this lighting necessary to alert drivers to the intersection at night.

3. New pavement markings to define traffic lanes through the intersection. Recently paint and/or reflectors to define the traffic islands were requested, and Caltrans agreed to add them to the project.

Much of the groundwork has been completed. Caltrans is waiting for the poles; I am told that the system should go on in late May or June.

A hearty Thank You to all current and past Caltrans workers who have spent time on this project over the years. Also thanks to everyone in our community who worked so hard and never gave up on making a safer crossing possible.

We are all looking forward to a safer highway crossing between east and west Caspar. We hope to be able to get our mail, catch the MTA, access the Community Center, the playground, the Shul, businesses, Caspar Headlands State Reserve, the coast, the pond, Jackson Demonstration State Forest, and our friends' homes without braving an extremely dangerous highway crossing. ~ Bette Goldfarb

UPCOMING EVENTS

First & Third Fridays, 9 am
 May 18, June 1 & 15
Caspar Community Board
 All Welcome

Saturday, May 26, 10am-12pm
HEADLANDS WORK DAY

GWYNETH MORELAND
 MISNER & SMITH
 SATURDAY, MAY 26, 7 PM

Sunday, May 27, 9-11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast
& Annual Flea Market until 2 pm

Sunday, June 3, 10:30 am
Canning with Marty Johnson

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 7 PM
TAKING ROOT
 MEET THE FILMMAKERS

Friday, June 8, 6:30 - 9 pm
Caspar Pub Night
 Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

Saturday, June 9, 8 pm
Alice DiMichele & Force of Nature

Pop-up DANCE PARTY
PILAR DURAN & CALVIN TURNBULL BAND
 Friday, June 15, 7-10 pm

A complete schedule can be found at our website.

If you would like to receive email about hometown Caspar events, email your request to lists@casparcommons.org.



Headlands Work Days
 This field may look full of Scotch Broom to you but I see how far back we have chased that invader from the path during our monthly Headlands Work Days over the winter. I've noticed how the native lupine (the tiny one) is spreading out in the newly released space. Even a few people, working just a couple of hours a month, can give meaningful care to our shared backyard.

On Fourth Saturdays, we work to restore our beloved Headlands by pulling invasive weeds like gorse and broom. We focus on trails and views, tackling small projects we can finish without hurting ourselves. Meet at 10 am at the intersection of Caspar Road & Caspar Street or look for us out on the Headlands until noon. Bring water, gloves and any hand tools you've got. Coming up: May 26, June 23, & July 28.

~ Sienna M Potts

See [Caspar Community News February 2018](#) for more on Caspar Headlands State Reserve.



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Our May Community Meeting will serve as Caspar Community's Annual Meeting and will include election of Caspar Community Board Officers. There will be the usual circle of introductions, with a couple extra minutes for current enthusiasms or frustrations – we want to hear from everybody. After the one hour meeting we will share a meal and continue conversation. Come to meet your neighbors, make plans, tell stories, and for the tasty food!



**Tuesday, June 5
 Election Day
 Vote here!
 7 am - 8 pm**



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