



## Thanksgiving 2024

As we celebrate the end of 2024, members of Caspar Community's board reflected on the legacy, mission and vision of our community nonprofit looking forward to the years ahead:

### *What inspires us to work on Caspar's community?*

I care about my neighbors and want to live in a community that is like-minded about resilience and sustainability. My work on the board helps make that happen.

*Rochelle Elkan*

**Being a part of a microcosm gives me a sense of optimism in a vast complex world.**

***Dalen Anderson***

Dear Casparados near and far,

**We are so grateful to our generous and active community.**

Among our goals for 2025 is planning for the next generation: to pass on the project of the Caspar Community in a stable state. The board is discussing a partial pay off of the mortgage to offset debt for our future stewards of Caspar Community. How do *you* recommend we prepare for a next generation of leadership? I invite you to invest in the future of Caspar Community for the next 100 years!

### ***What's ahead for 2025 and beyond***

- ➔ 4th Sunday Breakfasts (we take December off)
- ➔ Repair the South Room floor
- ➔ Improve backyard accessibility & drainage
- ➔ Plenty of fun-raisers and service to our broader Coastal community
- ➔ Continue and support our Gorse eradication program
- ➔ Recruit two new Board members

With love and collaboration we can continue to make all these things, and more, happen! Thank you for considering providing monetary or volunteer support in the new year!

***Ariana Bayer***

*President, for the Board  
Caspar Community, Inc.*

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## Thoughts on the mission:

Our mission is wide, inclusive and embraces natural and human-made communities. How we manifest the mission is shaped by the hearts, minds and hands who show up.

I enjoy working with my fellow board members to steer an organization that has been so successful in its mission of fostering community and providing a safe space to celebrate our lives.

*Paul Reiber*

I am inspired by the power of community, building purposeful connections amongst our coastal neighbors and the surrounding lands we steward.

*Suzanne Jennings*

I am honored to be involved with the Community Center – board meetings, teaching dance classes, washing dishes for the Sunday breakfast. It is so important for a community to have the community center to bring about such important things in our lives.

*Glenn Rude*

**Caspar Community values**

**Kindness    Inclusivity  
Tolerance    Building Consensus  
Thriving  
on Current Solar Income**

Our mission is a work in progress that may take 100 years to come to fruition, and we have made a good start to help protect and preserve all life in Caspar.

*Rochelle Elkan*

From local coastal planning and gorse eradication to offering a multi-use venue for classes, workshops and events, our Caspar Community is a place where friendships are built, interests shared, and meaningful projects actualized.

*Suzanne Jennings*

**Getting to know my neighbors, and learning how to work together makes the quality of my life better, as well as the strength of our community. I have many times thought it is the best disaster prep we can do.**

*Dalen Anderson*

If you  
want to be universal,  
sing your village.

*Leo Tolstoy*

Caspar is a state of mind  
If you think you're a Caspar,  
**you ARE**

# *What do you want to see for our Caspar Community in the future?*

**I look forward to the next generation's involvement as we evolve this sweet project forward.**

**Paul Shulman**

A vibrant Caspar Community in the present as well as far into the future is a multi-generational, inclusive beehive of activity, sustainable and evolving according to the needs of its members.

**Suzanne Jennings**

I would like to see Caspar Community Center as a continuing hub for gathering, education, and a place to come together in case of emergency. I see Caspar Community continuing as a beacon of sustainability and resilience in this ever changing world. For example, a solar farm to energize the community and a place of affordable housing for workers to help expand the community resources, such as family farming.

**Rochelle Elkan**

## ***A little history (we have been at this for longer than we thought)***

Caspar residents – Casparados – began meeting in 1991 to protect and preserve the quality of all life, to influence our ecosystems positively (from the dark skies to the soil), and to build community “in case we need some.” Our website started in 1995, and we purchased our Community Center in 2002. Caspar’s nonprofit was incorporated in 1999, and is governed by a Board, whose members and friends offer these visions for 2025 and beyond.

I would like to see more outreach to the next generations in Caspar; As the Board ages it is harder to be aware of the needs and interests of the younger members of the community. I would like to see a revitalized visioning of the Board’s role in the Community and the community’s vision for itself reflecting the change in Caspar demographics and land ownership.

**Paul Reiber**

**In the short term, I would love to see a safe, beautiful backyard patio in which to have outdoor events. In the longer term, I hope to see the Community flourish with the next generation’s ideas and create a place that my grandchildren feel a strong connection to.**

**Dalen Anderson**

Let’s come into closer collaboration to maintain & maximize our good life here. In 100 years I hope that our descendants enjoy the same dark skies, the beauty & plenty of the ocean, think of us as good ancestors, & dance into each new year together.

**Sienna Potts**

With love and collaboration we can continue to, and make all these things. Thank you for considering providing monetary or volunteer support in the new year!

**Ariana Bayer**

**A village thrives when  
its elders plant trees in whose  
shade they shall never sit.**

**Greek Proverb**