



# COHASSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### Preparedness: Self, Family, & Community

By Karyl Clark

It seems that each time we have an emergency we all get really excited and rally about

the topic, then life gets back to normal.

This time let's keep it going and put it to some good use to better prepare ourselves and our community. Although the flooding hasn't affected Cohasset directly, there are those who sheltered loved ones from the ordered evacuation areas. Also, the CCA board used the evacuation order to inventory, clean, and organize our CCA shelter items.

Take time now to place all important family documents in a water-fire proof container to keep at hand with your to-go kit. For information about Go-kits you can access: [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit).

- Do you have extra food and water on hand?
- If you have pets make sure to prep for them as well.
- Check items like flash lights and batteries.
- Make a separation plan & plan your evacuation route.
- Keep your fuel tank full.

Sign up online with Butte County Emergency Notification system. Go to

[www.buttecounty.onthealert.com](http://www.buttecounty.onthealert.com)

This is a self-registration portal for emergency notifications. It is quick and easy, or visit [www.quickmap.ca.gov](http://www.quickmap.ca.gov) for additional information in the case of an emergency.

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." ~ Charles R. Swindoll



## February 2017

### CCA Calendar

#### Tai Chi

- ✓ Fridays 10am

#### Yoga

- ✓ Tuesdays 6:30pm
- ✓ Sundays 9:30am

#### Commodities

- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday noon

#### Brew Club

- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7pm

#### CCA Board Meeting

- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 6:30pm

#### 4-H

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6:30pm
- ✓ Soup-er Bowl  
Saturday Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>  
11:30-3 pm

#### Bingo

- ✓ March 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm

#### Chili Cook-off

- ✓ Sat. April 29<sup>th</sup> 12-5 pm



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## Message from the Editor

By Melissa Zaros

This winter has been a very interesting one, to say the least! I love California for all of its' unique attributes and weather moodiness. For me personally, this winter goes down as the one where we got stuck in the snow, despite having chains on, then trudged a mile (or more) in the snow, with my husband and 4 young kids. Once we made it to a main road, we used a flashlight that I happened to stash in the car to flag down a truck. It was an adventure and, now that it's over, a happy memory for our family. It made me realize just how important it is to be prepared for all types of extremes in the weather.

Here are a few tips from CalTrans to refresh all of us on good winter driving and being prepared.

- ✓ Allow plenty of time to get where you're going
- ✓ Keep your fuel tank full
- ✓ Slow down
- ✓ Use your seat belt
- ✓ Keep windows clear
- ✓ Use brake system appropriately

Keep a kit in your vehicle which includes:

- ✓ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ✓ A clean, dry towel
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Ice scraper
- ✓ Shovel
- ✓ Broom
- ✓ Spare key
- ✓ Sand or kitty litter

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Circle One - Pine \$20 Cedar \$50 Oak \$75 Sustaining Lifetime \$100  
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## Get Cohasset Back!

By Kathy Lawson

As I sit here looking at the snow outside my window on this blustery winter day in January, I'm reminded of why I love Cohasset so much and why I question my sanity for remaining here so long. It's 11:30 in the morning. It snowed during the night, and it's still snowing. There are about 5 inches of snow piled up on the ground, trees are leaning over from the weight of the snow, and broken branches are down everywhere. Clean-up is going to be quite extensive.

The snow means water for our wells and creeks, and it's a beautiful picture to look at. Then I look at the road. There hasn't been a plow on Mud Creek Rd. I'm trying to decide whether I need to call Butte County Public Works or not. After the New Year's Day storm and the whoop-la that ensued to get a plow up here, I'm just plain tired of doing the job our county should be doing.

I read all of the Facebook posts that expressed many other residents' frustration with our road conditions on New Year's. I spent the better part of 3 days, along with a couple of my neighbors, hounding Butte Co. Public Works (BCPW) and Supervisor Maureen Kirk, to get the roads taken care of last time it snowed. I agree with everything people said about our lack of services. However, I have come to the unpopular opinion that if we want better services up here, each and every one of us needs to become more proactive about it.

No, we shouldn't have to call BCPW or Maureen Kirk every time there's an ice, snow, dust, traffic, or other road related incident in order to get the services we need, but it seems we do. No one up here is designated to make the call when our road conditions become perilous. That's Highway Patrol's job. Unfortunately, Highway Patrol and Butte County Sheriffs don't get up here often enough to be effective, as far as our road conditions are concerned. BCPW doesn't deem it necessary to even come up and check on the road conditions. Many times, people from these agencies come up as far as the store and then turn around and leave.

In case you haven't noticed, or you are new to the area, Cohasset and its' residents are a non-entity. We have had our school closed, our roads

neglected, and even our zip code reads "Chico" instead of "Cohasset". No, my fellow Cohassians, we do not exist!!!! (Except on the tax roll) I don't know how you feel about this, but I for one, am DAMN MAD!

So, the question is, what do we do about it? Well, being a child of the 60's, I can't sit back and just let this happen. Can you? If you can, then don't complain about any lack of services up here. If you can't, here's what I suggest; I encourage each and every one of you to write, call, or email BCPW, Highway Patrol, Butte County Sheriffs Department, or Maureen Kirk every time you see a road situation that needs attention. Don't stop calling until something is done about the problem. Next, I suggest that everyone in Cohasset start writing "Cohasset" on all of your correspondence. Go to the DMV and insist on "Cohasset" being used on your driver's license. (Yes, you can. And, yes, they will.) Change your address on your bank accounts, bills and/or all legal documents. I am not asking you to do anything that I haven't already done, so I know it's doable.

We are only helpless if we take no action. In fact, no action makes you hopeless as well as helpless. So, get off the complacency merry-go-round. Take action now! Here are the contact numbers you'll need:

- ✓ Dennis J. Schmidt Director of Public Works  
530-538-7681 dschmidt@buttecounty.net
- ✓ Chico Highway Patrol 879-1900
- ✓ Maureen Kirk, Butte County Supervisor  
mkirk@buttecounty.net 530-891-2800
- ✓ Butte County Sheriff Dept. 530-538-7321



## What's Going On With Those 4H Kids?

By Susana Malcolm

We would like to thank the entire Cohasset community for their support of the Christmas store that took place on December 4th. We had tons of wonderful donations of gifts and wrapping supplies. A special thank you goes out to all of the people who came to help wrap the gifts. It is always so hectic trying to get all the gifts wrapped in a timely manner and the extra hands made a big difference. We always enjoy seeing the young shoppers walk out with their bags full!

In January we planned and built our Fun Night Game Booth. This year's theme was "The Wide World of Sports". Our booth was an indoor miniature version of a Bocce Ball game. It won First Prize for the Most Creative Booth, and Second Prize for the Best Overall Booth. Congratulations to our kids for their hard work and creativity!

During all of these activities, everyone kept up with their various projects. In January, the hiking group went on a snowshoe trek in Lassen National Park. The swine group attended the Chico State University Farm Swine Day and took possession of their pigs. They are finding that their little piggies are quite the escape artists! The welding group continues to work on their individual projects under the guidance of Jion Lingemann. The cooking group made the yummy cinnamon rolls that were served to parents and shoppers at the Christmas Store, and kept us well fed during the construction of our game booth.

Next up is our annual Soup-er Bowl Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The date is March 4th, from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the CCA building. The cost is \$5 per bowl and \$10 for all-you-can-eat. Soups will include: split-pea and ham, broccoli cheddar, vegan lentil, and of course Lara's Hungarian mushroom soup! This was a big hit last year and sold out very quickly!

Hearth and Stone Bakery is supplying the bread again this year for your dunking pleasure! If you would like to buy some Hungarian mushroom to take home, call Lara at 899-3929 by March 1st. She will sell "to-go" quarts for \$15 if you order ahead.

The proceeds stay in Cohasset to pay for our 4-H projects and activities. One of our big expenses this year is a new pig scale for our swine project. The Silver Dollar Fair has very strict weight requirements, so it is important to have an accurate scale. New this year, we will also be selling tamales by the dozen. We will be pre-selling them starting at the Soup-er Bowl, for delivery at the end of March or beginning of April. Further details will be available at the Soup-er Bowl.

Thanks, once again, to the Cohasset community for your support. See you at the Soup-er Bowl!



## Chili Chef Wanted

Ready for a Rootin' Tootin' good time? Well mosey on down to the CCA building on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> for our Wild Wild West Chili Cook-off! The chow-down will begin at 12 noon, and wrap-up at 5 pm. Prizes will be awarded for the best Cowboy and Cowgirl, as well as rankings for the best darn chili on the Hill! This year's competition is open to any and all with the desire to enter. Fire up those crock pots and come on down!

Contact Candace Erickson 892-8240, for sign-up information. Yee haw!

# 4-H Christmas Store & Fun Night



# Chili Cook-off (Memories of last year)



## Chimney Health

By Ken Lawson

Be fire safe at home during these cold nights and sunless days!

Some things to be aware of if you heat with wood: Be sure to check the condition of your stovepipe from time to time! There are some conditions that can shorten the life expectancy and safety of the stove pipe. Obviously, a good quality single wall steel stove pipe inside the home will last for many years. However, three conditions in particular can cause an early failure of stovepipes:

1. Corrosion from acidic condensed flue gases where the flue temperatures appear to be high enough to prevent water condensation
2. The presence of corrosive gases resulting from burning household trash (things like plastics, that when burned, yield hydrochloric and hydrofluoric acids); and
3. Excessive temperatures where a glowing pipe can cause much reduced life expectancy of the metal! Humid weather can also accelerate corrosion of the stovepipe!

It is a good idea to occasionally inspect the exterior of the pipe both visually and tapping it with a mallet or handle end of a screwdriver to discover any weaknesses in the metal before they become a hazard! Another alternative is an annual inspection by a professional chimney sweep to help reveal any faults in the pipe.

Having a slip collar on the interior pipe makes it easy to sweep the entire stack from inside the house, even when it is raining outside. Chimney brushes are available at places like Tractor Supply and some home improvement stores. They also carry heavy fire proof gloves and treatments for creosote buildup that you can add to a hot fire in order to turn creosote (the sticky tar like material in the pipes) to ash. This does not, however, eliminate the need for regular chimney cleaning and inspection! Stay warm and cozy and trouble-free for the rest of this long wet winter!

## Would you like to teach a class at the CCA?

By Jill Stewart

We would like to encourage members of the CCA to share their skills with the community. To that end, you can apply to teach a class at the CCA. We respect your time and expertise, we don't mind if you charge for your class. Use of the CCA is free.

To teach a class:

- ✓ You must be a current member of the CCA.

- ✓ Open your class to the entire community.
- ✓ If you charge for your class you must supply the liability insurance.
- ✓ Bring your proposal to the CCA board for approval and scheduling. For more information, contact Susana at 893-0109.



## Story Time

Excerpt from “A Historical Geography of Cohasset Ridge”

By Elroy Nathan

“Early in the 1900’s telephone service to satisfy local needs was improvised by private action with the stringing of connecting wires between residences. This “farmer line” served well and was eventually extended into Chico. After the installation of the power lines static interference developed in telephone reception and requests were initiated for regular public utility telephone service. A matter of economics held back this service until 1955

when Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company ran the lines to serve approximately forty subscribers, at an installation cost of nearly \$100,000.00. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company power poles were used to carry the telephone wires. Cohasset numbers are considered local Chico calls with no toll charges.”

Funny how the more things change, the more they stay the same. Copies of this great book are available for purchase through the CCA or the Historical Society of Cohasset.



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