



Cohasset Community Association

# NEWSLETTER

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### December Events

Children's Christmas Store, Dec. 10

Christmas Bingo  
Dec. 16



## *Happy Holidays!*



## **Children's Christmas Store Sunday, December 10, 12-2 p.m.**

The Cohasset 4-H is pleased to be able to sponsor the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store again this year. All young people are invited to shop for gently used donated items at very reasonable prices. The 4-H group will be collecting donations up to Dec. 9. We could especially use toys, and gifts for men, such as tools, BBQ accessories, sports equipment, sports logo stuff, as well house wares. No used clothes, please.

Children are encouraged to bring a shopping list for family and friends to buy presents for. We will wrap and tag them. Parents are encourage to wait in the designated area where there will be hot drinks and snacks. Adults can shop at 2 p.m. at regular thrift store prices.

Call Susana at 530 893-0109 if you have something to donate or would like to help wrap gifts.

## Fall '23 Community Events



**W**itches and pirates and *Barbie*, oh my! Our Halloween Carnival was so much fun! The weather was perfect, the costumes were awesome, and everyone was having their best time.

Thanks to the hard work of our CCA board and many others, we were able to pull off the Carnival once again. A big thanks to everyone who donated cakes, cupcakes, coin for the coin hunt, and showed up for Trunk or Treat.

Thanks to Candace who organized the Costume Contest, Linda and Liz who ran the kitchen, Nala who helped with crafts and announcements, Linda Forrester and Elijah, who helped with games and Kenni Huff, who ran the coin hunt. A great time was had by all!

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**Celebrating Community and Creativity: CCA's Annual Cohasset Artist Show**

Annual Cohasset Artist Show an event that stands out as a celebration of local talent, community spirit, and artistic expression. Sponsored by the CCA, this event held every fall brings together the essence of community engagement, artistic flair, and culinary delight. It's an occasion where the talents of the town's artists are showcased, providing them with a platform to exhibit their diverse creations, from paintings to jewelry and glass sculpture to basket weaving.

What makes this event even more special is the atmosphere it fosters—a warm, inviting ambiance where neighbors, friends, and art enthusiasts converge. The show isn't just about admiring beautiful art; it's about fostering connections and meaningful conversations, generating a sense of togetherness and support within the community. As the community comes together to appreciate and purchase the artworks, we support and encourage the

local artists' creative expression. The Cohasset Artists Show is a testament to the power of art in uniting people. It's a celebration of creativity, community, and the remarkable talents that reside within Cohasset.

One of the key figures behind the success of this event is Lara Conkey-Wiebelhaus. Her dedication and passion for the community have been instrumental in organizing and hosting this beautiful gathering. To Lara Conkey-Wiebelhaus, whose dedication and effort make this event possible, and to all the artists whose creativity enriches our lives—thank you for making the Cohasset Artist Show an exceptional celebration of art and community. continue, weaving the threads of creativity and camaraderie into the vibrant tapestry that makes up the Cohasset community.



**Mountain Music 2023 Grand Finale!**

Saturday, October 18th was the final Mountain Music event of the year. And it was grand! Over 100 people showed up for the festivities on the most beautiful night of the year! The Stump Jumpers Band did a fine job of entertaining the crowd with a special appearance of Jimmy Brobeck. The younger ones hung out at the new playground, and Berenice and crew served up a bunch of pizza. A big thanks to Kenny, our musicians, pizza people and Gary Lee for roasting the dogs. It was a fabulous season, and your community loves you!!



## Cohasset 4-H Report

The Cohasset 4-H is in full swing with all it's projects up and running and the County Food's Fiesta under its belt. Next up is our annual service project, the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store on Dec. 10.

Our Cooking, Sewing, Welding, and Arts and Crafts projects have all held two meetings each. Our Outdoor Adventures Project is getting off the ground this month by attending the Chico Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 1. Arts and Crafts and Cooking have been meeting together and last month made apple sauce and did a fall leaf project. Thanks to Hazel Halbert for sharing her amazing project. The sewing project made adorable cloth pumpkins that everyone was very proud of. The welding project has been working on a little library.

Cohasset 4-H was in charge of the county-wide Food Fiesta Event. For this event members can prepare a dish and do a presentation on it. Our Cohasset families showed up in force to set

up, organize, check participants in, help judge the presentations, and clean up after. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Our next event is the annual Cohasset Children's Christmas Store. We are still taking donations of gently used, clean items for the sale. We especially need toys, sports equipment, tools and housewares. Donations of gift bags and tags are also appreciated. We have enough wrapping paper to last into the next decade. Donations are accepted before Dec. 9. Call Susana at 530 893-0109.

The store is open Sunday, Dec. 10, 12-2 p.m. for kids. Most items sell for \$.25-\$1.00. Their gifts will be wrapped and tagged while their parents wait, enjoying warm drinks and snacks. Adults may shop at 2 p.m. at regular thrift store prices.

We are looking forward to continuing our monthly projects and participating in the Butte County Fun Night in February.



### Survey Sez:

The CCA Board asked for suggestions for new events for the new year, and here are the top requests:

1. Creative in Cohasset: a monthly collaboration of crafters and artists, sharing their talents and skills.
2. Karaoke Night.
3. Monthly Game and Puzzle Night.
4. Talent Show

Stay tuned!



## A Letter to our Cohasset Community

### Beloved Cohasset Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. My name is Julia Plotkina, and I am so excited to be a part of the Cohasset Community! In March of 2022, my family and I made a huge decision to move from Los Angeles and we could not think of a better community to call our home. Since 2022, I've taken part in many of the Cohasset events such as Mountain Music, Annual Bazaar, Lara's yoga classes, and Emergency Preparedness and Fire Safety meetings. I am also honored to be a part of the Cohasset Community Association (CCA) Board serving our beloved community.

As a valued member of the Cohasset community, you undoubtedly recognize the importance of coming together to support one another both in good times as well as in times of need. I on behalf of the CCA am reaching out to you today to extend a warm invitation to join and contribute to the CCA and become an integral part of the positive change we bring to our cherished community.

At CCA, we take pride in our commitment to enhancing the lives of Cohasset residents through various initiatives and programs. We believe that a strong community is built on a foundation of shared values, mutual support, and a genuine sense of togetherness. Your CCA membership and donations is a crucial part of the foundation that upholds our mission of promoting the well-being of all Cohasset residents. Here are some of the highlights of what CCA provides and sponsors, thanks to the generosity and dedication of individuals like you:

**Cohasset 4-H Program:** We nurture the growth and development of our youth by sponsoring the Cohasset 4-H Program, empowering them with valuable life skills and experiences.

**Commodities Food Distributions:** We provide essential food distributions twice a month to support needy families in our community, ensuring that no one goes hungry.

**Emergency Preparedness and Fire Safety:** CCA actively participates in the Cohasset Emergency Preparedness Committee and Cohasset Fire Safe Council, working diligently to keep our community safe and resilient.

**Family-Friendly Events:** We organize a range of family-friendly events throughout the year, including the Bazaar Fundraiser, Halloween Carnival, Chili Cookoff, Mountain Music Concerts, Art Show, and Christmas Choir/Concert. These events bring joy and unity to Cohasset.

**Community Resources:** CCA offers valuable resources such as free gathering space for memorials for CCA members, free WIFI access, emergency water storage, and a safe and fun playground for children to enjoy.

**Educational and Recreational Classes:** We host a variety of classes, from Yoga and Tai-Chi to the Beer Club, to promote lifelong learning and social engagement within the community.

Our dedicated team of Volunteer Board Members works tirelessly to plan and administer these activities, ensuring that they meet the diverse needs and interests of our community. We are entirely funded by donations, memberships, and fundraisers, making your support essential to our continued success.

As we look to the future, we have exciting long-term goals, including the expansion of our playground to create an even more inviting space for our children and the construction of ADA outdoor restrooms to improve accessibility for all community members.

Your membership and contributions make all of this possible. By becoming a member of CCA, you invest in our vibrant community and the prosperous future of Cohasset. To become a member or make a donation, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to us or scan the QR code below to make a Venmo payment.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how we as the CCA Board can better serve our beautiful community, please feel free to contact me at [juliaplotkina@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaplotkina@yahoo.com) or 323-610-1677.,

Warm regards,  
Julia Plotkina  
Your Cohasset Neighbor



### MEMBERSHIP/ DONATION FORM

#### Join, Renew or Donate

**Single Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

**Family Membership\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \* Family Membership includes 2 adults

**DONATE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships are completely Tax Deductible! Membership is good through July '24**

Please make checks payable to CCA and send to:

CCA #11 Maple Creek Ranch Rd., Cohasset, CA 95973 or drop in the CCA mailbox



# It's Soup Season!

From the Cohasset Cookbooks Vol. 1 & 2



## POTATO-BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP

- Vegetable Cooking Spray
- 1 Cup Onion, chopped
- 3 Cups (1¼ Lbs.) Potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1½ Cups 1% Low Fat Milk
- 1 (13¾ Oz.) Can No-Salt Chicken Broth
- 1½ Cups Fresh Broccoli, finely chopped
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- ⅛ tsp. Pepper
- 1½ Cups (6-Oz.) Reduced Fat Sharp Cheddar Cheese

Coat a large saucepan with cooking spray and place over medium heat until hot. Add onion and sauté 5 minutes. Add cubed potato, milk and broth and bring to a boil. Partially cover, reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes. Remove 1 cup of the potato mixture and set aside. Place remaining potato mixture in container of an electric blender, cover and process until smooth. Return potato puree to pan and stir in broccoli, salt and pepper. Partially cover and cook over medium heat for 8 minutes, stirring frequently. Add reserved potato mixture and cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat and add cheese, stirring until melted. Makes 6 cups.

Submitted by Margaret Marsicano



## NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

*Modified for California*

- 1 Quart Chopped Clams, in their liquid
- ¼ lb. Salt Pork, cut in ½" cubes
- 2 Tbsp. Butter
- 2 Medium-sized Onions, chopped
- 2 (13 oz.) Cans Evaporated Milk.
- 6 Medium-sized Potatoes, peeled,  
and cut into ½" cubes
- 1 Cup Milk
- 2 tsp. Salt
- ¼ tsp. Black Pepper



In a Dutch oven, sauté salt pork cubes and onion. Remove pork cubes and drain on paper towel. Set aside. Add clams, clam juice, and potatoes to onions in Dutch oven. Add enough water to cover mixture. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, until potatoes are done. Heat milk, evaporated milk, and butter. (Do not boil!)

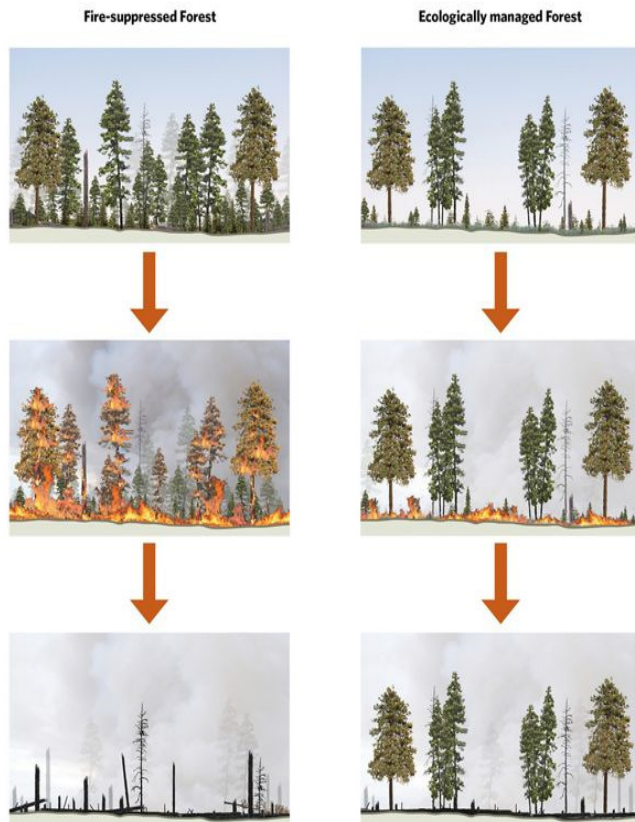
Add milk to clam mixture. Heat to just before boiling. (Do not boil!) Add salt and pepper. Best when served right away. Sprinkle bowls of soup with salt pork cubes, if desired. (May be thickened with 1½ tsp. cornstarch dissolved in 1/3 cup milk if desired.)

Submitted by Kathy Lawson

## As fire season ends, let the burning season begin!

The wonderful October and November rains put an end to our fire season and provided some much-needed relief to our community, which has been on edge for many months! Now with the cooler weather and recent rain, we can now get our saws runnin' and piles burnin'! The chipper program is going strong, and burn permits are available too.

And for all you tree lovers (and huggers) out there, remember that you can rebuild your house but you can't rebuild a burned up tree. So love your trees, and keep them safe from destruction by eliminating ladder fuels, and getting rid of the duff that's been accumulating for decades.



### Update from the Butte County Prescribed Burn Association Website:

2021-22 was a super successful first season of burning for our PBA. Over 14 months, we held 11 training burns (plus 3 prep days), providing hands-on good fire experience to 100 local Butte County residents who contributed a collective 1,700 hours of volunteer time to reduce fuels on 58 strategic acres around the communities of Cohasset and Forest Ranch. We also got amazing training through #ButteTRES in fall 2021 and 2 subsequent burn planning workshops.

For 2022-23, we got less burning done because of the very wet winter, but we held some work days and trainings and bought lots of equipment we all can share... with the help of four grants we were awarded in spring 2022 (hooray!). In 2023-24, we've already held 2 landowner burns in Forest Ranch, with over 25 participants, and lots more good burns to come! We will continue to partner with CAL FIRE, the Fire Safe Councils, Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, the Plumas Underburn Co-operative, the CA Department of Conservation, and anyone else who wants to help us revitalize a rural culture of fire!

Do you want good fire on your land? Email [goodfire@bcrnd.org](mailto:goodfire@bcrnd.org) and we'll help you get there.



Weather conditions aligned with the Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) today, making it a perfect day to prepare and treat a 9.5 acre landscape in Cohasset. (Nov. 30, 2023 at the Maple Creek Ranch)

# COHASSET BINGO

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**

**DOORS AT 7:00PM  
GAME START AT 7:30**

**BREAK OUT THE UGLY SWEATERS**

*Ugliest holiday attire wins  
their buy-in back!*

**\$15 BUY-IN FOR 8 ROUNDS  
18+ TO PLAY - BYOB**

**\$1 HORSERACE ENTRY W/ \$15 PAYOUT  
ARRIVE EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT**

**\$1 SODA/WATER  
\$2 DAUBERS**