

## A January to Remember

January has been a stormy month! 296 inches of snow since January 1st rang in the New Year. January 8 through 13 was a week to remember, during which Kirkwood received 16 feet of snow and 8 inches of rain. We had a flood, a blizzard, power outages, a fire and avalanches. The rain fell over a two-day period on the heels of 5 feet of new snow which caused flooding and avalanches. The District's wastewater collection system flooded, requiring extensive repairs. Thank you to Kirkwood Meadows Association and East Meadows customers for your patience during this period. Then there was a blizzard. Kirkwood received 10 feet of snow over a 4-day period, January 11-14, which reduced all the roads in the Valley to one lane. Highway 88 was closed for a 49-mile stretch from Ham's Station to Picketts Junction for three days until Cal Trans was able to get the Carson Pass open and then the Spur open 2 days later. District Snow Removal staff did an amazing job working long shifts for days



straight to keep Kirkwood roads open. Then there was a power outage. Grid power went down on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and the District switched to our Powerhouse generators. The Out Valley electric transmission line had suffered storm related damage requiring the Powerhouse to operate 24/7 over the next eight days to provide Kirkwood power until the evening of January 19 when the Out Valley line was restored. Then there was a fire. On Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire in the boiler room at Sun Meadows #4. Smoke filled the hallways and KVFD evacuated the building and put the fire out.

Last but not least, three houses on the East side of the Valley were struck by avalanches that are believed to have occurred on January 10<sup>th</sup>. A security camera in a house on Glove Rock Road captured amazing footage of an avalanche breaking through windows and filling their kitchen and living room with snow, ending up on national news. Another house on Glove Rock Road and a house on Sorrell Court also suffered damage from separate avalanches. It was very fortunate no one was injured.



After all this, Mother Nature gave us 4 days to dig out before the onslaught of heavy snowfall started again on January 19<sup>th</sup>. By January 20<sup>th</sup> the Carson Pass and the Spur were closed again. Cal Trans was able to briefly open the Carson Pass on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> before snow closed the Highway again for two days. Snow Removal staff was busy and again did a great job keeping roads clear and making sure homeowners could get into their driveways. By the morning of Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> there almost 10 more feet of new snow!

This has been an exciting and challenging month for the District. Thank you to all our customers who have been so understanding and complimentary during this January that will go into the record books as receiving the most snow on record.

## Staff Promotions

### Brandi Benson



Congratulations to Brandi Benson who received a promotion to Assistant Manager, Operations on January 15, 2017. Before Brandi started with the District in February 2012 as an Electric Operator, she worked for Mountain Utilities from April 2005 through April 2007. At the District she quickly rose through the ranks, becoming Electric Generation Supervisor on May 1, 2012 and then promoted to Electric, Propane Manager on January 1, 2013. Brandi has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Mississippi State University and a Master's Degree in Applied Math from University of Reno. Brandi is an invaluable asset to the District; please join us in congratulating her on this achievement.

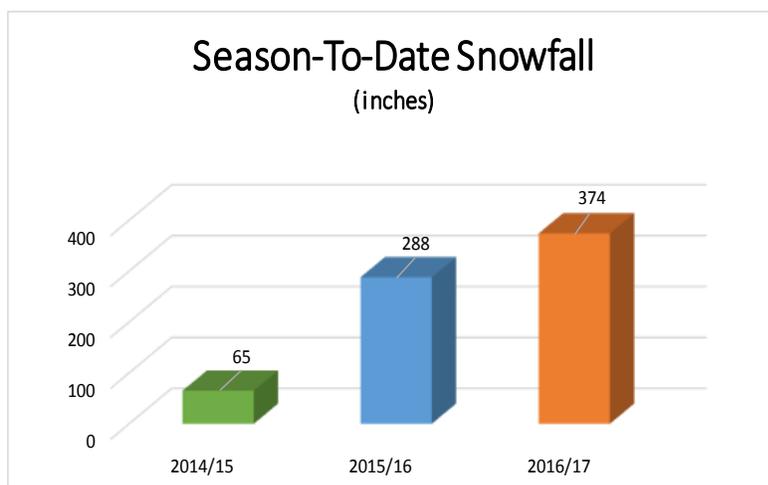
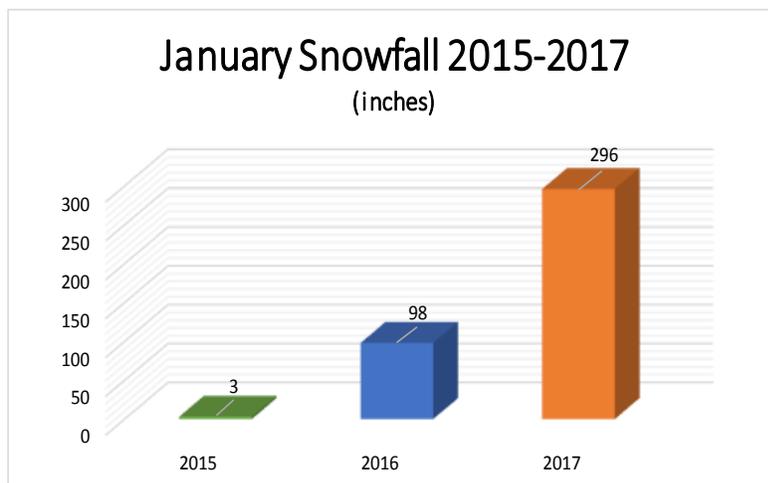
### Shawn Trevett



Shawn Trevett was promoted to Fire Chief of the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department on January 15, 2007. He takes over for Rick Ansel, Fire Chief for the past 10 years, as Rick assumes new responsibilities as the Assistant General Manager of the District. Shawn has worked hard to get to his new position and dedicated himself to KVFD and the District. He graduated from Lake Tahoe Community College with an Associates in Arts Degree, Fire Science. Shawn started Fire Fighting in 2005 and started with KVFD in 2006. In 2007 Shawn became EMT certified and in 2008 was promoted to Captain of KVFD. On December 18, 2009 Shawn was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief where he continued to teach new volunteers and gain valuable fire fighting experience. Shawn is also an accomplished Waste Water Treatment Operator for the District since October 2011, earning several certificates over the past six years. Please join us in congratulating your new Fire Chief.

## A Record Breaking Month

After a month of record breaking snowfall we have dug out, brushed ourselves off and now we can take a look back to see what Mother Nature delivered. For the month of January, the Snow Lab at Donner Summit recorded 237 inches, breaking the record set in 1973 of 159 inches. As usual, Kirkwood came out ahead, measuring 296 inches for the month of January. We saw some colossal storms during the first month of 2017, with one storm delivering almost 9 feet of snow over 3 days. The graphs below show how this January compares to January of 2016 and 2015 and how this season compares to the last two. Quite a difference!



## Snow Removal Information Now On-Line

Information about your driveway and HOA snow removal is now available on-line at [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com). You can see the last time your driveway (if you have a contract with the District) and your homeowner's association roads were last plowed. You can sign up for text or email notifications. You can also let the District know when you expect to arrive or depart your home. Login to your account and select "Manage Snow Removal" for details. If you have not registered at [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com), the District encourages you to do so. The Latest News section on the main page at [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com) now features important safety alerts. Check here for the latest information regarding any type of public safety alert.

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## SKI CHALLENGE

**2017**

### **Race and Dinner Auction Saturday, February 18th**

Open to all skiers and snowboarders...Skiers of all abilities & ages

Dual format racing

## **Come join the fun!**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>--Race and Dinner Auction: \$125 per adult/\$75 per kid**

2 qualifying runs in the morning, 2 more runs in the afternoon after teams are formed.

Individual and team awards.

Auction/Dinner (adults only) starts with cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00 and includes open bar, dinner and auction entry.

**Auction/dinner only (no racing) \$75**

Kids will enjoy dinner and a festive evening.

**Kids dinner and activities only (no racing) \$45**



**KIRKWOOD  
SKI TEAM**

All proceeds support junior ski race programs

## **Reserve your spot for this event!**

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