

## Mid-Year Snow Removal Update

The District plows snow and attempts to keep the roads and driveways reasonably accessible as permitted by weather, acts of God, safety, and availability of District personnel and equipment. Although Kirkwood has seen average snowfall, the storms' timing, temperature, and snowfall amounts in individual storms, combined with equipment failures have overtaxed our snow removal team this year compared to years past. Further, like Caltrans, our seasonal snow removal hires have been very difficult to obtain this year, and the District is using other departments' employees to fill the void.

Two significant electrical issues also affected snow operations – a failure of our communications line between Kirkwood and our substation down the mountain and a ground fault on Base Camp's property that required the District's assistance. I'm very relieved to say that the communication line has been fixed and the ground fault at Base Camp will be repaired in a few days!

I am pleased to announce that we have secured two new seasonal snow-removal employees and are interviewing more as I write this message! Also, as of January 22, we hired a very skilled mechanic, Tom Harris, who has jumped right into the position and has already repaired one of our Trackless snow removal machines that has been non-functional all season!

Additionally, Staff, Operations, and IT Committees recently considered various means to augment, improve, and supplement snow removal for the remainder of the season. The District will be maintaining its route structure, but with some improvements. The District will prioritize driveways where we have been notified customers are present and will defer plowing "uninhabited driveways" until "inhabited driveways" are completed, after which routes will resume their normal course. To accomplish this, we will make changes to [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com) so customers can indicate their arrival and departure dates.

The District will be adding real-time information over the next few months to [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com) so customers can see if District snow removal operations are currently underway in Kirkwood and what operations are currently underway in their HOA!

We hope these changes and improvements will remedy issues expressed to the District by its customers and we welcome any constructive suggestions or solutions on other areas for improvement. If you haven't already, please register at [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com). As we rollout our changes, registered customers will receive an email explaining the changes. I wish everyone a great finish to their ski season.

Sincerely,  
Erik M. Christeson, P.E.  
General Manager



## Solid Waste



A reminder to homeowners that hazardous wastes, appliances such as refrigerators and dishwashers, furniture, beds, hot water heaters, toilets, lumber and other construction debris cannot be disposed of in the community dumpsters. Please only dispose household waste and recycling. If you have any of the above listed items, you must make arrangements to have these items removed to a facility that can accept such debris. If you have questions, please call the District at (209) 258-4444 or email us at [info@kmpud.com](mailto:info@kmpud.com) Thank you!

## Winter Update

The District has measured 92 inches of snowfall during the month of January 2019. The graph to the right shows a January snowfall comparison for the last four years. January 2019 has been fairly stormy compared to January 2018, with several large storms delivering a foot of snow or more with each storm. All the snow has made for great skiing and snowboarding and allowed for the Resort to open the cross country track much earlier than last year. The pictures below, taken on January 27th each year at the Community Service Building, provide a visual correlation to the graph. Snow measurements are taken at the Community Service Building located on Loop Road at 7800 feet in elevation.



2016



2017



2018



2019

## Winter Safety Tips - Propane

After receiving 92 inches of snow during the month of January, please ensure that your propane meter or meter enclosure has been dug out. We recommend the following tips to help ensure the safe and reliable use of propane-fired home heating equipment and appliances:

- Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and that the batteries powering them are fresh.
- Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning can result from a malfunctioning heating unit or another propane-burning appliance, as well as from a blocked chimney. Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. Individuals who believe they may be experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning should immediately seek fresh air and prompt medical attention.
- Know the location of your propane meter and regulator, and the exterior location of the vents for each furnace and propane appliance.
- When there is snow accumulation, clear any accumulation from the outside vents of your furnace or other propane appliances. This allows air flow necessary for safe operation. Blocked vents can lead to a dangerous build-up of carbon monoxide or cause heating equipment to stop working.
  - If the snow around your propane meter is deep, you should clear the area, providing a path for District personnel who may require access. Please work carefully around your gas meter. Keep snow blowers and plows away from the gas meter and avoid piling snow on the meter and associated piping.
  - Remember that an electric power outage will affect blowers and newer heaters with electronic ignitions. If your gas heater does not relight after a power outage, turn the unit off for a moment, then back on. If it still does not light, call a heating professional for service.
  - Be aware that the District's propane supply contains an odorant, which smells like rotten eggs, to help you detect a gas leak. The odorant is added in small concentrations and is harmless. If you smell propane, leave the building immediately. Do not use the phone, light a match, or switch anything on or off. Leave the door open, and once clear of the area call the District during business hours (M-F 8:00am – 4:30pm) at 209-258-4444 from your cell phone or neighbor's home. If you smell propane during non-business hours, call **911**. A service technician will be dispatched to investigate the odor immediately. Your safety is always our top priority.



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