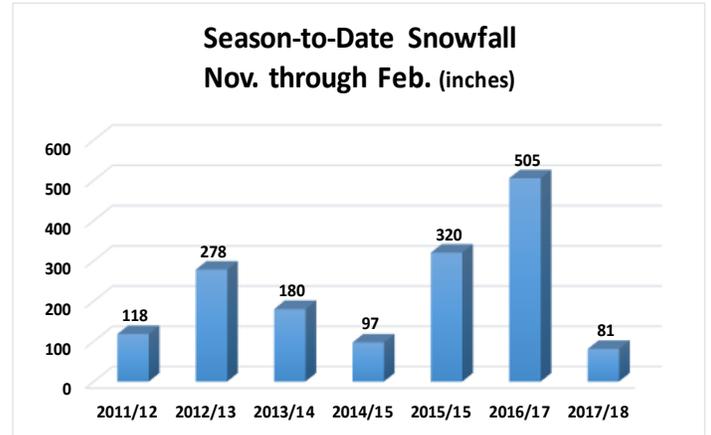


## Winter Update

The 2017/18 winter season has been marked by long dry spells and above average temperatures, drastically different than last season. After three weeks of zero snow storms and spring like weather, on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Mother Nature delivered 10 inches of cold powdery snow to Kirkwood. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief and the District's Snow Removal staff got to work. The snow has continued through the later part of February with several small storms ranging from one to ten inches each. Over the years the District has kept daily snowfall records measured at the Community Service Building at 7800 feet in elevation. Kirkwood's average snowfall is



500 inches per year. The graph



above compares the last seven season-to-date measurements going back to the first year of the recent drought, and as you can see, last season we met the average snowfall mark. Though this season isn't over yet, we would need several more large storms to come close to average snowfall. Luckily, a large storm occurred March 1st through March 4th delivering another 81 inches, doubling the season total. Another season update will be published in the April District Newsletter. A reminder that Kirkwood Mountain Resort's last day of scheduled lift operations is April 8th, 2018.

## Frozen Water Lines

Many are drawn to Kirkwood for the amazing views, deep powder, and rugged wilderness. However, these attractive attributes also present a variety of challenges to homeowners and visitors alike. Recently, Kirkwood was subjected to extremely cold temperatures that caused a number of problems. The cold temperatures froze water pipes at businesses and homes, including the Kirkwood Inn. A proactive approach includes draining the water



from your home and keeping the temperature at a minimum of 50 degrees during the fall and winter months. Many homes have vents at their crawl spaces and basements that need to be closed during these times as well. The District reminds homeowners that it is their responsibility to provide a well-conditioned space for their water meter and service lines to prevent freezing conditions. Improving the insulation in meter pits can prevent frozen service lines. Many homeowners have service lines that enter through an exterior wall or a garage. These areas should be well insulated to avoid frozen pipes. There are several homeowner associations and property managers that can provide assistance when you are away from your Kirkwood residence. These services can help you avoid water service interruptions for you and your guests. If you arrive at your home and discover that your water service is not functioning, the District advises you to warm up your house, in particular the area that your water service enters the home. If the problem persists, contact the District office and staff will investigate the cause of the disruption during business hours. The District hopes that you enjoy your experience at Kirkwood and any inconveniences associated with extreme weather are avoided.

## Save the Date - Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>!



The 2018 Kirkwood Summer Festival will take place on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM in the Village Plaza. Make plans to be in Kirkwood and support the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department's annual fundraiser. Last year the community generously donated close to \$40,000, which will be combined with this year's Summer Festival proceeds to purchase much needed equipment for the volunteer firefighters. Rain or shine, this is Kirkwood's premier summer event featuring wine and beer tasting, great food, live music, a kid's area, and a silent auction. With support from the community the silent auction has become a highlight of the summer festival. Please consider donating a special item for the auction such as a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant or a unique item from your travels. Tickets to a big game or cultural event have also been very popular in the past. If you would like to donate an item, email Cheryl Stern at [cheryl.stern49@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.stern49@gmail.com) or contact Jessica Austin at [jaustin@kmpud.com](mailto:jaustin@kmpud.com) or (209) 258-4444. Please also consider volunteering your time and talents to help make the 2018 Kirkwood Summer Festival a success. There are many opportunities to volunteer, including joining the Summer Festival Committee to help in planning and promoting the event or volunteering a couple hours of your time the day of the festival. If you are interested in volunteering email Jessica Austin or call the District office. If you would like to help kick-off the fundraising effort with a monetary donation to the Fire Department go to [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com) and click on Donations. We look forward to seeing you all this summer at the 2018 Kirkwood Summer Festival!

## Employee of the Quarter



**Steve Neff**  
Electric/Propane Operator  
Snow Removal Operator

## Backflow Prevention Device Testing

What is backflow? Backflow occurs when clean (potable) water reverses direction in your water pipes causing a suction that pulls dirty water into the clean supply system. Needless to say, the "dirty" water can contain any number of harmful chemicals and even human waste. Anytime there is a cross-connection between clean (potable) water and "dirty" (non-potable) water the chance of a back-flow exists. Consequently, backflow preventers are normally required at any cross-connections in residential and commercial water systems. What is a backflow prevention device and why does it need testing? Backflow prevention devices are a series of check valves that prevent water from flowing "backwards" into the clean water supply during times of unequal water pressure or other unique pressure conditions or fluctuations. When installed and maintained correctly, a backflow preventer keeps the clean water supply safe. The State of California requires all backflow prevention devices be tested annually by a certified backflow tester to ensure that all water supplies remain safe. All backflow devices must be tested between the period of April 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have a backflow prevention device the District will send you a reminder letter in early April, including names of local plumbers that can provide backflow testing service. If you have questions, please call the District at (209) 258-4444.

## Recycle

Aces Waste Services has been contracted with the District to provide solid waste removal for many years. With your help, ACES has recycled more than 60 million pounds of recyclables over the last five years, 2013 through 2017!



Orange bags for disposing of your recyclables are provided by ACES Waste Services and can be picked up at the District office Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Items that can be recycled include clean glass containers, aluminum, cardboard, magazines and mixed papers, plastic containers and tin cans. Please do not place food waste or broken glass in your recycling bags. Filled recycling bags can be disposed of with your regular garbage and are then sorted at the ACES Waste Services facility in Lone, CA. If you have questions, please call the District office at (209)258-4444.

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