

# NEWSLETTER MAY 2017 KIRKWOOD, CA 95646

### Kirkwood Summer Festival

Make plans to join the community on the afternoon of Saturday July 1, 2017, from 3 – 6 pm for the Kirkwood Summer Festival, a community event to mingle and fundraise for the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Fundraising Goal:

- Purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) devices. The SCBA is worn by firefighters to provide breathable air in an emergency.
- The goal is to raise \$30,000 (or more) in order to purchase six of these devices to keep our firefighters safe.

#### **How You Can Help:**

- Register on kmpud.com to purchase tickets to attend the event or fill out the attached form and mail back to the District with your payment.
- Click on the Donation link on the home page of kmpud.com to make a monetary donation.
- If you have handmade (i.e., home crafted and/or hand assembled) items (e.g., jams, jellies, sewn items, wood, jewelry, etc), you would like to donate for the "Hand-Made pop up shop" in the silent auction, please contact our office at 209.258.4444 and ask for Jessica.
- If you are not able to donate a handmade item, we welcome other donations as long as the donated item is new and an item that you would want to own.

The event will again include tasty food, live music with Mo'z Motley Blues and a silent auction filled with unique one-of-a-kind items. Your support is important and directly contributes towards achieving our goal and keeping the volunteer firefighters safe!



## Second Home Destroyed by Fire

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 a second home in Kirkwood was destroyed by fire just six days after another home suffered the same fate. Again, thankfully there were no injuries and a huge THANK YOU goes out to the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department, Eastern Alpine Volunteer Fire Department and District staff who worked tirelessly to get this fire under control and keep the community safe. While the cause of this fire is under investigation the propane service to this home contributed to the severity of the blaze. This incident reinforced the urgency of propane safety measures already being taken by District staff. Throughout March

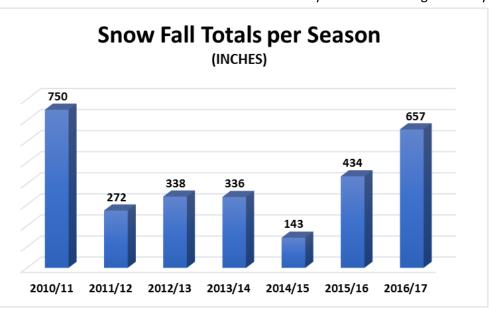
and April District staff conducted numerous propane patrols to check the status of all propane meters in the Valley. If propane meters were not accessible due to snow and ice build-up, the District contacted homeowners. Access to the propane service valve located next to your meter is essential in an emergency situation such as a fire. As a reminder, snow and ice build-up on propane equipment can cause damage that may lead to equipment failure or propane leaks. Snow should be cleared from roofs and decks above propane equipment to ensure snow doesn't collapse onto your propane system causing damage. Thank you to all homeowners who responded to the District's alerts and removed snow from their propane system. As the snow melts and shifts over the next couple months please monitor your propane system to ensure that no damage occurs. If you have questions contact the District at (209)258-4444.



#### 2016-2017 Winter Season

The 2016/17 Kirkwood ski season has come to an end and the melting snow is filling lakes and reservoirs. After experiencing 70 days of snow fall throughout this winter season now is the time to see where we sit in terms of total snow fall amounts. During the 2016/17 winter season the District measured a total of 657 inches of snow at the Community Services Building. January

alone received 296 inches. This compares favorably to the last several years, with only the 2010/11 season exceeding this winter season by 93 inches (see the graph at right). The State of California is officially out of the drought that we've suffered through the past five years, as evidenced by the giant piles of snow melting around the Valley. Although snow fall totals have not broken a record, on April 13, 2017 the Northern Sierra surpassed the record of 88.5 inches of precipitation set during the 1982/83 winter. As the District repairs damage incurred by the large amounts of snow and rain received this winter we look forward to reaping the benefits of plentiful water throughout this spring and summer.



## Rates Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing

The District has been investigating the possibility of raising its Water, Wastewater, Irrigation and Solid Waste service charges. This is being proposed to make these departments more self-sufficient and raise funds to pay for Capital improvements needed after the historically wet winter of 2016-2017.

Information on this proposed rate increase is posted on the District's website at www.kmpud.com

Additionally, please be aware that on **Saturday June 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Community Services Building, 33540 Loop Road, Kirkwood, California 95646, the Board of Directors of the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District will hold a Public Hearing to receive public input on adjusting Water, Wastewater and Irrigation Usage Rates, and Solid Waste Base Rates to achieve the revenue need forecasted by the 2018-2022 District Budget. If you cannot attend this meeting in person, you can watch it in real time by going to District's website, <a href="www.kmpud.com">www.kmpud.com</a> and following the appropriate link. If you would like to make a comment during the Hearing, email us at <a href="msharp@kmpud.com">msharp@kmpud.com</a> and the Board will read your comment or question into the record and respond at regular intervals. The video recording of the meeting will also be available for viewing after the event on the District's website. You can also dial into the meeting by calling: 800-511-7985/ Access Code 480096

The Board will ask for comments from those calling in at regular intervals. When making a comment, please identify yourself and keep comments to 3 minutes or less.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes, or if you would like to submit comments before the Public Hearing, please contact the District office at the below address, or by calling 209-258-4444, or by email to <a href="mailto:info@kmpud.com">info@kmpud.com</a>

Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District Re: Rate Study 2017 P.O. Box 247 Kirkwood. CA 95646

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# KIRKWOOD SUMMER FESTIVAL 2017

A fundraiser benefitting the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department, A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation – EIN 47-1853858

Featuring Wine & Beer Tasting | BBQ | Silent Auction | Live Music



# SATURDAY,

JULY 1, 2017

3:00-6:00pm

Village Plaza



## \*\*REGISTRATION FORM\*\*

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YES, I want to attend the Kirkwood Summer Festival on Saturday	, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	- 3:00 to 6:0	DOPM
Adults (21years+) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 <sup>th</sup> : (\$45 at the Door)	\$40	\$	
Young Adults (15-20 years):	\$20	\$	
Children (under 15):	\$10	\$	
All reservations will be in the name of TOTA	TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$		
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✓ YES, I would like to make a cash donation to the Kirkwood Volu	nteer Fi	re Departm	ent
Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:  (Or go to <a href="www.kmpud.com">www.kmpud.com</a> to donate on-line)  Please make all checks payable to the <b>Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Dep</b>			
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Mail this form along with payment to:			
Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 247, Kirkwood	l, CA 9564	6	

Questions? Please call (209) 258-4444 Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District

Register and Pay Online at www.kmpud.com



