

## Wastewater Collection System Smoke Testing

Work related to ongoing sewer system repairs will begin on October 2, 2019 and is expected to be completed on November 1, 2019. This work will be used to identify areas where rainwater and snowmelt is entering the District's sanitary sewer collection system. District Operators will be "smoke testing" the District's sanitary sewer collection system as part of this work. The smoke is a non-toxic product, has a distinct odor, and is light gray to white in color. During smoke testing, Operators blow air and smoke into the sanitary sewer system through a manhole and monitor where smoke escapes the system. The smoke will follow a path of any leak to the ground surface. Expect to see District Operators accessing sewer manholes throughout Kirkwood as part of this work. Please **do not call 911** if you see smoke coming out of manholes during this time. No interruptions in water or sewer service will occur during the testing. Smoke should not enter your home unless there is a dry trap in your floor or any unused plumbing fixtures. If smoke enters your home, or if you have questions or concerns about this project, please call the District at (209) 258-4444.



Smoke Testing Operations

## KMPUD Newsletter is Going Electronic

In an effort to reduce costs and save paper, over the next few months, the District will be transitioning to electronic delivery only of the monthly newsletter. If you currently receive the monthly newsletter with your billing statement in the mail and your account is not registered on [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com) you will need to register your account and provide the District with your email address to ensure that you continue to receive the monthly newsletter. Your monthly billing statement will continue to be sent as indicated on your account, although we encourage you to select email for receipt of your bills. For instructions on how to register your account please refer to the Snow Removal Residency Notification article on the back page of this newsletter. Once your account is registered, go to My Profile page and select that would you like to receive the Newsletter via email.

## 100% Renewable Electric Energy and 100% Propane Carbon Offset Program



McCloud River

The District is developing a voluntary program for our customers to have 100% renewable electricity and offset 100% of the carbon created by propane use. Beginning the week of October 14 you will have the opportunity to offset your energy use for the previous 12-month period by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for electricity and carbon offsets for propane. This program will be voluntary and purchases will be made each October, through your account on [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com). RECs are purchased from suppliers of renewable energy, such as wind and solar farms, each credit representing renewable power production. Similarly, propane offsets pay for reducing carbon in California equal to emissions generated from combustion of propane. The propane offset program offered is the McCloud River Improved Forest Management Project, located 20 miles southeast of Mount Shasta. Through conservation-based management of commercial timberlands, this project creates a return on investment through sustainable forest management that increases the total carbon stores and timber stocking on the site over time. Other benefits such as protection of local water quality and habitat protection for sensitive species are achieved while timber is extracted to support the local economy. This project is approximately 9,000 acres and comprises the largest working conservation easement west of the Rockies. It ensures that 15 square miles of forest and 8 miles of the famous McCloud River will be forested and productive in perpetuity. Stay tuned for the launch of this program the week of October 14.

## Snow Removal Residency Notifications

Snow removal operations begin on October 15. Last winter the District implemented the Residency Notification System in order for you to let snow removal operators know when you're Kirkwood home is occupied. Every day a residency list is generated and distributed to snow removal operators at the beginning of their shift. To be included on the Residency List the next time you or your guests plan to be in residence at your Kirkwood home, follow these instructions:

- Log into your account on [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com)
- Click My Account on the right side of the screen.
- At the bottom of the menu that appears, click Manage Snow Removal.
- Under Residency Notification set your arrival and departure dates in the drop-down menus and enter customer notes if needed, click Set Notification

Please enter arrival dates at least 48 hours before arrival. All notifications must be entered through your account at [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com). If you have questions on how to log a notification, please call the District office at (209) 258-4444. If you need to register your account, follow these instructions:

- Go to [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com)
- Click on Register in the upper right-hand corner.
- Fill out New User Registration (your Username will be the email address you enter)
- An authorizing email will be automatically sent from [info@kmpud.com](mailto:info@kmpud.com). Click on the link in this email to activate your account.
- Fill out the My Profile section.
- Register your property by clicking on Manage Properties and input your KMPUD account number.

Once your account is registered you will be able to set your residency dates for snow removal and access numerous useful services, including monitoring your utility usage and viewing past billing statements.

## KMPUD Commemorates Special Districts Week

The Kirkwood Meadows PUD commemorates Special Districts Week to encourage residents of Kirkwood to be involved in their community and civically engaged with their local government. Special Districts Week took place September 22-28 and was established by the State Legislature earlier this year with bi-partisan approval of Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 89. ACR 89 was sponsored by The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), which is a statewide association representing over 1,000 special districts and affiliate organizations throughout the state. Special Districts are local government entities created by a community's residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure. KMPUD was formed in 1985 to provide water and wastewater services to the Kirkwood Community. Over the years the District adopted other utility services, including taking over electric distribution in 2012 from Mountain Utilities and eventually installing the out-valley electric line, connecting Kirkwood to the national electric grid, in 2014. Fast forward to 2019 and the District provides, water, wastewater, electric, propane, solid waste, parks and recreation, and snow removal services to Kirkwood residents. CSDA's CEO Neil McCormick said "Special districts are formed by residents to provide essential services that they want and need at the local level. They provide an opportunity to have local control while enhancing services that make communities thrive and survive. We appreciate the Legislature's support in raising awareness and increasing understanding about special districts that serve our State's communities". If you're interested in becoming more involved with the District and helping to shape its future, there are several opportunities for you. There are currently openings on the Operations, Planning, IT, and Personnel Committees. Board of Director meetings take place on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00am, the public is encouraged to attend and participate. Public meeting information, including Agendas and Packets are posted on [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com). If you would like more information about how to get involved, please call the District at (209) 258-4444.



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