

THE FIREHOUSE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEYSERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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UPDATE ON GEYSERVILLE & CLOVERDALE MERGER

A working group has been formed consisting of members of the Cloverdale and Geyserville Fire Protection District Boards and Fire Chiefs to discuss merging and expansion of either or both Districts. Geyserville will also need to study the implement of a benefit assessment tax to improve our ability to provide service. We have prided ourselves on not needing a benefit assessment tax. The motivations for these topics for consideration are the changing demographics of our volunteer firefighters, training requirements, and cost to operate. A majority of Geyserville volunteers do not live or work within the District boundaries and may not be able to immediately respond to an incident. Please contact us at (707) 857 - 4373 if you would like more information.

OPEN HOUSE



Our annual open house is May 10, 2014 from 11 am - 3 pm. Please stop by Station #1 (Geyserville) for a tour and learn about fire safety. Free hot dogs will be served and there will be a bounce house for children.

FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in being a volunteer firefighter, please visit our website and submit an application. Contact us if you would like more information regarding requirements and what volunteering entails. Fred Peterson is our volunteer firefighter coordinator, and we are expecting to conduct interviews in the next couple months. Congratulations to our newest recruits Nathan Boorstein, Maggie Elliott, Nathaniel Miller and Anthony Hutchins!

For information on wildland
fire preparation, reference
www.readyforwildfire.org

Facts about us:

Protects over 200 Square
miles
Responds to over 500
emergencies a year
34 Volunteers
3 Stations
9 Emergency Vehicles
50 Mutual Aid Calls a
year
Thousands of hours of
training a year

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An Auction and Dinner Dance to benefit Northern Sonoma County Firefighters

Wine Country to the Rescue

July 19, 2014 Clos Du Bois Winery Tickets \$40 each

Music By:

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RIVER ROCK CASINO

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STRATEGIC PLAN

We completed our strategic plan and it will soon be available at our website: www.geyservillefire.com. It is a living document and we now begin to pursue the identified goals. The plan includes the mission, values, and beliefs of the District, as well as a three year plan outlining the District's goals for financial stability, cooperative efforts, the maintenance of a combination department, and public relations and education. The Strategic Plan was a collaborative effort between community members, District personnel, and neighboring fire agencies.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

2015 marks the 100-year anniversary of the Geyserville Fire Department. Events are being planned beginning in the Fall of 2014 and continuing through 2015. Stay tuned for more information.

In honor of our 100-year tradition, we are gathering historical information on the Department. Please share any memories or memorabilia related to past or current firefighters, fire department events, or emergency incidents. We are also collecting current contact information for past firefighters. If you were a firefighter with us for even a short period of time, please let us know.



COMMUNITY SURVEYS

Community Surveys were distributed last Fall, and we appreciate the responses. The survey includes questions aimed at gathering information on your fire protection priorities, emergency preparedness, willingness to take part in community trainings, expectations of the fire department, knowledge of funding, and your confidence and satisfaction with the Geyserville Fire Protection District. In addition, the survey asked for your feelings on the possibility of a merger/consolidation with neighboring fire departments and your openness to a "fire tax." It is not too late to give us your input! You can still request a community survey today.

BLOOD DRIVE



Thanks to your support, we took first place in the annual "Bucket Brigade". Our next blood drive will be in January 2015.

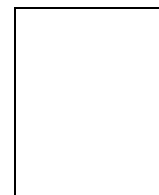


STAY INFORMED

Many of the topics you see in this newsletter are discussed on a monthly basis at the Geyserville Fire Protection District Board of Directors' Meetings. Public meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room of Station #1 (20975 Geyserville Avenue).

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

OPEN HOUSE
 MAY 10, 2014

**WINE COUNTRY TO
 THE RESCUE**
 JULY 19, 2014

**FALL COLORS
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
 OCTOBER 26, 2014

This newsletter is a collaboration between the Geyserville Fire Protection District and the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association. It is published bi-annually in Fall and Spring. It is intended to provide information to the community about news and events as it relates to the Geyserville Fire Department. If you are receiving this newsletter then our records show one of the following: You live within the Fire District boundaries, you own property within the District boundaries, or you have donated money to the GVFA. If you think that you have received this newsletter in error or would like to be removed from our mailing list please contact us at (707) 857 - 4373 (GFPD).

