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CHILI FEED & OPEN HOUSE

We are hosting an open house and chili feed on the night of the Geyserville Tree Lighting and Tractor Parade of Lights. Come enjoy warm chili and cornbread while your children frolic in the “snow” as you wait for the parade to start. The Tractor Parade takes place on November 28th in downtown Geyserville, from 5-8 pm. Chili and cornbread costs \$5, or free of charge if you bring a gift for the toy drive. T-shirts will also be available for purchase.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

This upcoming winter and spring, we will be holding four community meetings to discuss public safety and emergency preparedness. Topics to be covered include evacuation procedures, basic medical treatment, address signs, defensible space, power line safety, flooding, and calling 911 from a cell phone. Meetings will last approximately one to two hours at Station 1, 20975 Geyserville Avenue. Community meeting dates are:

Saturday, January 23rd at 10 a.m.
Thursday, May 5th at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1st at 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 29 at 2 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE



Every year, fire departments hold a friendly competition called the Bucket Brigade to see who can attract the most blood donors. This year, Geyserville Fire will be hosting the blood drive on January 22, 2016. As always, dinner and drinks will be served to all who attend. We are looking to defend our championship title won with 72 donors last year.

TOY DRIVE

Once again, Geyserville Fire is teaming up with the Geyserville Christian Church to make sure every child in Geyserville has a gift for the holidays. Please drop off new, unwrapped gifts at Station 1. All the toys donated to your fire department stay local.



FACTS ABOUT US

Protects over 200 Square miles
Responds to over 500 emergencies a year
30 Volunteers
Thousands of hours of training each year
Station 1: 20975 Geyserville Avenue
Station 2: 6571 Highway 128
Station 3: 3970 Dry Creek Road

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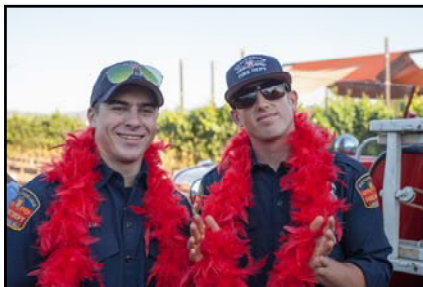
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WINE COUNTRY TO THE RESCUE 2015



2016 Wine Country to the Rescue Sponsors:

Mike Downs & Gina Cleaver, Real Estate Professionals with Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Wine Country Group



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CPR

Geyserville Fire now has two trained CPR instructors on its staff. The Healdsburg Rotary Club has graciously funded the training of these two employees and training supplies to better serve the community of Geyserville by making CPR classes available to the public. Please contact the station or check our website for dates and details.

MOVIE NIGHT



Geyserville Fire hosted its first movie night on August 14th. Families enjoyed free popcorn and hot dogs while watching Planes: Fire and Rescue on the big screen. Fire pits were set up to roast s'mores with firefighters. A good time was had by all. Stay tuned for information on future movie nights.



PUBLICATION CHANGES

In an effort to reduce postage and printing fees, The Firehouse newsletter will only be published and mailed to residences once a year. The fall edition of The Firehouse newsletter will continue to go out to those on the current mailing list, as well as anyone else who requests it. The spring edition of The Firehouse newsletter will be available online, with printed copies available for pickup at the firehouse. Upon request, we will mail the newsletter to your address, free of charge. Also, we are working from a new mailing list, so we apologize for any address or name errors.

BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR ASHES

This is the time of year when we start using fireplaces. In addition to ensuring your chimney is clean, be careful when disposing of your ashes. They need to be cool to the touch before being disposed. This can take several days. We have seen garbage can fires and vegetation fires start from the improper disposal of ashes. See the following website for more information: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/article/387766>

CAN WE FIND YOU?

We occasionally have difficulty locating addresses and opening locked gates. Please help us by marking your address so that it is visible from each direction of travel and at all forks in a shared road or driveway. Reflective numbers work best for worst case conditions. Fire agencies carry a key that can open locked gates that are properly equipped. More information regarding outfitting your gate with a key override is available at <http://www.knoxbox.com/knox-rapid-entry-system/fire-departments>. If gates do not have this capability, fire agencies rely upon having a combination, cutting the lock or otherwise defeating the locking mechanism. If you provide us with your combination, we will have it entered into the dispatch database that is used by fire and law enforcement agencies in the County. Please call the fire station if you need more information.

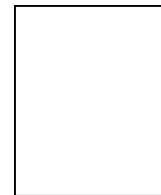
FALL BACK: SMOKE DETECTORS

Fall is a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Don't have smoke detectors? Now is a good time to install some. For more information visit <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/consumers/fire>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TRACTOR PARADE:
 CHILI FEED & OPEN HOUSE**
 NOVEMBER 28, 2015

**BUCKET BRIGADE:
 BLOOD DRIVE**
 JANUARY 22, 2016

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
 JANUARY 23, 2016
 MARCH 1, 2016
 MAY 5, 2016
 OCTOBER 29, 2016

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