

THE FIREHOUSE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEYSERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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GEYSERVILLE & CLOVERDALE DISCUSS MERGER

Cloverdale and Geyserville Fire Protection Districts, along with the City of Healdsburg Fire Department, began to explore additional ways to share resources in the spring of 2012. The discussions included the feasibility of creating a single, larger fire protection district that would encompass the areas served by all three fire departments. The predominant motivation for this effort is to provide sustainable funding and enhance fire services to the area. Geyserville and Cloverdale Fire Protection District Board of Directors have jointly met and demonstrated support for this process. Supervisor Mike McGuire has been a guiding force in discussing options. Currently, LAFCO is funding a study that will look at the feasibility and recommendations of a merger. Please contact us at (707) 857 – 4373 if you would like more information.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is breast cancer awareness month and the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association is doing its part to spread the word and raise money for the cause. The Geyserville Fire Department is selling "Geyserville Fire" shirts displaying a pink ribbon for \$20. For every shirt sold the Geyserville firefighters will donate \$10 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The shirts are available in both men's and women's cut. Shirts can be



purchased at Station 1 while supplies last.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS STILL NEEDED!

The Geyserville Fire Department is still looking for volunteer firefighters. If you live or work within the 200 square miles we serve and want to help the community, we want you! Must be at least 18 years old. We provide the needed training. Call us at (707) 857 - 4373 or go to geyservillefire.com.

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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WINE COUNTRY TO THE RESCUE

On July 20, 2013 the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association hosted its 51st annual fundraiser. Wine Country to the Rescue was a huge success! We raised over \$50,000 thanks to your support. This event would not have been possible without the help and support of Clos Du Bois



management and staff. During our event we made a plea for donations to replace an outdated and broken portable pump. We raised more money than we asked for and were

able to purchase four of the same portable pumps that Cal Fire uses to fight wildland fires. We want to thank Bill Hinkle, The John Jordan Foundation, and Stan Burnett for making donations towards the purchases of these pumps.



This year's event was well attended with over 600 people served. We had twenty-one gracious donors support us by purchasing VIP tables. We would like to thank the following supporters (in alphabetical order):

- Bosworth and Son
- Busted Gear Gang and Wild West Show
- Diavola Pizzeria
- Draxton Wine
- Empire Bearing
- Fletcher Fabrication
- Francis Ford Coppola
- Gallo Family Vineyards
- Gina Cleaver Realtor Wine Country Group by BHG
- Healdsburg Sotherby's
- Healdsburg Sotherby's with Cast Estate Vineyards & Cellars,
- John and Janice Torres Century 21
- John Jordan Foundation,
- Madden Family Vineyards
- Nissan and Kia of Santa Rosa
- North County Properties (2 Tables)
- Opperman and Son
- Petersen Family Vineyards
- Pure Power Solutions
- Rust/Serval



To see a full list of everyone who donated to the 2013 Wine Country to the Rescue fundraiser go to www.winecountrytotherescue.com. Special thanks to the many people who donated auction items and to Mike McGuire for his help as auctioneer.

Next year's event will be held on July 19th at Clos Du Bois. The 2014 Wine Country to the Rescue will be co-sponsored by River Rock Casino and Clos Du Bois. It will be another amazing year, so be sure to put it on your calendar!



BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 10TH

What: Blood Drive **Where:** Geyserville Fire Station 1

When: Friday January 10th 2:30pm-7:30pm **What Else:** All donors receive a free dinner



HOLIDAY SAFETY

- ◆ When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and do not break when bent between your fingers. The trunk of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- ◆ Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, we recommend purchasing plastic holders designed for this purpose. As an alternative, string them through hooks or insulated staples. Never use nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- ◆ Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing, Christmas trees, or any other material that can catch fire.
- ◆ In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

FIREFIGHTER REUNION

The Geyserville Fire Department would like to host a firefighter reunion but we don't have everyone's contact information. If you were a firefighter with us for even a short period of time we want your contact information. Please call us at (707) 857 - 4373 and let us know how to reach you. Stay tuned for more information about the reunion.

TOY DRIVE

Last year was our second year participating in the local toy drive and it was a huge success. In previous years we participated in the Toys for Tots program. In order to keep the toys in the Geyserville area, we teamed up with the Geyserville Christian Church and Hilary Marcx. This year we hope to build on last year's success. Please bring new unwrapped toys to the Geyserville Fire House and we will pass the toy along to this local program. If you would like more information about this year's toy drive please contact the Geyserville Fire Department at (707) 857 - 4373 or the Geyserville Christian Church at (707) 857 - 3473.

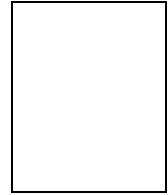


STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Geyserville Fire Protection District, along with key stakeholders, is building a plan for its future by examining organizational values and setting short and long-range goals and objectives. Thank you to all community members who attended the June strategic planning meeting. For those willing to sit on subcommittees, we will be contacting you soon. The District now intends to gather additional input with a community survey. Look for this survey in the annual November donation letter. Your views and ideas can help shape our future!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BLOOD DRIVE
JANUARY 10, 2014

OPEN HOUSE
MAY 10, 2014

**WINE COUNTRY TO
THE RESCUE**
JULY 19, 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 with 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 the Headquarters Station at (707) 857 - 4373 (GFPD).

BURN PERMIT INFORMATION

Now that summer is over the Burn Suspension will soon be lifted. The Geyserville Fire Protection District does not issue burn permits. All burn permits are issued through other agencies, most through the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District. The NSCAPCD's phone number is (707) 433 - 5911. Their office is located at 150 Matheson Street in Healdsburg. The NSCAPCD will be able to answer all of your questions or point you in the right direction. Remember that you must have a current burn permit, it must be a burn day, and you must call in

to report your control burn. Both the burn hotline and the burn reporting line are on your burn permit. Always have clearance around your burn pile and don't leave the fire unattended. Please call the fire station at (707) 857 - 4373 if you need more information.

