

# MOUNTAIN GATE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Established 1956

**Mission Statement:** It is our mission to provide the Mountain Gate Community with reliable, safe and clean water and fire protection services at the lowest cost possible.

February 1, 2025

For  
Water Emergencies  
call  
(530) 275-4506



## Hello February



Happy  
Valentines  
Day!

**Here's an interesting theory about Valentine's Day:** The most popular theory is that it's named after Saint Valentine, a 3rd century Roman priest who disobeyed the emperor's ruling that prohibited young men from marrying. However, it wasn't until the mid-19th century that it became the holiday we know today.

The holiday is said to be named after Saint Valentine, but who exactly was he? Valentine is likely based on a combination of two Valentines who were executed on February 14 in different years by Roman Emperor Claudius II. In theory, The Catholic Church established St. Valentine's Day to honor these two men.

Legend says that one of these men, Saint Valentine of Terni, had officiated weddings for Roman soldiers in secret, going against the emperor's wishes, making him seem to some as a proponent of love. Another story involves the practice of writing love letters to your valentine. It's said that St. Valentine wrote the first "valentine" greeting to a young lady he tutored and fell in love with while he was imprisoned for the crimes outlined above. According to The History Channel before his death, he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," which remains a commonly used phrase to this day. But these romantic tales are only legends. So little historical information is known about the martyrs named St. Valentine. In 1996 the Roman Catholic Church removed the feast day from its calendar, though St. Valentine is still recognized as a saint.

### Different colors of roses can have different meanings



**Red:** Love and romance

**White:** Purity, innocence, and new beginnings

**Yellow:** Friendship, joy, and positivity

**Pink:** Admiration, gratitude, and elegance

**Lavender:** Enchantment, desire, and love at first sight

**Orange:** Joy and enthusiasm

#### Mountain Gate Community Services District Bill Pay

The Mountain Gate Community Services District has a variety of convenient payment options for our customers to choose from. Choose an option that best suits your needs.

In Person~ By Mail~ By Phone~ Online~ Autopay

Our 24/7 online account access and bill pay option is available on our website. You may make payments, check your balance or check your water usage history.

[www.mountaingatesd.com](http://www.mountaingatesd.com)

**Please Note:** Fees do apply, electronic check transactions are \$1.50 (only available on our website) and all Credit Card transactions are \$3.10 (including pay by phone and autopay)



## Mountain Gate C.S.D.

Water (530) 275-3002

Fire \*non-Emergency (530) 275-3003

Emergency 911



Punxsutawney Phil

### Groundhog day

Groundhog Day is a tradition where a groundhog emerges from its burrow on February 2. If it sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter; if not, spring will arrive soon.

#### Here's a fun fact about Groundhog Day

The first Groundhog Day celebration took place in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog, has been predicting the weather since 1887.



### February Events

**February 2, 2025**  
**Groundhog Day**

**February 12, 2025**  
**Board Meeting**  
**6pm**

**February 14, 2025**  
**Valentines Day**

**February 17, 2025**  
**Closed for**  
**Presidents day**



### March Events

**March 12, 2025**  
**Board Meeting**  
**6pm**

**March 17, 2025**  
**St. Patrick's Day**



**We would like to thank our volunteer firefighters that went out on the Palisades fire. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all affected by the devastation caused by the fires.**



If you are experiencing a higher-than-normal water bill, please keep in mind the new rate structure no longer includes 500 CF of water at no cost. The water usage amount is now \$2.62 per 100 CF of usage. A great way to check for a water leak is to turn off all the water to your house including outside water spickets, then look at your water meter to see if the numbers are still running. Even a leaky toilet can cause an unexpected increase to your water bill.



#### **Water Saving Tips:**

Never use your toilet as a waste basket.

Turn the water off while shaving or brushing your teeth.

Take short showers instead of filling the bathtub.

Turn off the water while soaping or shampooing.

Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.

When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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