



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.

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Water Emergencies
call (530) 275-4506

STATE FIRE PREVENTION FEE SUSPENDED UNTIL 2031

The controversial fire prevention fee that was imposed on some 800,000 rural area property owners has been suspended by Assembly Bill 398, but not removed. Annual fire fees of up to 152.33 will no longer be in effect from July 1, 2017 to January 1, 2031.

The fire tax repeal in the ‘cap and trade’ legislation AB 398 will not result in a refund to property owners who have paid the tax since 2011. However the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is continuing its litigation against the legality of the fire fee.

As a result of AB 398, the cost to taxpayers could be substantial with increased gasoline taxes, electricity and consumer goods with the new air quality management requirements.

For more information please visit:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB398

Are you prepared for a Wildfire?

- Have adequate clearance around structures of all flammable material. Minimum of 100 feet in areas designated “Very High Fire Danger”, (includes wood piles). (Greater distance may be required based on slope).
- Clear pine needles and leaves from gutters and roof. Trim back overhanging branches at least 10 feet from the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
- Replace roofing and siding with nonflammable or fire resistive materials.
- Reduce or remove flammable vegetation, including landscape plants, and replace with less flammable plants.
- Install and maintain strategic fuel breaks.
- Install smoke alarms in every level of your home and make sure that they are in good working order. Test them monthly and replace any smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- You may have less than 3 minutes to escape a home fire. Every second counts, talk with your family about what to do if there is a wildfire. have an escape plan, and a meeting place outside of your home.
- Practice your escape plan with everyone in the family, practice this at least twice per year.
- Have a means of transporting your pets and livestock readily available.
- Collect valuables, important document, medications and other personal items in one place and be ready to evacuate if necessary. Maintain a mobile survival kit.
- Did you buy or do you rent a home with a fire sprinkler system, learn how this fire safety system saves lives and protects your home and valuables at <http://homefiresprinkler.org>.

A complimentary copy of the Wildland Fire Evacuation Plan is available at the District Office while supplies last.

We now accept:



8th Annual Community BBQ

MOUNTAIN GATE'S

Saturday, September 9, 2017

From 4 pm to 7 pm

~WITH LIVE MUSIC BY JUAN ORTEGA~

It's that time of year when the auxiliary will be putting on our annual BBQ dinner with all the fixins in the park behind the CSD Fire Hall.

Purchase your dinner tickets and raffle tickets in advance at the District Office or any Auxiliary Member.

Advance tickets go on sale **August 1, 2017.**

Dinner Tickets: adults \$8.00 child \$5.00 (under 12)
Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event.



**Regular Raffle tickets are just \$1.00
or 6 for \$5.00**

**Daniel Boone Smoker Grill raffle
tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**
(Need not be present to win!)

Auxiliary members will be out selling dinner and raffle tickets, help support our community. Come and join us and have a good time. Hope to see your there!

David Selby at 275-4902 for more information
Volunteers Always Needed !



You could win this!



A LOOK AHEAD

August 9, 2017
Board of Directors
Meeting
District Board Room
6:00 PM

September 4, 2017
Office will be closed in observance the Labor Day Holiday

September 9, 2017
8th Annual Community BBQ
4:00 to 7:00 PM

September 13, 2017
Board of Directors
Meeting
District Board Room
6:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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