

# Mountain Gate Community Services District

October 1,  
2021

Water Emergencies  
275-4506

*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.*

## Fawn Fire Updates

(As of Thursday, Sept. 30 a.m.)

The Fawn Fire charred an estimated 8,578 acres, or 13 square miles, as of Thursday morning and was 90% contained, according to Cal Fire. Some 185 structures have been confirmed destroyed. Cal Fire said 3 firefighters were injured while battling the blaze, but the severity of their injuries is unknown.

About 4,000 Shasta County residents were evacuated because of fire danger.

Our undying gratitude goes to all of the first responders who came from near and far to save our community. While some homes were burned, not a single life was lost. Thank you all!

### Is our water safe to drink?

Yes! Our drinking water is still being tested twice a day. All tests are coming back clean. We never lost water during the incident. The integrity of our lines stayed intact so our water was kept free of contaminants. We recommend as residents are allowed back in their homes to run your tap water a few minutes to introduce fresh water in your lines.

### Protect Yourself from Smoke

When wildfires create smoky conditions its important for everyone to reduce their exposure to smoke. Wildfire smoke irritates your eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. It can make it hard to breathe and make you cough or wheeze. Children, pregnant women, and people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or heart disease, need to be especially careful about breathing wildfire smoke.

### Protect Yourself from Ash

Wildfires leave behind a lot of ash that can also irritate your eyes, nose, or skin and cause coughing and other health effects. Children, pregnant women and people with asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or heart disease need to be especially careful about breathing in dust from ash.

- Protect yourself against ash when you clean up. Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and shoes and socks to protect your skin. Wear goggles to protect your eyes.
- Wash off any ash that gets on your skin or in your eyes or mouth as soon as you can.
- *Children should not do any cleanup work.*

### HOW THE JACK-O-LANTERN CAME TO BE....

Legend has it that Stingy Jack invited the devil to have a drink with him, but Jack didn't want to pay for the drink, so he convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin. Instead of buying the drink, he pocketed the coin and kept it close to a silver cross in his house, preventing the devil from taking shape again.

He promised to let the devil go as long as he would leave Jack alone for a year – and that if Jack died, the devil wouldn't claim his soul.

After a year, Jack tricked the devil again to leave him alone and not claim his soul. When Jack died, God didn't want such a conniving person in heaven and the devil, true to his word, would not allow him into hell.

Jack was sent off into the night with only a burning coal to light his path. He placed the coal inside a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the earth ever since.

People in Ireland and Scotland began creating their own creations of Jack's lanterns out of turnips, beets and potatoes. The tradition traveled to the United States along with the immigrants and people began to use pumpkins, native to North America, for the lanterns instead.

## Mountain Gate C.S.D.



A huge shout out to our Mountain Gate Community for the great turnout for the 11th Annual Chicken Barbeque and Raffle.

A big thank you to all the merchants and everyone else who donated the amazing raffle prizes.

We can't forget all of the volunteers who worked to make this happen. Your work paid off! It was a fun time with good food, good music and lots of great prizes.

Hope to see you all again next year!

# MOUNTAIN GATE AUXILIARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Bring your neighbors, friends, family and join us as we revive our traditional monthly Pancake Breakfast starting on October 9 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the MGCSD Fire Hall.



**Buy your raffle tickets for just \$1**

### MENU:

Pancakes or Biscuits and Gravy  
Sausage and Eggs (cooked your way!)  
Orange Juice and Coffee



Our "breakfast chefs" are renowned! We will have Board member, Greg Peterson on Pancakes that are famous state-wide! We will have sausage, and eggs cooked anyway you like them! We will have Tony Colletta making his legendary, from scratch, Biscuits and Gravy!

Our "Mountain Gate Strong" spirit is alive and well!

**A COMPLIMENTARY COPY OF THE WILDLAND FIRE  
EVACUATION PLAN IS AVAILABLE AT THE  
FRONT OFFICE.**

## October Events



**October 11**

**Columbus Day**

**October 13**

Board of Directors'  
Meeting 6p.m. in Dis-  
trict Board Room.

**October 31**



**Happy Halloween**

**A Look Ahead**

**November 7**

Daylight Savings Time  
Ends!

**November 10**

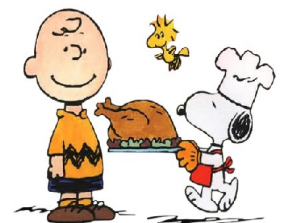
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**November 11**

Veteran's Day-Office  
will be closed.

**November 25**

***Happy***



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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