

Centerville CSD

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District Office:

8930 Placer Rd
Redding, CA 96001

Office Hours: 8 am - Noon
1 pm - 5 pm

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P.O. Box 990431
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(530) 246 - 0680
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Website:

www.centervillecsd.org

Letter From Fire Chief Luntey

My deepest sympathies to the residents of Centerville that lost their homes in the Carr Fire. This fire was one of the most destructive fires in California's history, in terms of acreage burned and structures lost.

Engine 552, Firefighter Monteil and myself responded to a call at 1:09 am on Thursday, July 26th, to Highway 299W and Rock Creek Road in Old Shasta. We spent the next 10 hours in the Rock Creek Road area evacuating residents and extinguishing the incoming fire. We were released at noon and returned to our station. We were joined by Justine Wyngaarden, a firefighter from Company 53 (Keswick). For the next 26 days the Centerville Fire Station was staffed 24 hours a day. Beginning late Thursday night and Friday morning the E-552 crew and numerous strike teams battled the incoming fire into Centerville. It was not lack of resources but the extreme fire behavior that prevented many houses from being saved.

I want to thank the firefighters from Company 53 Keswick. During the fire, their station was destroyed and four of Keswick's five volunteers lost their homes. They were instrumental in keeping our station staffed over the 26 days. A special thanks to Firefighter Wyngaarden. While helping out in Centerville and knowing the fire was approaching Keswick she chose to stay on the engine in lieu of leaving and trying to save her personal belongings. She lost everything.

While patrolling our response area, we noticed numerous properties where the defensible space is non-existent. I encourage everyone to do themselves and their neighbors a favor and get their property in order. It is not too late. Please visit readyforwildfire.org/Defensible-Space to get more information.

On behalf of Company 52, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of signs, waves, horn honks, hand shakes, hugs and donations. It means a lot to all of us.

If you have ever considered volunteering or would like more information, please come by the station any Tuesday from 6pm-10pm. We are located at 8930 Placer Road.

I wish a speedy return to normalcy for all those that were affected by the fire. If you need help clearing brush, cleaning up debris or have questions about the fire, please do not hesitate to contact me at centervillevc52@gmail.com.

Fire Chief John Luntey

Register for Code Red

SHASCOM 9-1-1, the county-wide 9-1-1 center uses CODE RED, an emergency citizen notification system for cell phones. Once you register your cell phone number, you will be able to receive emergency public safety warnings and alerts on behalf of law enforcement, the fire department and public health. These messages are critical community alerts which can include missing child reports, evacuation notices and other emergency notifications.

Did you cut your landline and now only have cell service? To register your cell phone, go to the SHASCOM 9-1-1 website, www.shascom911.com, and choose "Citizen Notification" near the top of the page. You can also access the links from the District's website. While registering you can choose to either receive a text or a voice message. TDD/TTY devices (telephones for the hearing impaired) may also be registered. You do not need to register your landline phone, as this data is already in the SHASCOM 9-1-1 system.

Also, please make sure the Centerville District Office has your current phone number on file and don't forget to sign up for Emergency Alerts on our website.

Helping Carr Fire Victims

So many of our friends and loved ones have lost their homes and precious belongings. Together we can rebuild, rejuvenate and support one another. No one is in this disaster alone. If you would like to help those effected by the Carr Fire, there are several donation options...



HOW TO DONATE

- ◇ Monetary donations to the American Red Cross can be made at redcross.org or by texting REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.
- ◇ Tri Counties Bank has started the Carr Fire Fund 2018 account with an initial deposit of \$25,000. Others can make donations to the fund at any Tri Counties Bank branch or online at www.gofundme.com/tcb-2018-carr-fire-fund.
- ◇ Monetary donations to the Salvation Army can be made by going to satruck.org and selecting "Online donations- Redding, CA"

Be careful who you donate to. Only give to vetted organizations.

Those who suspect fraud can contact the **National Center for Disaster Fraud** at 866-720-5721.

ANNOUNCEMENT

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The Board of Directors will be accepting applications for the vacant Board of Director position until Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in serving on the Board is requested to submit a letter of interest to the District Office, located at 8930 Placer Road.

Following the close of the application period, the Board will set a meeting date to interview each applicant. After this process, the Board will announce it's selection. The new Director will serve on the Board until the next election cycle, which will occur in November of 2020.

California Government Code Section 61040(b) states in part, "No Person shall be a candidate for the Board of Directors unless he or she is a voter of the District". Should you have any questions please contact the District Office at 246-0680.



Average Water Usage

Compare the usage on your water bill with the average of the District.

August's Average: 5,500 cubic - feet.



Tickets are \$5 per duck.

- Call Marge Beck at 530-225-8583
- Go to Evanhoe Kellogg (340 Hartnell #A) or Marge Beck's office (1910 Market Street, Suite B)
- Purchase from any Redding East Rotary Member

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm, at the District Office.

The public is always welcome.



The District Office will be closed
Monday, September 3rd
in observance of Labor Day.