

Clear Creek

Bi-Monthly Community Newsletter-Sept/Oct 2026

FROM THE DISTRICT:

Fall is just around the corner, and there has been a lot happening in Clear Creek. This issue highlights continued progress on our water improvement project, a full year of accomplishments by the Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department, our new Board members, District news, and some of the things happening around our area.

Welcome to Our New Board Members

DEBRA ERICKSON | KEVIN KASSEL

Clear Creek Community Services District is pleased to welcome Debra Erickson and Kevin Kassel to the Board of Directors. We appreciate their willingness to step forward and serve our community. Serving on a small special district board takes time, commitment, and a willingness to learn about everything from water operations and infrastructure to fire protection, budgets and the many responsibilities that come with providing essential services to our community. We look forward to working with Debra and Kevin as they settle into their new roles. Welcome aboard and thank you for being willing to serve Clear Creek!

Water Grant Project

PROJECT AT A GLANCE • New Tank • New Pump House • New Pipeline • Westwood Intertie • New Spring House

Work continues on the District's major water infrastructure project. Although portions of construction temporarily slowed while specialized materials were being manufactured and delivered, the project continues to move forward.

- Pipeline work has progressed from the new tank area toward the park.
- The new pump house and the new water storage tank work progresses.
- PG&E electrical service work for the project is expected to begin soon.
- The redesigned system will improve chlorine mixing to help reduce the levels currently required by the state.

The project continues to build toward a more reliable and modern water system for Clear Creek.

Thank you Steve Sader, Water Operator

Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department

YTD: 26 Calls • 37 Drills

Updates and Improvements

- Expanded and upgraded medical, trauma, pediatric, and maternity equipment.
- Added a second Zoll AED.
- Improved patient response equipment and emergency medical capabilities.
- Updated fire extinguishers and established a complete SDS/MSDS safety program.
- Completed maintenance and lighting repairs on both fire engines.
- Improved Fire Hall organization and continued monthly siren testing.
- Continued training and education for all Fire Department Personnel.
- Received and programmed two BKR-5000 radios acquired through a Fire Safe Council Grant.
- Improved ISO rating to 5/5X (Insurance Service Office)
- Received \$5000 PG&E grant for equipment.

Our volunteers give their time to train, respond, and help keep our community prepared. Their commitment is what makes a volunteer department possible.

Thank you Volunteers and Chief Meeks

Community Safety Reminder:

Outdoor burning is currently prohibited, and burn permits are suspended until further notice.

During a community emergency, a continuous fire siren sounding for three minutes is an emergency alert. If you hear it, stay alert and check official sources for instructions.

Watch Duty or Genasys Protect are two recommended apps.

For the most accurate and up to date information, please visit our website at clearcreekcsd.specialdistrict.org.

Fall Around the Lake - Enjoy Fall Close to Home

Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy everything our mountain communities have to offer. Take a scenic drive to enjoy the changing colors, explore the Lake Almanor Basin, visit neighboring communities, or spend an afternoon supporting local businesses.

September

Labor Day Weekend - Local Craft Fair at Collins Pines

Browse handmade items, support local makers, and enjoy an end-of-summer community event.

September 12 - Street Rod Extravaganza • Chester

Classic cars and hot rods return to Chester for a fun September tradition.

October

Lake Almanor Community Scarecrow Contest

Keep an eye out for creative scarecrows around the Lake Almanor Basin.

October 18 - Lake Almanor Area Golf Tournament • Bailey Creek

An 18-hole, four-person scramble with contests, raffles, and plenty of fun.

October 31 - Merchant Trick-or-Treat • Chester

Local businesses join in the Halloween fun for families.

November

November 7-8 - Holiday Shopping Tour.

November – Lake Almanor Turkey Trott



Firewise Reminder: Complete the form below with any work done on your property to help Clear Creek earn our next Firewise Certification. Please submit completed form to the CSD office or your Firewise Representative Elizabeth Horan. Thank you.



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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Name: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Hours Worked

Dwelling Unit/Home

Examples include: Removing pine needles and leaf litter from roof and gutters, replaced vinyl gutters with metal gutters, ignition-resistant exterior improvements, installing screening on vents, flammable items removed from under decks and porches, inspect roof and replace missing shingles, etc.

Landscaping (0–100 ft from base of dwelling unit)

Examples include: Installation of hardscaping, replacing combustible mulches with stone/gravel options, tree and shrub removal, raking and removal of pine needles, leaves, ground litter/debris, tree trimming/limbing, moving firewood, lawn and native grass maintenance, etc.

Common Area

(HOA or other Homeowner jointly owned property within the site boundary) Activities include: Tree thinning, mastication and brush removal, grass maintenance, fire break construction, etc.

Miscellaneous

Meetings, presentations, program administration, home site visits, etc.

Money Spent

\$	Chipper Costs: Purchase/rental, fuel & oil, disposal fees, etc.
\$	Other Equipment Costs: Chain saw purchase/rental, power equip. purchase/rental, hand tools, protective equipment, etc.
\$	Contractor Costs: Arborists, landscapers, professional forestry services, debris removal, etc.
\$	Home Improvement Costs: Roofs, decks, windows, vent screening, retrofits, etc.
\$	Landscaping/DIY
\$	Miscellaneous
	Vehicle mileage

Additional Notes: _____
