



CCCCSD NEWSLETTER

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Summer Fun In Clear Creek

Summer Fun in Clear Creek Summer is here, and it is so nice to see Clear Creek filling back up with families, friends, dogs, kids, and summertime residents enjoying their homes and cabins. This is one of the best times of year in our little mountain community.

With more people out enjoying the sunshine, we just want to share a friendly reminder to keep an eye on children and pets while they are outside. Clear Creek is beautiful, but we also share this area with wildlife, especially in the evenings and early mornings. A loose dog or a child wandering too far from home can run into trouble quickly in the mountains. We want everyone to enjoy summer, play outside, visit with neighbors, and make great memories — while also staying safe and aware of what may be nearby. Wishing everyone a fun, safe, and happy summer in Clear Creek!

Clear Creek Water Project Continues to Move Forward

Progress continues on the Clear Creek water system improvement project. The connection line between the Westwood main and the new tank area has now been completed. Crews are currently installing the main line from the tank site down to the park, where the new pump house will be located.

As work continues, crews have encountered a significant amount of rock while digging the main line down to the park, making this portion of the project more challenging than expected.

Tank construction is scheduled to begin in mid-July, along with work on the new pump house. These improvements are all part of the preparation for connecting Clear Creek to Westwood next June.

Once that connection is complete, the District plans to begin demolition of the old Spring House and replace it with a brand-new, state-of-the-art Spring House. The District is excited to see this long-awaited project continue moving forward for the benefit of the Clear Creek community.

Boil Water Notice, Spring House Update, and Clarification of Recent Inaccurate Information

The Clear Creek Community Services District understands that the ongoing boil water notice has caused frustration, concern, and inconvenience for our residents. We want the community to know that the District is continuing to follow the direction of the State Water Resources Control Board and will continue working through the required chlorination, flushing, testing, and clearance process until the State gives approval to lift the boil water notice.

The issue being addressed is related to the condition of the Spring House, which was originally constructed in the 1950s and has continued to deteriorate over time. Due to continued erosion and deterioration of the Spring House, including areas where animals were able to get inside, recent testing showed contamination on the raw water side. The District has been following the State's direction regarding treatment and additional testing.

It is important to clarify that the District is not blaming prior personnel, prior administration, employees, Board members, or any prior water operator for the current boil water notice. That is not accurate. Testing and sampling were historically done at the cistern, based on the training and direction provided at the time. Prior and current water operators followed the training, testing procedures, and direction they were given. The State has audited and reviewed testing procedures numerous times and had no issue with the procedures being followed at that time.

Due to the current condition of the Spring House and the recent positive test, the State has now requested changes to the testing process, including testing at the Spring House under the current conditions being addressed. This change is based on the continued deterioration of the Spring House and the need to address the current source water concerns. The District will continue to follow the State's requirements until the water system is cleared and the boil water notice is officially lifted.

We also want to address recent inaccurate information that has been shared on social media. Some posts have included incorrect statements about the District, including claims that the District refused emergency assistance with water and that the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association was poised to sue the District. Those statements are not correct.

The District has not refused emergency assistance. We have been in communication with the appropriate agencies and are continuing to follow their direction. If additional assistance becomes necessary or available, the District will coordinate with those agencies. The District has also not been notified that Howard Jarvis is poised to sue. The appropriate agencies were notified of the inaccurate information, and we hope the information has since been corrected or clarified.

We understand that information can spread quickly on Facebook, especially when residents are concerned and looking for answers. However, social media is not always accurate or complete. Before relying on or sharing information, we encourage residents to contact the District directly, stop by the District office during office hours, or visit the District website for official updates.

Official District information is available at: **clearcreekcsd.specialdistrict.org**

We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as the District continues working through this process. Until the boil water notice is officially lifted by the State, residents should continue to follow all boil water instructions.

Summer Events Around Westwood, Clear Creek, Chester & Lake Almanor

Summer is here, and our surrounding communities have a lot going on. From small-town parades and fireworks to local music, craft fairs, food, and family-friendly fundraisers, there are plenty of opportunities to get out, visit with neighbors, and enjoy the season.

Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department Hot Dog Days

The Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Hot Dog Days fundraiser on **July 4 and July 5 at Clear Creek Park**. The event will include breakfast and lunch, live music, a craft fair, and community fun. All proceeds benefit the Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Chester 4th of July Celebration

Chester will be celebrating Independence Day with its traditional 4th of July activities, including the parade, Fun Run, and Lake Almanor fireworks. This is always a great day for families, visitors, and summer residents to enjoy the Lake Almanor area.

Westwood Paul Bunyan Events

Westwood will also be celebrating with its Paul Bunyan festivities. The **Friday Night Street Dance** is scheduled for **July 10**, followed by the **Paul Bunyan Parade and 38th Annual Paul Bunyan Mountain & Blues Festival** on **July 11**. These events are a

long-standing Westwood tradition and a great way to enjoy music, food, vendors, and small-town celebrations.

Other Local Happenings

There are also regular local activities throughout the summer, including the **Westwood Farmers Market** and **Friday Night Live at Waganupa Brewing**. These smaller weekly events are a great way to support local businesses, enjoy the community, and spend time with friends and neighbors.

Whether you are a full-time resident, a summer resident, or just visiting the area, we hope everyone takes time to enjoy the season, support local events, and celebrate the communities that make this area special.