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Newsletter

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This month's newsletter will be full of information to let you know of several upcoming events for the Fire Company, the auxiliary and the fire safe council.

## **MT. SHASTA VISTA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**

Update on the 10,000 gallon water storage tanks to be placed at the Juniper Flat and Ray Jones Stations:

The U. S. Forest Service grant we received to place the water storage tanks should be funded by the end of April. Work on the tanks could begin as soon as mid-May and could be completed within a couple of months, barring work breaks for fire season. At the worst, they will be completed by the end of the year.

### **Mt. Shasta Vista VFC Auxiliary FLAMIN' FLEA MARKET JUNE 26, 8:00 AM – 2 PM BIG SPRINGS SCHOOL**

The auxiliary is pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Flamin' Flea Market. Mark your calendars for June 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Big Springs School. And, this year, starting at noon all items will be **discounted at 50% off**.

We do need donations and would be happy to pick up your gently used items, however, please, with the exception of children's clothing, no other clothing, electronics, appliances, shoes, weapons, fire arms, toxic materials or very heavy items. We do supply a tax receipt for your donations.

We will also have vendor tables to rent.

If you will be unable to attend the flea market, the Auxiliary would be pleased to accept your cash donation. Your tax deductible donation check should be made out to Northern California

Resource Center (the umbrella Nonprofit for the Auxiliary) with a notation on the memo line that the donation is for the MSVVFC Auxiliary. Mail your check to NCRC, P. O. Box 342, Fort Jones, CA 96032.

Any questions or donations regarding the flea market, please call 340-2297 or email [msvvfc@yahoo.com](mailto:msvvfc@yahoo.com).

The MSVVFC Auxiliary is now offering a **free pick up service** for your CRV (California Redemption Value) recyclable beverage containers. We need your help and want to help you. We can accept all CRV aluminum cans, plastic, and glass beverage containers. If you would like to schedule a pickup, please call 340-2297 or email [msvvfc@yahoo.com](mailto:msvvfc@yahoo.com).

Or, you can bring your CRV containers to Yreka Transfer Station at 231 Ranch Lane, Yreka, 842-9119. Please tell them you are making a donation to the Mt. Shasta Vista VFC Auxiliary. They will then send a check to the auxiliary.

Remember that the Auxiliary is the only fund raising organization for your fire company and we thank you for your past support.

### **WILDFIRE PROTECTION EDUCATION DAY SUNDAY, MAY 9 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS IN YREKA 9 AM – 4 PM**

Many agencies will be represented including Cal Fire, U. S. Forest Service, MSVVFC and JFFSC, to provide you information and answer any questions you may have about wildfire prevention, how to protect yourself and what you can do to make your environment less fire prone.

There will also be the Flower Show at the Fairgrounds on May 9.

**JUNIPER FLAT FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (JFFSC)  
APRIL UPDATE**

We are closing in fast on completing our first fuel reduction grant of 50 acres. This grant targeted Roland, a primary travel route determined by travel studies conducted by the JFFSC and the Mount Shasta Vista POA.

We were very successful in recruiting along the route that included the portions of Shasta Vista Drive from A-12 to 1400 feet past the intersection with Roland. This key artery ties in nicely with the U.S. Forest Services' A-12 project along much of that same route on public lands. We will complete the project in late April.

The Forest Service, CAL FIRE, and BLM are valuable agency partners in our planning and funding efforts and we thank them for their help and their work to reduce fuel loads in the fire council area.

Upcoming grants include the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chipper Days**, moved to May, and an additional 100 acres of shaded fuel breaks targeting evacuation routes

with in the fire safe council area. The grants provide a free chipping resource to the landowner and are meant to do the heavy lifting in our attempt to get vegetation in the area back to a more natural cycle in the absence of safe conditions for prescribed burning.

If you are interested in being included in these grants, please call the JFFSC sponsor, Northern California Resource Center at **530-468-2888** and **ask for George**.

With the heavy lifting completed using these grants, landowners are able to maintain the needed spacing to slow fires, which may occur in the area. The work you do on your property buys valuable time for the great folks who volunteer their time and risk their lives as members of the Mount Shasta Vista Volunteer Fire Company under the leadership of Chief Mary Cameron. Also, congratulations to Fire Chief Mary, she sought and won Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee funding for a grant to build two 10,000-gallon water storage tanks for fire use, which will be located at the two stations on Juniper Drive and Roland.

Before - north side of Shasta Vista Dr. & Roland



After - east of Shasta Vista Dr. 100' fuel break



Before - Shasta Vista Dr. east to Roland Dr.



After – 100' fuel break, Shasta Vista Dr. & Roland

