



AROUND THE KNOB/FIRE CALL DECEMBER 2024

Grassy Knob Monthly Newsletter

Radio Project Status

It is my understanding that members have been asking questions regarding the status of the Carroll County P25 Radio Project and how it will impact the fire department. Here is what is known so far.

This project is still in the engineering phase and has not yet been commissioned. The last update provided indicated the system would be operational by the end of the 2024 but that seems doubtful at this time. It is likely that late spring or early summer of 2025 is more realistic. A request has been made to the system provider for an updated timeline.

Carroll County is currently in possession of 100 radios that will be distributed to the various departments within the county. They are not yet being generally distributed so as not to effect the warranty. There is no sense in starting the warranty on the equipment until it is actually put into service. Grassy Knob has received several radios early due to an emergency need for radios, but it is anticipated that no further radios will be received until the system is made functional. Keep in mind that the current radios, as old as they may be, will still be functional for a period of time even after the new system is available. Grassy Knob can expect to



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Christmas Parade of Lights

December 6 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
Kick off the holiday season with the Eureka Springs Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6th at 6pm! Join us for a magical evening as we light up the streets of downtown Eureka Springs with festive floats, music, and cheer.



Chimfex Fireplace Suppression

Chief Bob McVey wants everyone to know how to protect yourself from a chimney fire, Chimfex. Check the expiration date, they do expire. CSIA Approved Chimney Fire Extinguisher – Safe, Quick and Easy – Stops Chimney Fires in Homes in Under 22 Secs.

receive 14 radios from the county and 10 from WCCAD (Ambulance District). This number is subject to change and should not be considered set in stone. What that means to GKVFD is a shortfall of about 15 to 20 radios.

The cost of each radio is approximately \$2,500. This does not include items such as spare batteries, speaker microphones, holsters, antennas, etc. Nor does it include radios for each of the trucks and boat. All told the department will need to spend about \$60,000 of its own money to make up the shortfall. A far cry from the \$170,000 originally estimated but still a significant amount.

Walter Kenyon, GKVFD President



Come for the fun and make history by attending the largest New Years Eve celebration in Eureka Springs and Northwest Arkansas. “The Bash with a Splash” celebration will begin at Basin Springs Park with a parade, drumming and live music.

Before midnight, be at the Basin Park Hotel where a huge water drop, representing water history of Eureka Springs, will slowly descend to ring in the New Year at midnight! Join in the excitement and fun; make memories for yourself and Eureka Springs!

December Holidays Celebrated Around the World

While most people in the Grassy Knob Community think of Christmas as the sole December holiday, people around the world and in Grassy Knob celebrate other cultural and religious holidays.

Christmas (December 25): Christians celebrate Christmas largely to observe the birth of Jesus. But the festival has also been adopted as a secular family holiday by people of all faiths.

Hanukkah (December 18-26): The eight-day Jewish holiday of Hanukkah begins Dec. 18. A central part of the Jewish Festival of Lights entails the lighting of a nine-branched menorah each night. The ritual commemorates how one day's worth of oil miraculously lasted for eight days during a battle between a small group Jews and the powerful Greek-Syrian army in 165 B.C. Tradition memorializes the Jewish victory and reclaiming of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Boxing Day (December 26): Is a British tradition dating back to the 1800s. It was a day to ensure that upper class Britons gave servants and workers a day off. The holiday has evolved into a more commercial occasion for gift-giving.

Kwanzaa (December 26- January 1): This week-long holiday is a cultural one started in the United States to bring unity to the black community. It celebrates seven key principles: unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose,creativity and faith.



NOVEMBER 2024 POTLUCK, TREMENDOUS TURNOUT

The Auxiliary wants to say thank you to everyone who turned out for the November potluck and helped to make it a great success. We had more than 100 Grassy Knob members in attendance. Speakers were Fire Chief Bob about chimney fires and a brief talk from Cole Wakefield from the Good Shepherd Humane Society.



MUSTANG CLUB DONATES TO GKVFD AGAIN IN 2024

Above, GK Firefighter Jeff Yergovich presents Chief Bob McVey a check for \$2,247.50 from the Midwest Blue Oval Club's annual event in Eureka Springs. The GKVFD helps each year with traffic and EMS.



Recipe

Ingredients for 1 serving

4 gingersnaps
1 tablespoon honey
3 tablespoons (1 1/2 ounces) vanilla vodka
2 tablespoons Irish Cream liqueur
2 tablespoons ginger syrup
2 tablespoons half-and-half
Whipped cream

*Be Thankful
Be Grateful
Be Blessed*

GINGERBREAD MARTINI-ENJOY THIS SNAPPY HOLIDAY SIPPER

STEP 1: Crush 3 ginger snaps and transfer them to a small plate

STEP 2: Place honey in small shallow bowl. Dip rim of martini glass into honey and then into crushed cookies

STEP 3: Fill cocktail shaker two thirds with ice. Add vodka, liqueur, ginger syrup and half-half. Shake until well combined. Chill 1-2 minutes. Strain into the martini glass. Garnish with whip cream and remaining ginger snap. Enjoy!

December Calendar

Community Center Events and Activities

12037 AR-187, Eureka Springs, AR 72631

Everyone is Welcome to Participate, No Charge!

December 1 Music Jam Session, 2-4 p.m.

December 4 Cookie Exchange, 10:30 a.m.-12, 228 Viewpoint Dr.

December 9 Fire Association Board Meeting, 4 p.m.

December 11 Birthday Brunch, 11 a.m., Margaret Warner &

Dale Herman's home, 3384 Mundell Road

December 21 Grassy Knob Potluck, 6 p.m.

Fire Training: 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Aerobic and Balance Exercise: MWF 8:30-10 a.m.

Line Dancing: Tuesdays 5:30-5:60 (No Dec. 24, 31)

Belly Dancing: Fridays 10:30 a.m.

Reserve the Community Center: contact Mindy Godfrey (402)

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