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CKFR WEEKLY

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

Looking for information about the Bond Proposal?



BALLOTS ARRIVING SOON

Ballots for the November 3 General Election will begin arriving in mailboxes any day now! CKFR is asking voters to approve a facilities bond.

Do you have questions about the bond proposal? Answers to common questions can be found below.

Please note that figures included in the projected 2021 tax rates have been updated to include the most recent data available from Kitsap County. The information card that was mailed to all households was printed before the current figures were available. The projected total rate has decreased from \$2.18 to \$2.05 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.*

More information is available on our website at www.ckfr.org as well. Fire Chief John Oliver is also available to answer questions at joliver@ckfr.org or (360) 447-3566.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

We are promoting Cancer Awareness all month long!

October 20

Virtual Bond Q&A with Chief Oliver
Noon

October 26

Virtual BOC Study Session Meeting
4:00 PM on MS Teams

October 31

HALLOWEEN

Answers to frequently asked questions are here...

What's on my ballot? Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue is asking voters to approve a facilities bond to improve community and firefighter health and safety for one of the fastest growing areas of Kitsap County.

Why is my fire district asking for this? The Fire District has implemented plans to add staffing and replace aging apparatus. The next step is to address facility needs to improve community safety and provide a safer and healthier operating environment for our firefighters. These improvements also will help shelter modern emergency apparatus that are too large to fit into our existing facilities.

What is meant by "improve community safety?" Our 60-year old stations are not up to current seismic standards, and may collapse during an earthquake preventing our ability to reach you in an emergency. Several stations are located away

from populated areas, which increases response times.

What is meant by "provide a safer and healthier operating environment for our firefighters?" Cancer is a leading cause of death for firefighters. Our 60-year old stations lack effective diesel exhaust removal systems and decontamination areas to reduce firefighter exposure to these carcinogens and infectious diseases, such as we have experienced with COVID-19. Many facilities are not equipped with modern fire and life safety systems such as security, commercial fire alarms and sprinklers.

What work has been done to determine if this is needed? The District spent two years working with the community to complete a Capital Facilities Plan that is available on our website at www.ckfr.org. A list of improvements to individual stations can be found there as well.

How much will it cost property owners? This bond is estimated to be 32 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value over 20 years (no more than \$96 a year for a \$300,000 home). The bond will meet our community's facility needs for 60 years, and the combined rate for fire and EMS still would be less than property owners paid in 2019. This is because two other funding measures will have expired. Here is a chart that reflects what property owners have paid, and would pay for emergency service if approved:

Levy Measure	2019	2020	2021*
Fire & EMS	\$1.90	\$1.76	\$1.73
M&O Levy	\$0.19	\$0	\$0
Apparatus Bond	\$0.16	\$0.11	\$0
Facilities Bond			\$0.32
Total	\$2.25	\$1.87	\$2.05

*Projected based on current data. Rates are per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

What else do I need to know about the bond?

The Fire District had planned to be on the August ballot, but delayed that due to COVID-19. It reviewed the most recent housing and market data available before moving forward with a November election. Station construction projects will help stimulate the local economy as it recovers from the pandemic. The bond would last for 20 years, but fund the community's emergency facility needs for 60 years.

Where can I find more information?

More information can be found on our website at www.ckfr.org. Fire Chief John Oliver also is available to answer questions at joliver@ckfr.org or (360) 447-3566. Thank you for considering our request.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRALS Senior citizens and disabled persons in Washington State may be eligible for property tax exemptions or deferrals. For more information about these programs, please visit the Kitsap County Assessor's office online at www.kitsapgov.com/assessor/Pages/Exemptions.aspx.



EVAL PASSED!!

Last Monday, A-shift Probationary Firefighters Patterson and DeSalvo passed their 2nd quarter BC Evaluation this week.

Topics covered Office Tasks, Navigation, Emergency Medical, Fire Engine Inventory, Ropes & Knots, and of course, evolutions on the drillground.

Congrats Guys!



BOC MEETING

CKFR Board of Commissioners generally holds its public meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 4:00 PM at the CKFR Administrative Building.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be held electronically on Microsoft Teams. We encourage you to view the **Board of Commissioners Electronic Meeting - October 12, 2020.**

October SLAMDUNK

Award goes to...

the members of all of our divisions.

As I look back on my almost 2 years of working at the admin building something was brought into focus for me. What I truly didn't realize was how much our jobs actually intertwine. How one person's responsibilities can cross all divisions and job descriptions. How the smallest detail to me may have a major impact to another person.

It really reaffirmed my personal philosophy of seeking input from others in order to make our jobs and this organization better. Sometimes as leaders we forget the very simple act of asking people for input, especially when it effects them, or we forget to ask how many others may be effected. Remembering to include others and asking for input is not weakness, in fact, it is just the opposite. It shows humility, caring and it solidifies the concept of team.

To represent this concept I have added a group of wildland firefighters, as this program truly displays how all of our jobs cross boundaries. There is not one division or a group that is not affected by this program in some way and without all of you this endeavor would fail. So I want to thank all of you for what you have personally taught me about being a team and how everyone plays a vital role in the success of our organization. - **Lt. Dan King**



"IT WAS VERY CHALLENGING TO DECIDE THE NEXT RECIPIENT OF THE SLAM DUNK TROPHY. EVERYONE WHO WORKS HERE IS SO DESERVING AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE ONE PERSON."



November 9th to
December 9, 2020

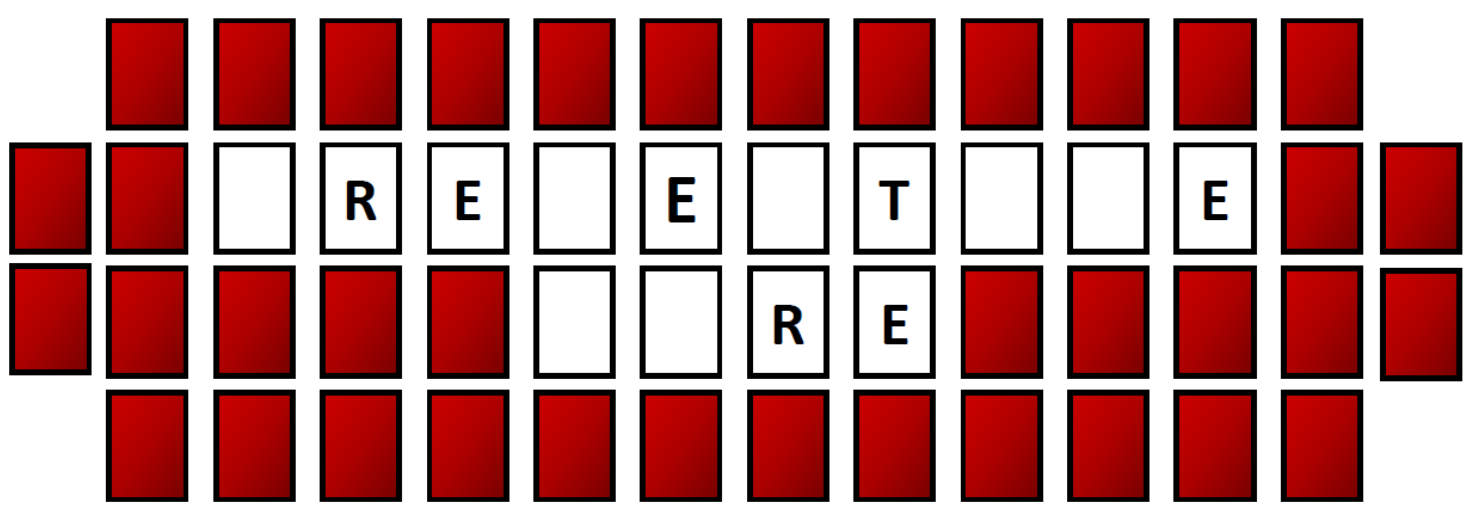
OPEN ENROLLMENT

COMING SOON



How well do you know your health benefits?
Answers revealed next week!

"Wheel of Knowledge"



Services that are 100% Covered under PPO 100 Medical Plan
(when using in-network providers)

RSTLNE

ANSWER: Weekly 10.9.2020

