

News Release...

S.A.V.E.S. the DAY rolls out the greens on 18 holes to honor those who SAVE the DAY

S.A.V.E.S. the DAY, the annual fundraiser for the Meadows Valley Emergency Services is this weekend, June 11th. This is the 10th year for this event which is dedicated to supporting the volunteers, Fire and Ambulance Services. For the first 6 years, this organization operated under the Meadows Valley Fire District and in 2008, the organization was incorporated and received their 501 (C)(3) status. The board of directors have worked hard to create an event that is fun as well as rewarding.

Putt for Life is a one-of-a-kind event for this area, Corby Dickey, SAVES board member and coordinator says, "It is a sporting event that everyone can enjoy," This year, we have 18 holes of miniature golf set up. Quality Feed, C& M Lumber Company, Battery Universe, Subway Sandwich Shop, Chevron and A & W, Road House Java and Meadows Valley Motel, Hartland Inn, Front Porch, D & D Auto Repair, The Crawford Company, Kahili Club, Brown's Mountain Market, Meadows Valley Market, Robin Michael Held, Lawn Furniture, Meadow Creek Golf Resort, Meadows Valley Spanish Club, Nelson's Machining and Manufacturing, Inc., Meadows Valley Senior Center, and the Emergency Service Building have all signed up and are eager to support this event. Pick up your scorecard at the Dorsey Warr Park, buy a patriotic hat or visor and get ready to putt. Scorecards are available from 2:00 to 3:30.

The evening event starts at 5:00pm. After the dedication ceremony at 5:30, sit down to enjoy the best BBQ dinner in town. The items for the Live auction include many home-made works of art. Larry Peterson, Fire Commissioner and SAVES Board has donated a special piece of his woodworking art. Several different kinds of wood were used in the cedar chest being offered at the live auction. A never-before printed Historical picture of Meadows Valley is another unique item as well as practical items like; a 12 yard load of gravel, 1 ton of Grass Hay, and fun items, rounds of golf or a gift basket filled with tickets and goodies for baseball fans.

Recently, the Meadows Valley Ambulance applied to Idaho State EMS to increase the level of care they can provide to Advanced. Monies provided for the advanced training and the purchasing of advanced equipment for their new knowledge and skills has been a direct result of the funds raised by this event. Mac Qualls, Chief of EMS recently purchased a 911 machine, "this is an automated machine that takes Blood Pressures, monitors pulse rate and Oxygen saturation, and having this type of machine allows that the EMT-II' have their hands free for other skills", he states.

This year one of the goals of the evening event is to raise enough monies to purchase new fire helmets for the 10 volunteer firemen. Fred Erland, volunteer firefighter, was excited to hear that the helmets being purchased this year will have LED lighting, he states, "I think my helmet is like 20 years old or something." These are just a couple of examples of the many items, scholarships, training, and Emergency Service's community involvement that are funded by this event.

This event also allows the community a chance to be introduced to our volunteers and bring awareness to what they provide. Sue Schaffer, SAVES the DAY, Board President, is retired from the Emergency Medical Services field and knows firsthand what the volunteers do, what they see, and what they live with. “I have the utmost respect for these men and women who are there for us in this small community... to answer the radio call where you grew up, where the chance of the person needing you could be a neighbor or a close friend or family, is truly a act of selflessness.” Wikipedia, defines the *hero (male) and heroine (female) and refers to characters who, in the face of danger and adversity or from a position of weakness, display courage and the will for self sacrifice—that is, heroism—for some greater good of all humanity.*

Our volunteers do not see themselves as Heroes, they live ordinary lives in our communities, work at local businesses, visit with others on the street, but there is something different about them. They have the qualities and traits that allow them to serve others. Next time you see a volunteer, a Fireman, an EMT, a friend or stranger, take a moment to thank them and may we never... *NEVER* forget the value of “a hero of daily life”.

Check out the donated website for a list of all events, times and ticket prices, Enjoy pictures of all the fun we’ve had over the past 10 years. www.avolunteersaves.com

