



EXCITING NEWS FROM THE GLEN HAVEN AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The GHAVFD Firehouse Building Committee is pleased to announce that construction on your new firehouse is about to begin. Groundbreaking on this project is scheduled for May 4, 2013.

We have received bids and have interviewed a number of contractors. After much evaluation and comparison, the contract has been awarded to Roche Select of Greeley, Colorado. They offered a very competitive bid and assisted with a great deal of value engineering which will enabled us to get the most for your generously donated dollars. We are presently securing all the appropriate permits, variances, and final approval of the building plan. Roche estimates that completion of the project will take approximately four months after the start of construction

Our fund raising efforts are on-going. To date, we have expended approximately \$106,000 to purchase the land and for engineering, architectural plans and fees. The construction bid plus the amount expected for completion of the project is estimated to be around \$400,000. We currently have \$295,000 available cash and \$12,000 in expected pledges. The board of directors has evaluated this projected shortfall and believes that with construction costs poised to increase by 5 to 7 percent in the next year, that it would be prudent to begin construction now.

We have received donations from nearly 40 percent of the residents in the GHAVFD service area which includes Glen Haven, The Retreat and property owners on County Road 43. We are confident that the remaining residents will want to join their neighbors in financially supporting this project.

With groundbreaking scheduled for May and with insufficient funds to complete construction, the board has approved a contingency funding source that will permit this project to start on time. However, we believe in the community support and hope not to need to utilize this funding source. Can you please help? If you have already made a donation, we extend our sincere and grateful thanks. If you feel you can send an additional amount it will be appreciated. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so in the next month or two. Remember that any amount(s) totaling \$500 or more will be eligible for an engraved recognition tile to be displayed on the building. For your convenience a donation form has been enclosed.

We would like to invite everyone to the groundbreaking ceremony on May 4th at 4:30 p.m. at the building site. We plan to honor all of the past GHAVFD Fire Chiefs as well as all past and present Glen Haven firefighters. The GHAVFD Auxiliary will sponsor a potluck dinner, at the Glen Haven Community Building, following the ceremony.

Thank you for your support and please plan to attend this historical event.

Sincerely,

The GHAVFD Building Committee and the GHAVFD Board of Directors