

Pinewood Springs Newsletter - February 2014

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District and the Pinewood Springs Water District of Larimer County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 6TH day of May 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, three directors will be elected to serve on the Water Board and four on the Fire Board. Eligible electors of the **Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District and the Pinewood Springs Water District** interested in serving on the Board of Directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Gabriele Benson, 31 Chieftain Court, Lyons, Co 80540, 303 823 5345. The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 303-823-5345 first to set up a time to stop by. If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on **Friday, February 28, 2014** (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submittal is encouraged, as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, March 3, 2014**.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Friday, May 2, 2014**, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014**.

If you are interested in filling the upcoming vacancies on either Board, please call or email Gabi. Then plan (if you can) to come to the next meeting scheduled for February 11 for Fire and February 26 for Water.

Water District

The Water District is happy to announce that the treatment plant is now fully functional. Thanks to all the residents that did their part to conserve water while our plant was being repaired. We are now moving on to the next flood damage repair project, the river intake, the pump station and 3 phase power. Carl scheduled a firm to begin work on clearing the vault located in the river and repairing or replacing the pumps to the pump house mid January. Unfortunately, the company cannot work in the snow. We are hoping that they might be able to restart mid February on the repair. Once this repair is finished we can again pump water to the reservoir.

We have had a few residents report a brownish tinge to their water. This is normal during this time of year. The discoloration comes from snowmelt, tannins and runoff into the river. Our water is tested on a weekly basis and meets all State Health Department requirements.

The next Water Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday February 26**, at the Firehouse, 7:00pm, back door. To be included on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting on the 4TH Wednesday call Gabi at 823-5345 or email at pswdadmin@att.net

Fire District

The Fire Department Volunteers spent several hours Saturday morning training with Vehicle Extrication Tools (commonly called Jaws of Life) and methods. The class was designed to hone our First Responders to quickly and safely extricate people trapped in accident damaged vehicles. The remains of the training car will be removed from the Fire Station area soon.

Now is also a great time to apply for burn permits for the purpose of getting rid of small slash (no flood debris). Anyone can apply online at <http://www.larimer.org/> Please carefully read the regulations and guidelines for acceptable burns, also at that site. After you have received the fully approved permit and before you plan to burn, please notify all of the following agencies: Northern Colorado Dispatch 970-295-6800; Boulder County Dispatch, 303-441-4444; Estes Park Dispatch, 970-586-4000; Pinewood Fire, 303-823-5086 and Gabi 303-823-5345.

Next Fire Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

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Road Board

Your Road Board has been evaluating the state of our Pinewood Springs roads. The good news is that the roads are in remarkably good condition considering the damage inflicted by the Flood of 2013. The improvements that Dan Cundall and Pat Little made to our roads over the last six years protected many of our roads from some of the serious damage inflicted by the floods. The current crew of Dan Cundall and John Bykerk has repaired our flood-damaged roads making them very functional. The bad news is that a lot of work remains to be done to repair and improve the water management in the ditches, culverts and even the roads. Our recent culvert inventory shows 35 of our culverts need major work including at least four culverts that are just gone, washed away. This count does not include driveway culverts that are the responsibility of the property owners. We are preparing to make a similar list on the work required to make permanent repairs to our roads and another list of drainage ditch needs. This work will be expensive and will likely take several years to complete. The board has met with the county. For now we can only count on our normal annual funds of about \$53,000 for this year. FEMA and other government funds are expected, but could take years to become fully available and it is not known how much they will cover. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, 303-895-3848. Board meetings are normally held the 1st Tuesday of the odd numbered months of the year at 7:00 PM in the Firehouse. Note that our March meeting will be held on Monday, March 3. Please enter through the back door. Donn Fairbank Donn@Pinewoods.us

Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Bible study has resumed from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. with regular church services from 10:00 - 11:00. The Soup Social after regular church services has proved to be so popular, the Church has decided to continue serving. Stop by on Sunday for a great non-denominational sermon, friendly fellowship and hot soup.

The Annual Spaghetti Fund Raiser allowed the church to donate over \$900.00 to the New Fire Station and Community Center Project. Thank you church members for a great job and thank you Pinewood residents and guests for supporting their efforts.

Property Owners Association

Little Thompson River Restoration Project- Minutes of the January 18th meeting are posted on the website www.bigthompson.org or email organizer Gordon at gordon@bigthompson.org Cell for Gordon is 970-988-6412.

Reflective green address signs are still available. Cost to members is \$8.00, \$12.00 to non-members. Call or email Gabi for more info.

The next PSPOA Board meeting is February 19th, 7:00 pm back door at the Firehouse.

New Fire Station and Community Center Project

You may have received a letter regarding the Fire Station and Community Center Project with "Flood Delayed" stamped on the envelope. The rescheduled kick-off event is this **Saturday, February 8, 2014** from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm. Join us for pizza, pie, and an official introduction to the project. See you there!