

Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter

February 1, 2012

Water District

The District would like to thank the residents that showed up to assist Carl on the Arapaho leak. Some of the volunteers were Gary Clements, John & Donna Drabousky, Don Duchow with Benny, Maggie and Toby, Donn Fairbanks, James Green, Patty Rolfe, Steve Stewart and others. Sorry we didn't get a complete list. Thanks, too, to those of you that e-mailed and called to say you would like to help, but were at work and couldn't leave and to those of you that drove by, saw all the helpers and didn't stay. Vic Mootsey arrived back in PWS later that day and helped Carl wrap up the repair and get the system back on line.

The recent series of elusive leaks (that have been fixed but were costing the District approximately 30,000 gallons of water a day) indicated a need for current phone numbers and emails for all of our customers. The Arapaho leak covered such a wide water outage area that it was impossible to try and call everyone. An email was sent to those of you that had provided email addresses. Unfortunately, this did not include everyone in the outage area. For future incidents (hopefully not many) please make sure that Gabi has a valid phone and email address.

Your water bill this month reflects the increase that was discussed and approved at the November and December meetings.

For any questions or to be included on the agenda for the next Board meeting, February 22nd, please call Gabi at 303-823-5345. The Board can be contacted by emailing all@pwswd.com.

Fire District

Please be sure to clean your chimney a few times each year if you are burning wood regularly. Creosote buildup (the fuel for a chimney fire) increases when your fire burns cool (wet or sappy wood, or "banking down" overnight).

In the wake of the Four Mile Fire, we have had some homeowners report that insurance companies are becoming more demanding with requirements for clearing away grass, brush and branches near houses. This is generally good advice and is no surprise since they took a huge financial hit. Whether you are compelled by your insurance provider or are independently interested in improving the defensible space around your house, the Fire District can conduct a survey of your property free of charge. Call the station at (303) 823-5086 and leave a message with your contact information.

The next Fire Board meeting is the 2nd Tuesday (February 14th). For information about the Fire District, please visit the web site: www.pinewoodspringsfire.org. For information on Fire Mitigation and other wildfire issues, please access the Larimer County website <http://www.larimer.org/wildfire/>

Road Board

The Road Board is preparing our work plan for this coming year looking at what road repairs are needed and allocating the budget. We will also be working with the phone company to get phone lines reburied to protect them. We are finding exposed phone wires in a number of

our drainage ditches. Please help us by reporting any exposed lines you may know of by calling our message service number shown below. Please leave a phone number so we can get more detail if needed.

As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, 895-3848. Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month (March 6th) at 7:00 PM at the Firehouse. Please enter through the back door.

Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Bible Study (Book of Romans) meets every Sunday at 9:00 am. Regular Church services are at 10:00 am.

Property Owners Association

At our next meeting we will be discussing PSPOA community projects planned for spring, summer and fall of 2012. First and foremost on our to do list, will be the proper signage for the Tubs and Crescent Lake project that was discussed last fall. We welcome other suggestions for community projects. If you have any ideas that would benefit PWS, please come to the meeting and share your thoughts.

The PSPOA is thinking about placing another order of wood pellets. If anyone is interested in ordering, please call Gabi at 823 5345 or email her at gb4949@aol.com.

The next meeting will be held on **February 15th** at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse (backdoor). We welcome your presence and your input. The PSPOA Board can be reached via email at pspoa@pwswd.com.