

# Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter February 2013

## Water District

In January, the District's Water Superintendent, Carl, repaired numerous frozen services. These frozen meters were caused by extremely low temperatures, lack of snow cover, and the water being left on with little or no water flow going through the meter. This condition causes meters to freeze and break. If your house is vacant for more than a few days, it is imperative that the water be turned off at the meter, not just in the house. This is not a complicated process. Please call Carl at 823 5926 or Gabi at 823 5345 to have your water turned off. Let them know when you want it turned back on. It is as simple as that. Frozen meters, that leak water, are wasteful and cost the District time and materials.

The reservoir level is at about 13 feet. This is half of the full mark or approximately 2 million gallons. The residents use about 30,000 gallons per day total. So if we were able to use all the water in the reservoir (not possible because of the terrain) we would have about 2 months of water left in the reservoir. The recent snow has done little to alleviate the situation. All indications point to very low snowfall over the next few months. The District is doing what it can to lease water, but that leased water, if it actually becomes available, won't be allotted to Pinewood until late May. Our water situation is still CRITICAL. Please do what you can to use water wisely, monitor your usage daily or at least weekly, fix leaky faucets and toilets in your home promptly and report any leaks you see around Pinewood.

At the Special Hearing held prior to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting, it was decided that in order to have the funds to repair or upgrade our aging distribution system and to cover the rising costs of electricity, chemicals, fuel and testing to stay in compliance with Federal clean water mandates, the Base Rate will increase from \$50.00 to \$55.00 and the System Improvement Fee will increase from \$12.79 to \$15.00 effective on the February 1<sup>st</sup> bill. There was no change made to the cost of water less than 6000 gallons. The usage fee for usage over 6000 gallons was reduced to \$3.00 per hundred gallons. But please consider yourself warned. The Board will no longer adjust your usage charge should you incur a leak. The only exception might be a line leak between the house and the meter. The Board is trying to ensure that the homeowner be responsible for keeping their plumbing in good repair and for keeping their usage under 6000 gallons per month. The fine system for multiple offenses remains the same at \$100.00 to \$500.00 dollars times the number of offenses. For a complete explanation, please refer to the District's Rules and Regulations.

To be included on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, call Gabi at 823-5345.

## Fire District

The *Fire Station and Community Center Project* group is continuing with the planning portion of the project. If you wish to lend your expertise and volunteer to help, please email Bruce McQueen at [revmcq@gmail.com](mailto:revmcq@gmail.com).

Next **Fire Board** meeting is February 12th, 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

## Auxiliary Group

The Firehouse Brigade is planning a Chili Cook-off that will be held at the Firehouse on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. See the yellow flyer enclosed in this mailing for details.

## Road Board

The road board crew has placed and filled sand barrels beside our roads at problem locations throughout Pinewood Springs. You are encouraged to spread the sand to add traction under snowy or icy conditions at intersections and on hills using the scoops placed in each barrel. If you have an old shovel, your neighbors will appreciate it if you put it out by your local sand barrel. If you notice a barrel that needs to be refilled, please call the road board message line.

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 odd numbered months of the year at 7:00 PM in the Firehouse. Next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please enter through the back door.

## Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Bible study meets at 9:00 am and regular Church services are from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. Children's Church service is also from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Easter is March 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Special Easter activities will be announced in the March newsletter.

## Property Owners Association

The PSPOA would like to welcome Teresa Koby to the Board. Teresa bravely volunteered to fill the Secretary's position. Thank you Teresa.

The next PSPOA meeting is Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse. For more information on any of the above, contact Gabi at 823-5345.