

# Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter March 2013

## Water District

Although there have been two snow storms, our reservoir level is still very low and, the Little Thompson River is on call. This means that Carl cannot take water out of the river to fill the reservoir and we won't have exchange water to fill the reservoir until June. If the drought continues we might not have exchange water at all which means the reservoir can only be filled by runoff. Pinewood residents have done a great job on cutting back their daily usage. Please continue to do so. The last time the District found it necessary to haul water was in August of 2008. At that time, the cost per hundred gallons was \$5.00 or \$150.00 for 3000 gallons plus base rate and system improvement fee. The majority of the cost goes to the trucking company. The water is inexpensive.

There is a new look to the water bills this month. The billing software that we have been using for the last 30 or so years has been upgraded to include some new features. More details next month.

To be included on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting on Wednesday, March 27th, call Gabi at 823-5345.

## Fire District

**Watch your ash!** There have been several incidents concerning hot ash from fireplaces and slash piles. Please follow these guidelines for fireplace ash. Place the ash in a metal container with lid and a weight on the lid. Place the container away from any combustible material such as house or deck. For slash pile burning, a permit is required from Larimer County. There are guidelines for when you can burn. Before you actually start the burn, you must notify the local Fire Department at 823-5086, Larimer County dispatch at 970-586-4000 and Boulder dispatch at 303-441-4444. In addition, please email Gabi at [gb4949@aol.com](mailto:gb4949@aol.com) or call at 823-5345 so she can notify the residents that the smoke they are about to see is a controlled burn and not an emergency that needs to be attended to by our local volunteers. Might save the District the expense of a false alarm call.

Five of the new volunteer firefighters and one veteran are currently taking an extensive 6-week Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course taught by Vern Miller of Trail Meds. They are being instructed on how to handle medical emergencies and patient care prior to the arrival of the ambulance and the paramedics.

The *Fire Station and Community Center Project* group is continuing with the planning portion of the project. There are several visits planned to neighboring Fire Districts with new Firehouses to discuss building needs and funding issues. If you wish to lend your expertise and would like to volunteer to help, please email Bruce McQueen at [revmccq@gmail.com](mailto:revmccq@gmail.com). Next **Fire Board** meeting is March 12th, 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

## Auxiliary Group

The Firehouse Brigade Chili Cook-off that was held at the Firehouse on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success. See the yellow flyer enclosed in this mailing for details and an announcement concerning the next event.

## Road Board

Now that we are finally getting snow the Road Board reminds you, do not park on the roads and cul-de-sacs. This is a hazard to the snowplows and other drivers. Parking in the cul-de-sacs can prevent emergency vehicles from being able to turn around, limiting emergency access and can delay response. Commuter parking is available at the Cherry Company at the mailbox end of their parking on the side away from the highway. That area is kept plowed for your use.

The next Road Board meeting is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be finalizing our 2013 budget and discussing major road projects for the year. As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, 895-3848.

## Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Easter is March 31<sup>st</sup> this year. There will be a 9AM Easter Pot Luck Brunch, the 10 AM Easter Service and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the church service.

## Property Owners Association

**Sheriff Justin Smith** will be at the next PSPOA meeting to discuss Deputy Response time, other issues and to answer any concerns from local residents. The PSPOA meeting is Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

New resident to Pinewood Springs? The Lyons Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes new residents to the greater Lyons area. Chamber members have contributed items to a welcome bag. If you recently moved here please visit the chamber website and register for your welcome bag ([lyons-colorado.com](http://lyons-colorado.com)).

The chamber invites you to check out the many chamber members in the greater Lyons area: Please support them and buy local. The chamber has monthly socials that are fun and a great way to meet others and learn about services and businesses. Check the website dates and locations.

The welcome to Lyons program is open to the greater Lyons area including Pinewood Springs. Questions? Contact chamber at 303-823-5215, [admin@lyons-colorado.com](mailto:admin@lyons-colorado.com); or Christy Crosser at [ccrosser@C2Strategies.com](mailto:ccrosser@C2Strategies.com), 303-823-5991.

For more information on any of the above, contact Gabi at 823-5345.