

**Pinewood Springs Newsletter**  
**April 2018**

**Fire District**

**Join us to celebrate the Dedication of the new Fire Station & Community Center and to honor Retired Chief Dick Wilcox on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.** with the dedication Ceremony planned for 2:15 p.m., cupcakes & punch will be available after the ceremony. Tour the buildings. Greet the firefighters. We look forward to seeing you!

Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District is participating in the **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Estes Park Duck Race** on May 5, 2018. For the \$20 duck-adoption fee, \$19 goes to the PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (circle # 63) and \$19 is a tax write-off for a nonprofit contribution. There are hundreds of merchant prizes with the two Grand Prizes valued at \$6,000 each. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, go online <https://www.epduckrace.org> or send an email to [ardean13@gmail.com](mailto:ardean13@gmail.com) or call 303-823-0250. Remember, Choose #63, Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District.

The Fire Department would like to again remind those residents planning slash burning to make sure they are familiar with, and follow all, Larimer County and PSFPD burning regulations. If you did not change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors when we made the switch to daylight savings time, please take the time to check these life-saving devices.

Also, as we move into the spring and summer months, now is a good time to start thinking about protecting your home from wildfire. You can find information about becoming "Firewise" at <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/colorados-are-you-firewise-program/>. Feel free to contact the Pinewood Springs Fire Department if you have questions or would like us to visit you to identify actions that will help protect your home from wildfire. Next Fire Board meeting is April 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

## Water District

When the ground begins to thaw, water pipes that have frozen and perhaps cracked will begin to leak. After the ground dries out a bit, watch for puddles of water or running water that isn't normally there. It could be the indication of a leaking water pipe.

Spring runoff has begun. During April and May, we will begin to see a bit of discoloration in the water we draw from the river. This is called turbidity, and comes from the water running through a pine forest and is normal for this time of year in most mountain towns. The discolored water is safe to use and meets all Health-Department standards.

Next Water Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. Meeting place to be announced. To be included on the next meeting agenda, call Gabi at 823-5345.

## Road District

The Road Board has added two new board members. Thank you to Tommye Barnett and John Lorang for volunteering to fill those vacant seats.

The Road Crew has many projects planned for 2018 including pothole repair, ditch work, small repair projects, larger-scale projects, and projects that will be done by Bladeworks.

The best way to contact the Road Board is by email at [RoadBoard@Pinewoods.us](mailto:RoadBoard@Pinewoods.us) or by calling the voice-messaging service at (303) 895-3848. All board members are notified through either method insuring the quickest response.

The next Road Board meeting is on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., hopefully in the new meeting room at the Fire Station.

## Pinewood Springs Community Church

Adult Bible study resumes April 15 with *Genesis* chapter 2. Our plan is to do a chapter per week. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss what we learned.

Sue Spencer will be in the pulpit during April and most of May. Worship is at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and conversation afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone!

### Pinewood Springs Property Owners Association

April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. is the date and time set for the Cherry Company Rezoning hearing (17-ZONE297 or 17-ZONE2297, have seen both numbers used to refer to the rezoning in County documents) and special review for Mon Cheri Weddings and Community Hall (17-ZONE2301) with Larimer County Commissioners at the Larimer County Court House, Hearing Room, first floor, 200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins. Rob Helmick, Senior planner is accepting emails at [rhelmick@larimer.org](mailto:rhelmick@larimer.org) with your thoughts on the zoning change and the special review for the Mon Cherie Community Hall. This is a very important hearing for the residents of Pinewood Springs. If the property is changed to a commercial zoning, then *any* type business can come in to Pinewood should the current owners sell the property. Please take a moment and email your thoughts on the subject. I am told that any comments that were made on the previous wedding venue, do not apply to the current rezoning request or to the new Mon Cheri Community Hall. If you care to attend, car-pooling is being planned. Please contact Diane at [diannalawyerbrook@gmail.com](mailto:diannalawyerbrook@gmail.com) to sign up.

The dry hydrant that was located in Crescent Lake is being replaced. Elliott LaBonte is working with Lyons Excavating, the fire department and the water department to get the hydrant reinstalled. We hope to be finished before spring run off.

The large ponderosa at Crescent that was damaged by the flood and subsequently died is being trimmed to lessen the danger of falling limbs. After getting two bids, Bryan Baer has been awarded the contract. We intend to leave the trunk of the tree at 15 feet or so to continue to hold the safety cabinet. It is also our intention to eventually plant a new tree in the vicinity.

The minutes from the PSPOA meetings and other documents are now being posted on the website [pwsd.com](http://pwsd.com). Please scroll down to *Community News* on the left-hand side, click on those words and then scroll down to the minutes and click there.

The next Board meeting is **Thursday, April 19th 7:00 p.m.** at the Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

### **Membership Drive**

It's dues time again for the 2018 - 2019 membership year. They are still a bargain at \$25.00. This year it is important to pay your share, because there have been a lot of expenses. Replacing the dry hydrant at Crescent Lake (\$5,000.00) will take about half of our saved funds. It is important that we install this. In the event of a fire, trucks would not have to drive back to the hydrant at the Reservoir to refill the water tanks. They could easily fill at Crescent Lake. This hydrant benefits all residents.

So, as in the past, if you pay your \$25.00 assessment in the month of May, your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate from either the Cherry Company or the Tatra. This also renews your propane membership. Please support the PSPOA!