

Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter

January 2014 -Happy New Year!

Board Elections

After the flood many of you were heard to ask, *what can I do to help?* In May of 2014, both the Water and Fire District will have Board positions available. The Fire Board will have three vacant seats and the Water Board two, maybe three, available. Any eligible elector of the Districts may stand for election. The nomination for yourself or someone else is due February 28, 2014. Forms are available online or from the Districts upon request. Please contact Gabi for more information at 303-823-5345.

Both the Water and Fire District are Special Districts, quasi-municipal corporations, and political subdivisions of the State of Colorado. Essentially they are government entities created by the residents of our community to provide essential services to our community, services which the County was unable or unwilling to provide. In Pinewood Springs's case, those are potable water and fire-protection services. These districts are created by us and operated by us, for the benefit of our community and us, and they require our participation to function effectively.

The Districts are governed by five-member Boards of Directors who hold monthly meetings. Decisions regarding the operation and management of the Districts are made by a quorum of the directors at the Boards' public meetings. If the Community cannot fill the positions, the County has the authority to appoint directors to fill the vacancies.

I strongly urge everyone who wanted to help to consider a position on one of the Boards. It doesn't require a lot of your time. You must attend monthly meetings. The Fire District meets the second Tuesday of every month; the Water Board the third Wednesday. The longest meeting last year was around two or so hours. You must be willing to learn about the District and do some research if any issues come up. It would be helpful for directors filling the Treasurers' positions to possess financial and accounting knowledge, but free training can be provided to any member of the Board willing to step into the role. The rest of the positions don't require any special abilities, just the willingness to help.

If you are interested in filling the upcoming vacancies on either Board, please call Gabi (303-823-5345) or e-mail her (pswdadmin@att.net) to fill out an application. Then plan (if you can) to come to the next meeting scheduled for January 14th for Fire, and January 22nd for Water.

Water District

Good news, Carl and our Filtration System Engineer have fixed the damaged filtration unit. It has been functioning well and processing water since just before Christmas. The undamaged unit developed a leak and required new parts and Carl will repair that unit the week of January 6th. The treatment plant should be fully functional by the end of the week and Carl can concentrate on filling our storage tanks. Everything with the exception of the damaged river intake, the pump station, and three-phase power will be back to normal shortly.

At the Special Hearing held prior to the November Board meeting, the Board voted to raise the rates by the previous financial advisors recommended amount of \$3.00. The increase will go toward Water District's long-term projects such as the storage tank rehabilitation project, which is estimated, to cost \$221,000.00. For a list of all the District's long term needs, please call Gabi at 303-823-5345.

As a result of the above approved rate increase, there will be changes made to the Water District's Rules and Regulations at the January 22nd meeting.

The next Water Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday January 22**, at the Firehouse, 7:00 p.m.; please enter through the back door. To be included on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting on THE 4TH Wednesday, call Gabi at 823-5345 or e-mail her at pswdadmin@att.net

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Fire District

Pinewood Fire lost one of it's own on December 29th. Lieutenant Pierre Perney, a 17-year veteran of PSFPD passed away after a brief battle with a sudden respiratory illness. Services were held in Estes Park on Saturday, January 4th. Pierre was a dedicated pillar of our fire department and his friendship, expertise, and contributions to the community are sorely missed. Pierre will be difficult to replace in our department, and impossible to replace in our hearts.

Next Fire Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse.

Road Board

The PWS Road Board thanks George Lorman for his contributions on the Board for the last several years. During his tenure (he is now retired) he has doggedly pursued special assignments to successful completion and actively contributed at our Board meetings. John Bykerk has been recommended to the Larimer County Board of

Directors to replace George. (The Road Board is not a Special District like Fire and Water and their Board Members have to be appointed by the County.) John has been working on our road crew since the flood and will bring additional skills to the board. Thank you George; thank you John. As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, 895-3848.

Board meetings are normally held the 1st Tuesday of the odd-numbered months of the year at 7:00 p.m. in the Firehouse. Please enter through the back door. **Next meeting, however, is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th.** The meeting in March is Tuesday, March 4th.

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. Fellowship gathering after church includes soup and other goodies!

Mark your calendars! The annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the Fire Department has been rescheduled and will take place on **January 11, 2013 from about 6:00 to 7:00 at the Church** located at 260 Buttonrock Rd. Bring a dessert to share if you wish. The Spaghetti Supper is free for anyone who wants to come. All proceeds from donations will be given to the Fire Department. Come by the Church and enjoy great spaghetti and even better fellowship for a very worthy cause.

Pinewood Springs Association

Little Thompson River Restoration Project—Please plan to attend a public meeting to learn more about the restoration of the entire Little Thompson River and the formation of a coalition to champion the work. The meeting details are: DATE: Saturday, January 18, 2014; TIME: 10:30-to- 12:00 p.m.; PLACE: Berthoud Community Center, 248 Welch Ave, Berthoud, Colorado. You can also follow the restoration work on the website www.bigthompson.org—The Big Thompson Conservation District Board includes: Gordon Gilstrap, President; W.R. (Bill) Markham, Nathan Stoffregen, William Zawacki; and Lisa Butler, District Manager. *E-mail: gordon@bigthompson.org, cell: 970-988-6412.*

The next PSPOA Board meeting is January 15th; enter through the back door at the Firehouse.

New Fire Station and Community Center Project

Many of you know about the Fire Station and Community Center Project. The Project Committee had prepared a September 12th letter for mailing to announce the kick-off event for the campaign of this Project. But you all know what happened. The letters were never mailed and there was no event. Now, we have decided to mail those letters in January and announce the rescheduled kick-off for **Saturday, February 8, 2014**. We hope you will join us. Details will follow soon.