

Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter

January 1, 2011

Water District

At the November Special Hearing, advertised and open to the public, changes were made to the Rules and Regulations concerning water rates for 2011. The bill's due date was also changed. **Please be aware that your payment is due upon receipt of your bill and past due after the 24th.** The late charge is now \$3.00 if a bill is not paid in the month it is received.

The water bill is made up of 3 parts, the base rate and the actual cost per gallon of water (both of which are applied to all of the costs of making, storing and having treated water available when needed), the system improvement fee (which goes toward the improvement and maintenance of the system). There has not been a base rate fee increase for approximately 10 years. In fact, in January of 2004 the base rate was \$52.00 and the System Improvement fee (SIF) was \$8.00 for a total of **\$60.00**. That was lowered in February of that year to \$53.00. The cost of water did increase slightly from 10 cents per 100 gallons to 30 cents per hundred gallons at that same time. In 2005 the Board again lowered the base rate and SIF fees to \$42.00 and \$6.15 for a total of **\$48.15**. **This was a decrease in your bill of \$11.85 from previous years.**

This year, due to the economy, much higher costs from our suppliers and an increase in the number of State mandated water quality tests required, the Board finds it necessary to increase the fees associated with making water and repairing and maintaining the water system. Beginning with the February 1st bill, the base rate will increase to \$50.00 and the SIF will increase to \$8.25 for a total of \$58.25. This is still less than the 2004 rate! The water per gallon charge will go up to 50 cents per 100 gallons for the first 3000 gallons and then 75 cents for the next 3000 gallons. Example: usage of 3000 gallons will result in your bill increasing from \$57.15 to \$73.25. Any usage over the State's 6000-gallon limit will be \$10.00 per 100 gallons. The fine system will remain the same: 6001 to 7000 gallons, a \$100.00 fine, 7001 to 9000 gallons, a \$250.00 fine and usage over 9001 gallons, a \$500.00 fine. All of these fines are multiplied by the number of times the customer has gone over 6000 gallons.

For any questions or to be included on the agenda for the next Board meeting (Jan 26th), please call Gabi at 303 823 5345.

The Board can be contacted by emailing all@pwswd.com.

Fire District

The PSFPD would like to thank PWS residents Jerry and Diane Paxton for their very generous donation of a great cook stove for the Firehouse kitchen. The Fire District and residents that use the kitchen greatly appreciate your gift!

For information about the Fire District, please visit the web site: www.pinewoodspringsfire.org.

Road Board

BE AWARE OF THE SNOW PLOWS! While plowing the drivers vision can be severely limited by the blowing snow and by icing of the windows. When clearing intersections, the plows are frequently stopping, backing and maneuvering. Please give them plenty of room and be aware of their activity.

Thanks to the commuters who often park on Deer Lane for using the parking space at the Colorado Cherry Company. The Road Board is keeping parking space plowed for our commuters to the North of the Cherry Company Store. There is a sketch on the main bulletin board showing where to park.

Please report any road problems or requests to the Roads message service, (303) 895-3848. Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month (Jan 4th) at 7:00 PM at the Firehouse. Please enter through the back door.

Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Bible study starts at 9:00 am and Sunday school for the children starts at 10:00 a.m. Regular Church services are also at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings.

Property Owners Association

Thanks to everyone that came to the Crescent Lake rehab session in December. Art and crew placed sand around the beach area and sculpted the empty lakebed.

The PSPOA is looking for a new Board member. If you are interested, please come to the next meeting to be held on **January 19th** at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse (backdoor). Meetings generally last about an hour and everyone is invited to attend. We welcome your input and ideas!

Reflective house number signs are still available. They are \$8.00 for paid members and \$12.00 for non-paid members. Ordered signs are ready in about a week. Contact Gabi to place an order. The PSPOA Board can be reached via email at pspoa@pwswd.com.