

# Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter July 1, 2011

## Water District

Enclosed in this month's bill is an information pamphlet on Backflow Prevention. It is imperative that you have your home inspected. For those of you that are summer residents, please call Carl (823-5926) this summer for advice on what to look for and how to arrange for an inspection. This is a new ruling enforced by the State Health Department. Penalties for non-compliance include shutting down our water system. For more information please access these two web page documents:

[http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/DrinkingWater/pdf/cross\\_connection\\_control.pdf](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/DrinkingWater/pdf/cross_connection_control.pdf)

<http://www.pwsd.org/pdf/Safety/Article12-HazardousCrossConnection.pdf>

For any questions or to be included on the agenda for the next Board meeting (July 27th), please call Gabi at 303-823-5345. The Board can be contacted by emailing [all@pwsd.com](mailto:all@pwsd.com).

## Fire District

The next Fire Board meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (July 12th). For information about the Fire District, please visit the web site: [www.pinewoodspringsfire.org](http://www.pinewoodspringsfire.org). For information on Fire Mitigation and other wildfire issues, please access the Larimer County website <http://www.larimer.org/wildfire/>

## Road Board

The PWS Road Board got 76 responses to our survey asking if you would support the proposed three mil increase to make more improvements to the Pinewood Springs public roads. Thank you. There were 37 yes responses, 19 no responses and 20 maybes. There were many comments with the most common question asking for more information on what the money would be used for. I will give you some general comments on that this month. Next month we will present to you a summary of our budget.

Our 2011 budget is \$54,600. Eighty percent of that (\$44,200) comes from our real estate taxes. Essentially all of the real estate tax is spent on maintenance and upgrading of our nearly nine miles of Pinewood Springs public roads. These tax dollars are not used to maintain the roads that Larimer County is responsible for within Pinewood Springs, including part or all of Kiowa, Arapaho, Mohawk, Deer and Apache. We are paid a fee by Larimer County to plow those roads in the winter. Additional income from other fees and road taxes cover our expenses for insurance, equipment maintenance and replacement, fuel and fees.

Over the last several years our priorities have been, first, the maintenance of the roads including snow plowing, repairing potholes and keeping drainage ditches and culverts open. Our second priority has been to upgrade the existing roads with improvements in the road base and water management. Roads have been selected for upgrading based on a number of criteria including the number of properties served by the road, the condition of the road, the cost of the improvements and, the maintenance cost of the road. Once a road has been upgraded it is more durable, significantly reducing the maintenance cost on that road. An upgraded road is also safer and more pleasant to drive on, making Pinewood Springs a more desirable place to live and own property.

As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Roads message service, (303) 895-3848. Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday (July 5<sup>th</sup>, Aug 2nd) at 7:00 PM at the Firehouse. Please enter through the back door.

## Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Vacation Bible school was a great success, and we believe that the children learned many lessons. They all had fun with various crafts and activities which included making walking sticks to take on a hike to the Quarry for a picnic.

A big thank you to all who have donated money or groceries to our Pinewood Pantry. We are hoping to have it fully stocked not later than the end of August. However, if there is a need by anyone sooner, please contact the church at 303-823-6272. If anyone would like to drop off a donation of non-perishable items, we are still accepting donations on Sunday after regular services.

Sunday worship is at 10:00 a.m. There is no Adult Bible Study or Children's Church during the summer months, but the classes will resume after Labor Day.

## Property Owners Association

PSPOA ended their fiscal year on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues for the 2011-2012 year were due June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet paid, please drop a check in the water drop slot at the firehouse or mail to PSPOA, 61A Kiowa Lyons, CO 80540. Remember, you must be a paid member to participate in the various co-ops.

The drawing for the early pay gift certificate was held at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The lucky winners were Marshall and Norma Prince.

Green reflective house number signs are still available. These are recommended by the Fire Department so, in case of an emergency, they may easily locate your house at night. Signs are still \$8.00 for paid members.

Please come to the next meeting to be held on **July 20th** at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse (backdoor). We welcome your presence and your input. The PSPOA Board can be reached via email at [pspoa@pwsd.com](mailto:pspoa@pwsd.com).