

# Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter May 2013

## Water District

Several of our customers have reported a yellow tinge to the water. It's a result of the heavy spring runoffs after the recent snows. The water has been treated according to state standards and has passed all required state mandated testing. It's safe to drink. The 2012 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report is included in this mailing.

The Pine Beetles fly sometime the end of June. We would like to remind everyone thinking about spraying insecticide on their trees, that the reservoir and the Little Thompson River are open water supplies and therefore are susceptible to chemicals sprayed in the air. Because our tanks have vents that need to be closed prior to anyone spraying in the valley, please let us know if you intend to spray. The chemicals used by spraying companies are highly toxic to aquatic life, cats and could cause significant problems for our water if mishandled. Some of the spraying guidelines were not consistently followed in the past, resulting in concerns from the residents, employees and Board of Directors. The dispersion agent used in the spray that causes it to stay on the trees is flammable and remains on the trees for an extended period, potentially causing an increase in the flammability of the trees themselves. We ask that you consider a safer method of pine beetle control.

Many of you have asked about the recent snowfalls and the reservoir. The Little Thompson is still on "call". That means that people living downstream that have water rights senior to PWS have the right to the water that is flowing through Pinewood at this time. We **CAN** pump water needed to sustain PWS according to the 1975 augmentation plan. We **CANNOT** fill the reservoir from the river (while on call) because the reservoir water rights are only several years old and therefore junior to most everyone downstream. The reservoir level is now at 18ft. Some of the water captured was "out of priority" (captured from runoff while the river was on call) and therefore may have to be released.

This release would be governed by Colorado Water Law and enforced by the Larimer County Water Commissioner.

To be included on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd, call Gabi at 823-5345.

## Fire District

Free wildfire mitigation assessments are available. Please call the fire station at 823-5086 and leave a message or email Josh Thompson at [jtomsn@yahoo.com](mailto:jtomsn@yahoo.com). Next **Fire Board** meeting is May 14th, 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

## Auxiliary Group

Over 30 women gathered on Sunday for the Spring's Spring Fling. The event raised over \$700.00. The funds will go toward ancillary cost of the Firehouse project. More information in the next Breez-E.

## Road Board

WHO MAINTAINS PINWOOD SPRING'S ROADS? When Pinewood Springs was originally developed there were no standards the developer had to meet for the roads and no provisions were established for their maintenance.

Around 1975 the voters of PWS voted for the establishment of a General Improvement District (GID#2) to collect real estate taxes for the general maintenance and improvement of our

roads. Around that time the county upgraded some of our roads to county standards, including parts of Kiowa, Apache, Mohawk and Deer. The county maintains the upgraded portions of those roads, not the PWS Road Board. We, primarily using taxes collected by the county for the GID, maintain all of the rest of our roads. Officially, we are an advisory board to the county and we work under their control and restrictions. The county does pay us to plow the their portions of the above mentioned roads. We also receive a small amount of money from road taxes. The mil levy on our properties in PWS has changed once since inception in 1995 to the current rate. The average PWS household payment to plow and maintain our roads is about \$12 per month.

Over the years, we have purchased our own equipment so that we can do most of the maintenance ourselves. Rebuilding of roads and maintenance requiring larger equipment is contracted out. Since we cannot borrow, we set a portion of each year's budget aside for the purchase and replacement of equipment.

The PWS Road Board is unique in Larimer County in the amount of the work we perform ourselves. Our roads are better maintained at a much lower cost per mile than any of the other GID's.

If you have additional questions, please ask. You can leave a message on our message line, ask one of the board members or visit one of our meetings. As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, [895-3848](tel:895-3848) The May meeting has been moved to Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pinewood Springs Community Church News**

Vacation Bible School is being planned for June. Watch for more information on dates and time. Regular church services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. Bible study continues until Memorial Day.

### **Property Owners Association**

The PSPOA Annual Meeting is Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Sheriff Justin Smith will be present to discuss Pinewood issues. Light refreshments will be served.

Since June 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of the PSPOA's new fiscal year, dues are payable on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>. As in years past, those residents paying their dues during the month of May will have their names entered in a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate from either the Colorado Cherry Company or the Villa Tatra. Winner's choice.

**To get the Amerigas or Northern discount, you must be a PAID member of PSPOA by June 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.**

Many of you have asked about Beetle block applications. I am taking preliminary orders. The pheromone patches come in packs of 10 applications for around \$70.00. One application covers all trees within a 20 ft radius of the tree to which it is applied. Large landmark trees require two or more patches. The pricing will probably be the same as last year depending on the number of total applications ordered.

For more information on any of the above, contact Gabi at 823-5345 or [gb4949@aol.com](mailto:gb4949@aol.com).