

March 2014 Pinewood Springs Newsletter

Water District

The vault in the river and the pump station vault have been cleaned and examined. The filters located in the pump station were damaged. New ones have been ordered. Next step, restore the 3-phase power to the pumping station and reestablish the pipeline from the vault to the pump station. This will complete our river to reservoir connection. It is important to get this connection completed before the usual dry, sunny season starts (mid-June to the end of September). Since the flood, the District has been using water from the Reservoir. At this time it remains icy and almost full.

Carl has been working closely with the District engineer, Aaron Asquith on river restoration in and around the treatment plant. Aaron will also be consulting with the PSPOA and involved residents about Crescent Lake restoration.

The next Water Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, at the Firehouse, 7:00 P.M., 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 email pswdadmin@att.net

Fire District

You've got until the end of March to take advantage of getting an open burn permit for disposal of mitigation slash. Conditions permitting, now's a good time to finish off those piles of cured branches you've been collecting. Here's where you start <http://larimer.org/burnpermit/>

After you have received the fully approved permit and before you plan to burn, please notify all of the following agencies: Estes Park Dispatch, 970-586-4000, Pinewood Fire, 303-823-5086 and/or Gabi, 303-823-5345.

Because of the possible long delays due to road construction both east and west of Pinewood via Hwy 36, the Fire Department would like to remind everyone to use caution in and around your home. Ambulances could be delayed and at this time of year weather could ground emergency medical helicopters. Additional fire protection support could be delayed as well.

Next Fire Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

Board Member Election

Good news! As of the close of business on February 28, both the Fire and the Water District have received enough self-nomination forms to fill all the vacant positions on both Boards. No write in forms were received by

the close of business on Monday March 3rd, so the election has been canceled and the self-nominated volunteers are deemed elected by popular acclaim.

New Fire Station and Community Center Project

There was a very positive kickoff at the Cherry Company. Our apologies to those who couldn't get in because of the crowd; we just don't have a large enough indoor venue to accommodate everyone. Fire station open houses will be coming when the weather improves. But we have begun the *two-year campaign* to raise \$400,000 to build a much-needed fire station and community center. We have raised over \$97,000 and anticipate passing the \$100,000 milestone shortly with new donations and monthly pledges. If you haven't joined in, would you consider being a part this campaign? We are fortunate and thankful for our firefighters and that we can make this investment for our community. We are happy to answer your questions and you can contact us through the fire district website: pinewoodspringfire.org. Thank You!

W. Bruce McQueen, Fire Board Director

Road Board

The County has recently informed the Road Board that our budget for 2014 would be almost 25% less than it has been in recent years due to

reduced property appraisals. Our maintenance needs this year are much higher due to the flood damage. As a result our maintenance for 2014 will be focused on culverts and water management to minimize additional damage to our roads. We will have minimal funds available for other road maintenance and repair and our road-rebuilding program will be put on hold.

Larimer County mil levies for road Public Improvement Districts (PID's) are as follows: Estes Park Estates, 10.878 but approved up to 19.357; Little Valley, 10.00 approved up to 19.357; Meadowdale Hills, 5.77 but PID does not pay for snow removal; Venner Ranch, 12.00 approved up to 19.00; Charles Heights, 8.948; Storm Mountain, 20.00; Carriage Hills, 4.000 but needs increase, have some paved roads but no money to repair them; Eagle Rock Ranches, 12.00 approved up to 15.00; Pinewood Springs, 5.00. We will be asking PWS residents to approve a rate of 10 mils. All of these communities have mountainous gravel roads. As shown, some of the PID's are approved for a higher rate than they are using.

As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, 303-895-3848. Board meetings are normally held the 1st Tuesday of the odd numbered months of the year at 7:00 P.M. in the Firehouse. May's meeting tentatively scheduled for May 6th. Please enter through the back door.

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. Social time follows in the fellowship hall after the service. The Church is located at 260 Button Rock Rd. (old gate 6) Phone 303-823-6272.

Property Owners Association

Work has begun on reclaiming the land that the flood wiped out in the Crescent Lake area. Board members and concerned residents are working together with the Water District on a design for the new and improved recreational lake and picnic area. The Lake was a valuable asset and belongs to all Pinewood residents. We welcome your input and your help. The next PSPOA Board meeting is March 19th, 7:00 pm back door at the Firehouse.

Reflective green address signs are still available. Cost to paid members is \$8.00, \$12.00 to non-paid members. Call or email Gabi for more info.

2014 Community Forestry Sort Yard Schedule for Meeker, Allenspark, and Nederland

Both the Nederland and the Meeker/Allenspark sort yards will be open four days per week, all summer long, from early May through October 18.

Meeker/Allenspark: Opens May 1 and closes on Oct. 18

Nederland: Opens May 7 and closes on Oct. 18

Days of operation for both yards: Open Wed. through Sat., Closed: Sun., Mon., and Tues. Holiday Closure on July 4, 5. Spring snowfall might push back the opening dates. There may be additional closures during the season dependent upon weather, staff training, and administrative requirements. Call 303-678-6368 to ensure that we are open before hauling in a load of material. Visit our Sort Yard webpage for more information:

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/property/forest/pages/fhsortyards.aspx>

Upcoming Pinewood Events:

Flood Book, Circus and One year Flood Anniversary Gathering. Watch for details in a later newsletter.