

Pinewood Springs Water District Newsletter - November 2012

Water District

Water Shortage Alert: The reason for building the reservoir was to keep Pinewood supplied with raw water during the times the river dried up and until the autumn rains or snows replenished the river. This dry spell historically has lasted from mid July until early to mid September. This year the river dried up in early June. We have had extremely hot temperatures and little or no moisture. And since that time, we have been pumping water from the reservoir. The current level is at 20 feet and dropping quickly. The reservoir was designed to hold approximately 9 months of water for the subdivision depending on daily usage, evaporation and leaks. We are currently beginning month number six. Unless we get some measurable moisture soon (and with the current daily usage), there is a possibility that we will have to start hauling water from Longmont by February. The Water Board of Directors asks that water customers be very careful with water usage at this time. Fix all leaky toilet flaps and drippy faucets as soon as possible. Take shorter showers, turn the water off when brushing teeth or shaving, don't clean vegetables or dishes under running water, make sure to do full loads of laundry and dishes. If we all try to conserve a bit, we might be able to make it through the next few months without having to haul. Hopefully we will get some measurable moisture to refill the reservoir soon.

A **Special Hearing** to review the Proposed 2013 Budget will precede the November 28th Board meeting. Copies available. To be included on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting on Wednesday, November 28th, call Gabi at 823-5345.

Fire District

As of August 8, Larimer County is not under any fire restrictions. Updated fire restrictions can be found on the Larimer County Virtual Courthouse (<http://www.larimer.org/>). Backyard campfires would be allowed in specifically constructed fireplaces (with screens), but campfire rings are unacceptable.

Now is also a great time to apply for burn permits for the purpose of getting rid of small slash. Piles should be no larger than 10 ft diameter and 6 feet high, with fuel diameter less than 6 inches (no trash or construction materials). Anyone can apply online at <http://www.larimer.org/>.

New Firehouse Project Planning Committee

The New Firehouse Project Planning Committee (NFPPC) will tentatively be meeting on the 19th of November concerning the building of a new fire station. The Committee still needs volunteers on several committees for this project. Please contact Bruce McQueen, 823-0232 or come to the next **NFPPC** meeting (November 19th) if you are interested.

Road Board

The road crew has completed preparations for snowy, wintry weather. Snow fences are in place, snow poles have been placed and the equipment is ready to go. Again this year, the Cherry Company lot will be available for commuter parking needs. Please use the mailbox end of

their lot. Do not park on the roads, as this is a hazard to other drivers and to the plow drivers and equipment.

Be aware of our snowplows and give them extra room. The plows are often backed up and visibility is often limited. By having our own Pinewood Springs crews and equipment we are able to get our roads cleared much earlier than we would with the county or an outside service. Larimer County rules do however require a minimum of 4 inches of snow before we plow.

As always, please report any road problems or requests to the Road Board message service, 895-3848. Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the odd numbered months of the year at 7:00 PM in the Firehouse. Please enter through the back door.

Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Bible study meets at 9:00 am and regular Church services are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. Children's Church service is also from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Property Owners Association

The PSPOA is taking orders for a possible second Pellet delivery later this year. For more information contact Gabi at 823-5345.

Green reflective address signs are still available. Make sure emergency personnel can locate your house in the dark. Cost is \$8.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members.

Due to the holidays, there will be no PSPOA meeting in November. The PSPOA Board can be reached via email at pspoa@pwswd.com or 823-5345.