

Pinewood Springs - July 2021 - Newsletter

Water District - pswd.com-303-823-5345

A planned tank cleaning and much needed repair of one of our storage tanks on Elk Road will begin on Tuesday, July 6th. If you live on the southside of the highway or on Buttonrock Road, expect outages, low pressure, and air in your lines on July 6th beginning at 9:00 a.m. for most of the day.

Next Water Board meeting will be held on **July 28th, at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. To be included on the next agenda call, 303-823-5345, or email Gabi (pswdadmin@att.net)

Please report all water emergencies anytime to 303-823-5345.

Pinewood Springs Fire Station & Community Center - pinewoodspringsfire.org

A Defensible Space Survey may be requested by accessing the Fire Protection District website <https://www.pinewoodspringsfire.org/> where there is also excellent defensible space mitigation information. The next Fire Board meeting is **Wednesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Please check the bulletin board at the Fire Station for more information on whether this meeting will be held virtually or in person.

Road District

Pinewood Springs Road Board meeting is the first Tuesday of even months. We anticipate meeting in person at the Community Room at the Fire Department, starting in August. If you have road concerns, please contact Pat Dewey - 823-5024

The Next Road board meeting will be at **7:00 p.m. on August 3rd.**

Pinewood Springs Community Church -303-823-6272

This month Pinewood Springs Community Church will have Nancy D'Ippolito, Jason Morgan, and for the final Sunday, Samuel Adams in the pulpit. We are also excited to announce a return to fellowship after church! This will begin with our **July 11th** service. We so look forward to opening Fellowship Hall again and welcoming everyone in.

We wish everyone a Happy 4th of July and encourage all to stay safe during all their fun activities! We will have worship every Sunday beginning at 10am (including the 4th!).

Pinewood Springs Property Owners Association - 303-823-5345

If you do not have a box at the highway and want one, please let us know. 303-823-5345. It is important that you fill out Form PS4232 and drop it in the USPS mail slot. <https://about.usps.com/forms/ps4232.pdf> to reserve your box. There is still a vacancy on the Board. Please consider volunteering.

The next Board meeting is **Wednesday, July 21st, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**. For more information, please access our website at pinewoodspringsPOA.com

Last call: PSPOA & Propane Association Membership

Amerigas & Polar Gas want the new paid member list by July 31. Pay now or miss out.

Membership Drive for new year-June 1, 2021 until May 31, 2022

Please drop a check for \$25.00 (for the year), include your contact info **with email addresses**, in the water drop box by the Bulletin Board or send payment to PSPOA, 61 Kiowa Rd, Lyons, CO 80540. Online payments can be made at <https://pinewoodspringspoa.com/>.

Name _____ Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Fire Department approved reflective green address sign available for additional \$10.00. _____

July Tip of the Month: Defensible Space Survey

The Pinewood Springs area is a high-hazard fire environment during summer and fall due to hot, dry and windy conditions. The "Home Ignition Zone" (HIZ) is a concept based on research into how homes catch fire due to the effects of radiant heat (for example, from an approaching wildfire). The HIZ is divided into three subdivisions:

1. The "immediate zone" within 5 feet of any exterior surface of the house. Eliminate combustible materials as completely as possible.
2. The "intermediate zone" from 5 to 30 feet from the exterior of the house. Use landscaping and hardscaping to create firebreaks that decrease the intensity of a fire.
3. The "extended zone" from 30 to 100 feet or more, depending on terrain and ground cover. Take steps to interrupt a fire's path to keep it small and on the ground.

(Source: <https://nfpa.org>)

The extended zone around a structure ranges up to 200 feet depending on slope and vegetation. The steeper the slope the more rapidly fire spreads, and dry or dead vegetation and combustible house roofing provide fuel for a fire. Small flames and embers (which can be carried over a mile by the wind) have been shown to be the main sources of ignition in a wildfire.

In the Cold Springs/Nederland Fire of July 9-12, 2016, all twenty-one homes compliant with mitigation principles survived intact, while none of the twenty structures destroyed had been subject to mitigation measures. The Wildfire Partners "Home Survival Success Stories" video states, "Home survival depends on comprehensive, effective mitigation, not luck." <https://nfpa.org>

A Defensible Space Survey may be requested on the Fire Protection District website <https://www.pinewoodspringsfire.org/> where there is also excellent fire mitigation information. The video "Burning Down The House" explains how flammable debris against the house can ignite and, in the absence of intervention, continue to burn until all combustible material, including the house itself, is consumed.

It is **NOT PERMITTED** to burn slash from April to October at elevations above 6000', which includes the Pinewood Springs and Estes Park Estates area. A burn permit from Larimer County is required from October to April, but approval

must be sought and obtained from the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District as well before commencing any burning. Go to <https://www.larimer.org/> and enter "burn permits" in the search window. See also the "Open Flame Policy" that applies to all properties within the PSFPD on the bulletin board at the mailboxes or <http://www.pinewoodspringsfire.org/>.

Boulder County has locations for FREE drop off of limbs, slash, pinecones, and other sorted materials. See <https://www.bouldercounty.org/property-and-land/forest-health/>.

More information? See Resident Handbook at <https://pinewoodspringspoa.com/> or the Fire Protection District website, listed above.