

Pinewood Springs Newsletter June 2014

Water District

Flood update: The Water District is still approximately 6 to 8 weeks away from being able to repair the weir, the collection gallery, and the pumps and pipelines in the river. Spring runoff has caused the river to split and run through the area that needs to be reconstructed. This repair is vital because it's the supply line to the reservoir. Without it we have no way of replacing the water we are using. The good news is the abundance of precipitation has kept the reservoir full for now.

While waiting for the river dry down, Carl has been busy meeting the new EPA standards concerning lead in water meters. Since June of 2013 he has replaced 203 of the Districts 284 residence meters. If your remote (that little box on the post) looks like it has stopped registering, then you probably have a new lead free meter. To read your meter you will have to look in the pit at the actual meter. Carl reads the meters on the 1st day of the month even if it's Sunday or a holiday. The usage is for the previous month. I do billing on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the month. The bills are typically mailed on the 4th and payment is due by the 24th. Due to the meter change out, we've been experiencing a pesky software glitch in the billing program that reports the incorrect reading date, but the usage amount is not affected. Sorry for the inconvenience!

The Consumer Confidence Water Quality report is included in this mailing. If you have any questions, please call Carl at the Treatment Plant at 823-5926 or Gabi in the Water District office at 823-5345.

The Water District would like to remind everyone, especially the newcomers, that our water augmentation plan does not allow for any outside water usage. This includes among other things, washing your car, watering flowers and trees and power washing your house.

The next Water Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday June 25th**, at the Firehouse, 7:00 pm, 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 at pswdadmin@att.net

Fire District

Water flow through the Little Thompson River is currently fluctuating at relatively high levels, changing daily with rain fall and snow pack melt rates, and producing high water velocities. We may have many more weeks of this occurring before average flows begin to reduce. Please be extra cautious with children and pets around the river, especially around culvert intakes and where smooth rock faces can be wet and very slippery. Also be mindful of culvert road crossings and watch for any signs of road edge or surface erosion. If you notice that culverts are at 100% of their capacity and/or erosion is occurring around the culverts or the road surface then please inform the Pinewood Road District and the Fire Department immediately. Call 911 if necessary to report imminent or observable failure and do not drive across such compromised crossings.

Next Fire Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

Highway 36 Update

The ACC construction crew should be finished with their portion of the repair to Hwy 36 by the end of this week depending on weather. Another company will begin repaving the highway the following week. Signage and guardrails will follow that portion of the repair. The detour through Apple Valley is supposed to happen in July. I have not heard anything more about special passes for Pinewood residents, but will let everyone know as soon as I know.

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Road Board

The Road Board has received a number of reports of problems, particularly problems with plugged culverts, silted-in ditches and erosion in our roads as a result of the recent heavy rains. We are working to repair the most threatening damage first. This would include some of the erosion we had on Cree Court near the water plant that threatened to close the river crossing. We are now working on repairs particularly where the damages represent safety hazards or threaten to get significantly worse in the event of more rain. Our crew is putting in extra hours to make repairs as quickly as we can. Jon Andrews has been very generous in giving us access to his mini-excavator and skid steer loader. These have been a huge help to us in making repairs and replacing culverts and repairs. Thank you Jon!

Even before the recent rains, we had developed a complete inventory of all our culverts and the condition of each one, including a number of culverts that were washed away in last Fall's flood. We have been cleaning and replacing culverts and are keeping the inventory up to date as we are working and conditions change. Be assured that we are working hard to repair the damage as quickly as we can with the resources available to us.

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 PM in the Firehouse. July's meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 1st. Please enter through the back door.

Property Owners Association

Please use caution around the TUBS area. Flow is very heavy right now and due to the flood, large boulders have been washed into the upper tub. As soon as the water level decreases, work will begin to attempt to remove this hazard.

The yearly \$25.00 assessment for the Property Owners Association is due by June 30th. There is a small change this year. Both propane co-ops, Amerigas and Polar Gas want the paid member list on July 1st. Anyone who has not paid their membership at that time will not be eligible for the discount.

Next PSPOA meeting is June 18th, 7:00PM, at the Fire Station. Enter through back door.

Pinewood Springs Community Church News

Adult Bible study starts at 9 am with a possible topic of *Gifts of the Spirit*. Service follows at 10 am. After church please join us for a soup lunch. We'd love to welcome you!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held in July. The next newsletter will contain more information. The Church is located at 260 Button Rock Rd. (old gate 6) Phone 303-823-6272.

Up Coming Pinewood Events

SAVE THE DATES

August 2, 2014

Ignite/ Cirque du Fire
Fun for the whole family!

September 13, 2014

One year Flood Anniversary Event
More details to come

and

A commemorative Flood Book just about Pinewood Springs!!!!

All are fundraisers for the new Fire Station and Community Center Project.