



HOT TOPICS

PSFPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRINGTIME IN PINEWOOD

Springtime is in the air in Pinewood Springs bringing us spring flowers, spring cleaning, snow one day and sunshine the next. Spring also means increased tourist traffic on US 36, and the frustrations that come along with more cars and inexperienced mountain drivers.

TAKE YOUR TIME AND ARRIVE SAFELY

Each year our volunteer Firefighters respond to numerous vehicle calls on US 36 with speed and reckless driving acting as contributing factors to many potentially-avoidable accidents. Just a friendly reminder: even when we get stuck behind drivers seeing the mountains for the first time, avoid tailgating, slow down and take a few deep breaths.

Parents of driving-aged kids - we know your kids know it all, but take the time to review these [top 10 driving tips](#) and to reinforce the need to "take your time, arrive safely"!

USE CAUTION AROUND FAST-MOVING WATER

Your Pinewood Springs Fire Department reminds you Spring run-off will be impacting our community soon by bringing deeper, fast-moving waters to our river. Please use extra caution near the river, especially in the area of the Tubs. Water will be moving quickly, and some areas are deeper than they appear making climbing out difficult.

Red Rescue cabinets can be found on either side of the river near the Tubs, at Crescent Lake and at the Reservoir. These cabinets contain an air horn (to alert neighbors), a life vest, a throw rope and a life preserver - items that can be safely used in case of emergency. [CLICK HERE](#) for more Swift Water Safety Topics.



[STAY IN THE LOOP - PSFPD FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

FOLLOW THE PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT [FACEBOOK PAGE](#). FOR ACCURATE AND TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT AND FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL EMERGENCY INFO FROM LARIMER AND BOULDER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND EMERGENCY ALERTS.

PINEWOOD SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District (PSFPD) provides 24/7 service to the Pinewood Springs Community and US-36 corridor from mile marker 8.5 to mile marker 14.25, protecting lives and property.

Officers

- Ted Plank, Chief
- Andrew Lucas, Assistant Chief
- Jessica Bologna, Captain
- John Bykerk, Lieutenant
- Andrew Hart, Lieutenant
- SteveLeMaire, Lieutenant
- Brian Rappel, Lieutenant

Firefighters

- Trevor Byron
- Angelo Gala
- Charlie Gau
- Thomas Hart
- Shannon Heintz
- Matt Khachaturian
- Art Maese
- Kevin Noble
- Kirk Ping
- Ross Swanson

Technicians

- Larry Davis
- Dick Wilcox

- Elizabeth Noble, Command Aid
- Geri Plank, Command Aid
- Gabi Benson, Communication Specialist



After a recruiting and application process, we have two new firefighters coming on board. Congratulations to Morgan Morris and Paul Legan, who have joined the department as rookie (probationary) firefighters.

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FIRE MITIGATION IN PINEWOOD

Despite recent (dearly needed) snowfall, a dry summer is still predicted for Pinewood Springs and much of Colorado. Now is the time to ensure you and your property are prepared for the hot Summer months.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION

[Click here to access resources](#) for our community from the Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District, including the Community Wildfire Preparation Plan, information on creating defensible space and wildfire mitigation.

Also, please note - ALL burn permits expire May 1, therefore any new mitigation slash will need to cure until next season, and Burn Permits will need to be requested from [Larimer County](#).

PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

Our community had the benefit of learning about preparedness last October as three major fires impacted surrounding areas. In the coming months take the opportunity review mitigation, preparation and emergency communication information provided by Boulder and Larimer counties (click the image for links):



The safety of our community remains paramount, no matter the season. Please follow the link below for the most up-to-date information from Larimer County on COVID-19.

[Larimer County Safer at Home Guidelines](#)

Your PWS volunteer-staffed fire department continues to adhere to procedural guidelines approved by Estes Park Health to protect our firefighters as they serve our community. As a reminder, the Pinewood Springs Fire Station and Community Center is currently closed to the public.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PSFPD Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer community members handling the administrative business of the fire district.

The Board is excited to welcome Patty Peritz as our new Treasurer! Patty shared, "the volunteer firefighters of Pinewood Springs are our community's lifeline emergency responders coming to our rescue at a moment's notice when an emergency strikes. Being a proud Pinewoodian for the past 20 years, I am fortunate to have been welcomed to fill a need for our community".

Jon Andrews, Board President
Dan Kowalski, Vice President
Patty Peritz, Treasurer
Ardean Johnson, Secretary
Michael Graham, At-Large

The Board extends a big THANK YOU to Krista Diaz for her service to Fire District and community as Treasurer for the last year.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 33rd Annual Estes Park Rotary Duck Race will be held (virtually) on May 1 - adopt your ducks now!

It's easy! [Follow this link to adopt a duck online](#) - every duck you adopt will benefit Pinewood Springs!

