



# HOT TOPICS

## PSFPD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### GRATITUDE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

You don't have to look far in Pinewood Springs to find something to be grateful for: friendly neighbors, blooming wild flowers, stunning mountain vistas and open space to move our bodies and relax our busy minds. Now more than ever there is power in gratitude - finding joy in simple things. Thank you for the smiles and waves, your lovely wild gardens, and for the howls.

Living in this unique time, information changes quickly. 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 Pinewood Springs volunteer-staffed fire dept continues to serve the community during the pandemic, responding to incidents such as structural and wild land fires, motor vehicle accidents and medical emergencies. Internal procedural changes to protect our firefighters have been implemented, with the updated guidelines approved by Estes Park Health.

As a reminder, the Pinewood Springs Fire Station and Community Center is currently closed to the public.

*The long days and warm summer temps are here, but it's not hard to recall the November 2019 storm that kicked off this year's snowy winter.*

*Pinewood Springs made the local news with 36 inches of snow, almost one foot more than Longmont or Boulder!*



### 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, providing accident and Hazmat response, serving as a disaster management hub and engaging in wild land and structure fire suppression.



#### Officers

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

#### Firefighters

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

#### Technicians

- Larry Davis
- Dick Wilcox

- Elizabeth Noble, Command Aid
- Geri Plank, Command Aid
- Sue Perney, Estes Park  
Communications Liaison
- Gabi Benson, Communication  
Specialist

### SUMMERTIME SAFETY AWARENESS

#### REMINDER: SPRING RUN-OFF IS NOT OVER YET

The Pinewood Springs Fire Department reminds you to use extra caution around the river, especially in the area of the tubs. The water is moving quickly and many areas are deeper than they appear, and climbing out can be 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), life vest, throw rope and life preserver - items that can be safely used, if necessary, in case of emergency.

For more information, please [review the Pinewood Spring Swift Water Safety Tips.](#)

#### REMINDER: PINWOOD SPRINGS OPEN FLAME POLICY

The [Pinewood Springs Open Flame Policy](#) can be reviewed [here online](#) or at the Fire Station bulletin board.

- No slash burning allowed until Fall and by permit only (obtained from Larimer County)
- Fireworks are not permitted at any time in PWS
- No bonfires! Campfires, outdoor fireplaces, etc. are permitted if they are fully enclosed, including walls and a cover with a 1/4" screen or smaller
- No burning is permitted under RED FLAG warning conditions. Local signage and restrictions must be followed



#### EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

THE PWS FIRE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR A UTV TRAILER. IF YOU HAVE ONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE EMAIL [DONATE@PWSFIRE.ORG](mailto:DONATE@PWSFIRE.ORG)



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PSFPD Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer community members handling the administrative business of the fire district, which covers over 3,200 acres of our community, the US-36 corridor and the adjacent National Forest lands.

In late 2019 Michael Graham accepted the position of At-Large Board Member. Michael is a retired Air Force Colonel, currently working for National Technical Systems, an independent test laboratory. Husband to Deborah and father to 2 young adults, Michael looks forward to serving on the Board to support the dedicated volunteers of the fire and rescue team.

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

The Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

### Support your fire department in the 2020 Estes Park Duck Race!

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

Mark your calendar!

The 32nd Annual Duck Race has scheduled for September 19th!

