



METRO NEWS



METRO BOARD MEETS MONTHLY ON THE 2ND TUESDAY STARTING @ 1:30 PM, FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER - FALL/WINTER 2007

.Forest Lakes Service Guide

Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) - A governmental entity limited to providing Water, Sewer, Road and Recreation facilities. (970) 884-2925 www.flmd.com.

Forest Lakes Property Owner's Association (FLPOA) -A Voluntary organization of Forest Lakes property owners providing Non-Metro services relating to covenant and architectural issues. (970) 884-3686, 1782 Pine Valley Rd., Bayfield, CO 81122.

Upper Pine River Fire Protection District—Emergency medical and fire protection services. 911 or (970) 884-9508.

La Plata County—Sheriff, Building, Planning and other Departments including the Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder and various other County services. (970) 382-6200. Call La Plata County Central Dispatch at 385-2900 to report speeders.

San Juan Basin Health Department—Individual sewage disposal system permits and public health related services. (970) 247-5702.

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) - Electric services for Forest Lakes. (970) 247-5786

Qwest—Telephone & DSL services for Forest Lakes. (800) 244-1111.

E-CYCLING - NOV 16TH & 17TH IN DURANGO
www.durangogov.org/resident/services/recycling/electronics.cfm

MAIL STOP FUTURE

The Forest Lakes Metropolitan District has taken steps to assure that the mail stop facility remains at Forest Lakes for all current and future property owners. At the first of October, the District took over maintenance of the facility from the FLPOA. In order to generate funds to continue to provide this facility, the District will commence billing all property in Forest Lakes a monthly fee of \$1.00 per lot. Fee is needed to maintain and improve the mail stop facility so that property owners in Units 1, 2, 4 and 5 have or will have a mail box when they are ready. Current Bayfield post office box rent is \$38.00/year or \$3.17/month. Some of the improvements the District intends to move forward with is painting and covering the rest of the boxes when adequate funds are available. Keys for individual boxes and access to the mail stop building are still maintained and provided by the Bayfield Post Office, 884-9618.

NEW METRO EMPLOYEE

Robert DiMarco has been employed by the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District filling a vacant position. Bob and his wife Allison make their home in Forest Lakes. Please join us in welcoming Bob and his family to Forest Lakes. Bob is working at the District wastewater treatment facility in this picture, not a pleasant task.



Help stop the invasion.

For more weed information, call La Plata County Weed Office 970-247-2308.

Weed info online:

<http://www.lpcweeds.org>

Oxeye Daisy



WATER FEES CHANGE

The District will discontinue billing water availability fees effective November 1, 2007 and will begin billing a lower water minimum billing fee on these accounts. Fee was implemented to maintain system and account administration which differentiates between paid/credited and non-paid/credited plant investment/tap fees on properties that are **not** being billed water full time, part time or occasional user rates.

SEWER FEES CHANGE

Beginning November 1, 2007 the following monthly sewer rates will apply: Full Time = \$28.00, Part Time (occupied<6 months/year) = \$22.40, Occasional (no habitable structure) = \$19.60, Availability = \$14.00. Rate increase is due to increased operations and maintenance associated with the wastewater treatment facility upgrade and expansion project that was required to comply with additional State and Federal regulations. Measures of rate burden or affordability threshold are based on median household income (MHI). According to EPA, La Plata County MHI should support a **single fee** up to 2.5% or \$83.66/month, the District's **combined fees** for a full time user of all services is \$75.04 or 2.24% of the MHI. Please refer to District web rate page at www.flmd.com/rates for further information.

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Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most fools do.
~ ~ ~ Benjamin Franklin

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TRANSIT CONNECTION COMING TO FOREST LAKES

YOUR METRO BILL INFORMATION

Please drop us a note or call and give us your change of address. Bills are due by the 20th each month. Remember if you are six months or more behind on your bill you can lose the paid status of your water and sewer plant investment/tap fees requiring payment of the difference between what was paid and the current fees.

The SUCAP Road Runner Transit Service will begin making runs from Forest Lakes to Bayfield, Ignacio and back beginning January 2008 on a trial basis. The bus will stop in Bayfield to allow transfers to the Road Runner Bayfield-Durango route. The Forest Lakes bus will then travel on to Ignacio. The route will be reversed in the evenings. Initial temporary park and ride location is tentatively scheduled at the Forest Lakes Community Center parking lot. Please park to the East and North ends of the parking lot to allow access for users of the center. If the service continues, the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District, SUCAP and La Plata County will work on a park and ride site near the entrance to Forest Lakes adjacent to CR-501 in order to avoid additional morning traffic in the subdivision. Watch for more informational postings at the mail stop, dumpsters, mailings and District web page. You can visit the SUCAP web page for additional transit information including schedules at <http://www.sucap.org/> or call Peter Tregillus at 563-4517 ext. 208.

MOWING GRASS WITH CARP

Due to increasing levels of weeds and grass in the lake, the District will in 2008 use the starting recommended number of grass carp as a natural means to help clean up the lake. The carp are certified triploid so they cannot reproduce, do not compete with game fish and have been used successfully in lakes, golf course hazards and canals rather than relying on chemicals. A small amount of carp (10% of recommended) were placed in the lake in 1993. So if you catch one, please release.

SPEED INDICATING SIGNS



Please try to stay at or below the speed limit of 20 mph while in Forest Lakes. To remind drivers and to collect traffic data, the District installed a speed indicating sign on Forest Lakes Dr. District employees converted another speed indicating sign to a mobile unit to remind drivers and collect traffic information in other areas of Forest Lakes. PLEASE SLOW

DOWN, WINTER IS COMING AND SLICK ROADS WILL MEAN SLOWER SPEEDS.

PLEASE PUT ASHES IN THE ASH BARRELS

FOREST LAKES VITAL STATISTICS



- 741 Housing Structures
- 1897 Residents (estimated)
- 21 Miles of roads now open & plowed
- 20 Miles of Water Mains maintained
- 10 Miles of Sewer Mains maintained

LICENSE REQUIRED

Did you know the District is required to have a State licensed water and wastewater operator and that the District has 3 licensed operators? Did you know that District maintenance personnel are licensed water distribution and wastewater collection systems certified? These licenses & certificates require continuing educational training units based on level of license to renew every 3 years. Increased regulations coupled with operational data requires monitoring the District water and wastewater systems on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis totaling over 1,000 samples being collected and analyzed annually not counting repeat samples.