

Metro Board of Directors meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Forest Lakes Community Center at 7:00 PM unless otherwise posted at the mail stop.

BOARD OPPOSED

The Forest Lakes Metropolitan District Board of Directors passed Resolution 2000-08 **opposing the proposed amendment 21 (AKA TAXCUT 2000) to the Colorado Constitution.** The proposed amendment will eliminate some Colorado taxes, including property taxes that the District needs to continue to provide services. **If the amendment should pass, property owners will see an estimated increase of 40 to 50% in user fees (monthly Metro bills) and/or a severe reduction in services if the District is to continue to operate without a subsequent voter approved mill levy increase to offset the losses.** A loss of 11 to 13% (\$40,000) of property tax revenue is projected in the first year alone which will continue until the tax is eliminated.

Is this reverse revenue sharing of funds with the federal government since our property taxes would no longer be a federal income tax deduction? Wouldn't this actually cost us more than what we are now paying not to mention the loss of federal payments in lieu of taxes received by our local governments? Proponents of the initiative (a question proposed by anyone who can get enough signatures to qualify for the ballot rather than a referred measure from our elected officials) say that the State of Colorado will offset the lost revenue, the State is saying don't bank on it. Why put local control on the Front Range? This amendment may totally eliminate other governmental entities that rely solely on

LAGO SIMPATICO (Nice/Friendly Lake)



One of the most used recreational facilities in Forest Lakes is Simpatico lake which is Spanish for nice/friendly (we think). The future of the lake being stocked with legal fish is in jeopardy.

Recent changes in private suppliers have

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property tax revenue such as the fire districts, library districts, cemetery districts and severely reduce funds to school districts.

You can see estimated impacts and read more about this proposal on the District's web page <http://www.flmd.com>, click on the Amendment 21 link. Additional links follow the information on the District's announcement page including a link to www.NoOn21.com.

The election is **November 7th**, please get out and vote. You can request an absentee ballot now by visiting the La Plata County Clerks offices or by written request to 1060 E. Second Ave. and by faxing to 382-6299 the following information:

- Full Name, Current Address, Date of Birth, Voter(s) Signature and Address for ballot mailing.

Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7 PM on November 7th. You can also vote ahead of election day beginning October 23rd which ends on November 3rd.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH OUR ENERGY IMPACT GRANT

The District is applying for an energy and mineral impact assistance grant and we need your help. This program directs funds to areas socially or economically impacted by the development, processing or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels. IF YOU WORK IN AN ENERGY/MINERAL ACTIVITY (past, present and future) that produced; oil, gas, carbon dioxide, coal, molybdenum, gold, etc. or in processing, transmission ; oil/gas pipelines, electric transmission lines, etc. or transportation; roads, rail lines, etc. or energy conversion facilities; coal and gas-fired electric generating facilities, including secondary markets; suppliers, etc. - WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS IN FOREST LAKES RELATE TO THE ABOVE. WE ALSO NEED COMPANY LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION BY NOVEMBER 14TH. PLEASE CONTACT THE METRO

threatened the availability of fish and fish that are disease free (whirling disease) which is driving the prices up and the supply down. But more importantly due to **illegal stocking by well meaning individuals** who have been catching fish in other lakes and depositing them in our lake now threaten the lake environment. **PLEASE NOTE IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE WITHOUT AN AQUACULTURE PERMIT TO PLACE FISH IN THE LAKE!** Now due to possible illegal stocking of **PIKE** in the lake, **legal stocking** of the lake by the District has been **discontinued** until further notice. The District is currently evaluating with legal counsel and CO Division of Wildlife the establishment of **penalties and fines** that will include the cost of removing illegal

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Forest Lakes Metro District , P.O. Box 440, Bayfield, CO 81122

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BOARD SAYS NO THANKS TO A-21

SEE DETAILS INSIDE BEFORE YOU VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION !!!

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stockings and replacement of legally stocked fish. The cost to kill the lake and restock it is conservatively estimated at more than **\$5,000**. PLEASE JUST TAKE THE FISH OUT (2/person) DO NOT PUT THEM IN.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT FOREST LAKES, THE METRO DISTRICT AND REMINDERS FOR LIVING IN FOREST LAKES THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS. PLEASE **HELP US HELP YOU ENJOY THIS WINTER.**

- ◇ Now is a good time to hire someone to **plow your drive way**. Please keep in mind that the District has approximately 42 lane miles of roads to keep open during winter storms and chances are if we have to plow so will you.
- ◇ Do not **park** on the roads as it blocks ingress and egress of emergency vehicles and plow equipment. Obstructions deemed life threatening will be **towed and impounded at owners expense**. You can also be held liable for damages to District equipment.
- ◇ PLEASE NOTE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE EITHER **BUILDING** OR PLANNING TO BUILD YET THIS YEAR, THE DISTRICT DOES NOT **TAP** THE WATER OR SEWER MAINS

AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST DUE TO THE FROZEN GROUND. YOU NEED TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

- ◇ Hot Wood/Coal stove **ashes** should be placed in a metal container that does not set directly on a combustible surface like your wooden deck to cool before placed in the dumpster.
- ◇ The District has contracted with a consulting engineer to evaluate the existing loading on the **wastewater treatment facility**. Based on current loading and the results of this evaluation, plans are being developed to expand the wastewater treatment facility projected for sometime in 2001.
- ◇ The District has already booked **main extension** work for 2001 and will not consider future applications until June of 2001. With approval of a very large project in 2001 and probable wastewater treatment plant expansion in 2001, the Board of Directors may not accept main extension applications in 2001 for construction in 2002 due to limited availability of impact funds. Please check with the Metro office sometime in June 2001.
- ◇ **QUESTIONS** REGARDING YOUR WATER, SEWER, ROAD AND RECREATION FACILITIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE METRO DISTRICT @ P.O. BOX 440, BAYFIELD, CO 81122.