

Forest Lakes Metropolitan District

METRO NEWS



METRO BOARD MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING @ 7 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER - Spring/Summer 2001

WELCOME NEW FOREST LAKES RESIDENTS—HI AGAIN TO THE OLD TIMERS

Forest Lakes Guide to Services

- **Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD)**—Water, Sewer, Road and Recreation. (970) 884-2925
- **Upper Pine River Fire Protection District**—Emergency medical and fire protection services (911) or (970) 884-9508.
- **La Plata Electric (LPEA)** - Electric Power (970) 247-5786.
- **Qwest**—Telephone (800) 573-1311.
- **La Plata County**—Sheriff, Building and Planning Departments, Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder and various County services provided in Forest Lakes (970) 382-6200.
- **San Juan Basin Health Dept.**—Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (970) 247-5702.
- **Town of Bayfield**—Has nothing to do with Forest Lakes.
- **Forest Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)**— Voluntary organization of Forest Lakes property owners representing all properties in covenant and architectural enforcement. (970) 884-2337, 1782 Pine Valley Rd., Bayfield, CO 81122

**NO OUTSIDE FIRES
ARE ALLOWED**

WATER QUALITY REPORT

Please see pages 2 & 3 of the METRO newsletter for this year's Consumer Confidence Report. This report provides you with information about the quality of your Forest Lakes drinking water. Questions should be directed to the Metro District.

SOME RATES CHANGE

The following fees are in effect 6/1/01: Monthly Sewer (where available)

- Full Time—\$24.20 (5/8" water service) structure occupied greater than six months/year
- Part Time—\$ 19.75 structure occupied less than six months/year
- Occasional—\$15.35 no structure
- Availability—\$11.10
- Fees for larger services increased accordingly.

Road fee—\$9.54/month for vacant or 5/8" water service, larger services increased accordingly.

These fees were last revised in 1987. All properties will see a minimum increase from \$0.54 to \$2.04/month depending on services provided.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FEE

Effective 6/1/01 a \$50.00 fee will be collected on all property served by the Metro District that changes ownership. Fee will usually be collected through the title company at closing.

PLANT INVESTMENT/TAP FEES/ CONNECTION CHARGES

The following fees/charges are in effect 7/1/01: Plant Investment/ Tap Fess for 5/8" service (last revised 1998)

- WATER = \$3000.00
- SEWER = \$3500.00
- WATER CONNECTION CHARGE = \$500.00 (5/8"), last revised 1992.

Fees for larger services increased accordingly.

Please visit FLMD web site at www.flmd.com for more information.

PROJECTS

FLMD contracted 18,000 tons of rock

processing this spring to continue road maintenance activities. Forest Lakes has grown to the point that an expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant may be required. Engineering evaluation of existing facilities and proposed expansion are underway. A Sewer Main extension is schedule for this year on Pine Valley Rd., please plan accordingly.



RECREATION

FLMD was authorized to "establish and maintain public parks with recreational facilities", not services. Those facilities today consist of over 93 acres of greenbelt (parks), community center, tennis courts, 18 acre lake, playground, horseshoe pits, ball field and volleyball court. While the District's order of priorities are water, sewer, roads and recreation it continues to divert funds toward maintenance of the existing recreation facilities, but falls short in catching up to needed repairs. Are you aware of the FLPOA sponsored recreation activities at the center and that FLMD does not charge the FLPOA to use the center for those activities? Look at their schedule posted at the mail stop and center or contact the FLPOA for information. Due to Community Center users/sponsors forgetting to turn the lights off and adjusting the heat properly during the winter, the water is turned off to reduce the risk of freeze damage to the building plumbing. The fluctuating schedule of the center does not allow the use of setback thermostats.

BONDS

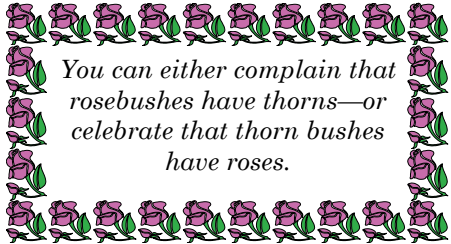
FLMD has several water, sewer and road projects to complete. Keeping fees current with costs will help avoid issuing more bonds to do this work. Some support higher taxes and lower fees since property taxes can be deducted from personal income taxes and fees can't. The Board of Directors continue to evaluate financing options which include revenue used for debt payments (bonds) to do these projects with as there are still areas of Forest Lakes without roads and water.

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From the Department of **MONUMENTAL EXPECTATIONS & Minute Allocations**

THOSE WHO CARRY ON GREAT PUBLIC WORKS MUST BE PROOF AGAINST THE MOST FATIGUING DELAYS, THE MOST MORTIFYING DISAPPOINTMENTS, THE MOST SHOCKING INSULTS, AND WHAT IS WORST OF ALL, THE PRESUMPTUOUS JUDGEMENTS OF THE IGNORANT. *Edmund Burke*

Forest Lakes Vital Statistics:

- # of Lots = 1667
- Area in Square Miles = 3.28
- Miles of Roads Opened = 22
- Lane Miles of Roads = 44
- Miles of Sewer Mains = 7
- # Street Signs = 146

HELP US HELP YOU

- Brush pile remains open thanks to volunteers, please do not turn it into a dump or it will have

- to be closed. No plastic bags, no lumber with nails or stumps.
- Plan now to have your driveway plowed this winter. Parking on the road during the winter slows down our ability to keep up with the storms. Thank you.
- PLEASE ONLY HOUSEHOLD TRASH IN DUMPSTERS.
- Driving vehicles on greenbelt properties including old ski hill is not an approved use. Please stay on the roads.

- Please park away from the roadway edges to allow maintenance activities.
- Services impact fee is based on floor area whether it is heated or not and measured from the outside of the exterior walls.
- The lake was stocked with trout in May paid for by FLPOA and FLMD.
- Your FLMD bill is due on the 20th of each month.

