

METRO NEWS



METRO BOARD MEETS MONTHLY ON THE 2ND TUESDAY STARTING @ 1:30 PM, FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER - SPRING/SUMMER 2004

.Forest Lakes Guide to Services

- **Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD)** - Provides Water, Sewer, Road and Recreation. (970) 884-2925
- **Forest Lakes Property Owner's Association (FLPOA)** - A Voluntary organization of Forest Lakes property owners providing Non-Metro services relating to covenant and architectural enforcement. 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.
- **San Juan Basin Health Department**—Individual sewage disposal systems and public health related services. (970) 247-5702.
- **La Plata Electric Association (LPEA)** - Provides electric power to Forest Lakes. (970) 247-5786
- **Qwest**—Provides telephone services to Forest Lakes. (800) 244-1111.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

District continues to improve water services to the subdivision. This spring, the entire 18.5 miles of water mains were surveyed by District personnel and Utility Technical Services, Inc., a professional leak detection company to find and pinpoint leakage in the system. A few small to medium leaks were found which have been repaired and has improved the overall efficiency of the system. Reduced water loss helps keep water rates stable. District is also moving forward with the installation of a water meter radio frequency reading system. System is reducing meter reading time and errors and provides the District with the ability to read the meters at any time.

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

LAKE SIMPATICO

USE OF THESE FACILITIES ARE FOR FOREST LAKES RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS

RULES & REGULATIONS

- NO WHEELED OR MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED ON THE DAM
- DAILY LIMIT—2 FISH PER PERSON
- NO FISH CLEANING IN OR AROUND LAKE
- LIFE PRESERVERS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN IN A BOAT ON THE LAKE
- NO MOTORS ON BOATS
- NO SWIMMING IN LAKE
- CARRY OUT ALL LITER & TRASH

Leave nothing but footprints

POSITIVELY NO SWIMMING

Please adhere to these lake rules as posted at the lake so that others can enjoy it. ALL PERSONS FISHING MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FOREST LAKES RESIDENT WITH IDENTIFICATION.

Pet owners, please clean up after your dogs not only at the lake but the mail stop and anywhere else you take them. All dogs should be leashed.

Lake stocking is provided from lottery proceeds through FLMD and from FLPOAS property owner dues and are for the enjoyment of Forest Lakes residents and their guests.

FIRE HYDRANTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP, IF YOU SEE ANYONE HIT OR DAMAGE A FIRE HYDRANT, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT WE CAN FIX IT BEFORE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS IT TO SAVE YOUR HOUSE. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

FOREST LAKES LODGE

You may have noticed a different look on the old ski hill these days. If you haven't noticed, the old lodge is gone. After several years of neglect, struggles over proposed uses that relied on the County to defend, the District was able to acquire the land and building to preserve the greenbelt status of the property.

The building integrity, uses and cost to restore were evaluated by the County, the District, the Property Owner's Association and a volunteer Forest Lakes building committee which collectively came to the same conclusions. It did not meet current codes, was in poor structural condition partly due to original design, multiple floods, questionable wiring and infested with mice. The FLMD Board advertised the building for sale and removal, with no takers. The building was donated to the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District to conduct training exercises and destroy it by fire, which was accomplished on March 20th. The fire was so hot that the remains were hauled off in two 30 yard containers.

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DISTRICT 2003 FINANCIAL AUDIT COMPLETED

Governmental entities, including special districts such as the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District are statutorily required to have an independent audit of their finances conducted annually and submitted to the Colorado State Auditor. The District's auditor, Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., P.C. has successfully completed the 2003 audit which has been submitted to the FLMD Board of Directors and the Colorado State Auditor's office. Financial records were in good condition, cash positions increased and revenue streams remained strong. The 2003 audit is available for inspection at the District offices during regular business hours

RETURNED CHECK FEE

Please be advised that the District increased the returned check fee to **\$35.00 per returned check**. Please make sure your checks are good before you send them to us for payments. Thank you.

FOREST LAKES VITAL STATISTICS (as of 3/04)

- 592 Housing Structures (U1=136; U2=166; U4=264; U5=26)
- 1367 Residents (estimated)
- 21 Miles of roads now open
- 18.5 Miles of Water Mains installed
- 6 Miles of Sewer Mains installed

Forest Lakes Drive

STREET SIGN PROJECT

The District is in the process of replacing and installing new street name signs. Signs will be green background with white lettering and easier to read than the current signage. We anticipate completing the project this year. Once the new street name signs have been installed, the Loop Road will be signed again with separate signs.

YARD HYDRANT 101




One of the most common leaks in your household plumbing are related to the infamous yard hydrant. These innocent looking creatures affectionately named horse heads can be leaking and you wouldn't know it without doing a couple of things. Put your ear up next to it and listen for any hissing sounds. You can also check your water meter and see if it is turning when everything is off in your house. Good news is that they are adjustable and most repair parts can be installed without digging them up. They will wear out from use and may not have been adjusted properly when they were installed. You can find great information at the following internet link or at your manufacturers page regarding installation, troubleshooting and maintenance. Don't forget your drainable vacuum breaker.

http://www.wcmind.com/Woodford/Yard_Hydrant_Pages/modely34.htm

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGES

DO YOU HAVE A SUMP PUMP? DID YOU KNOW IT IS ILLEGAL TO CONNECT IT TO YOUR HOUSE SEWER DRAIN LINE? THIS DRAINAGE INTERFERES WITH THE DISTRICT'S WASTEWATER VOLUME CAPACITY AND WITH THE BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT PROCESS. THE MINIMUM PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL DISCHARGERS IS \$500, PLUS COSTS INCURRED BY DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF SUCH DISCHARGE. IF YOU ARE CONNECTED, GET DISCONNECTED BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

THE MAXIMUM SPEED IS  m p h . PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!