



METRO NEWS



METRO BOARD MEETS MONTHLY THE 2ND TUESDAY @ 1:30 PM, FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER SPRING/SUMMER 2009

Forest Lakes Services Guide

Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) - A limited service governmental entity providing Water, Sewer, Road and Recreation facilities. (970) 884-2925 Shop (970) 884-2111. Email: flmd@flmd.com Web: www.flmd.com

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. La Plata County Central Dispatch 385-2900.

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 services for Forest Lakes. (800) 244-1111.

YOUR 2008 FOREST LAKES DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE and is available online at www.flmd.com



FOREST LAKES MAIL STOP COVER

The District completed the mail box cover project in the fall of 2008. Project cost will be recovered over a minimum of six years based on the current mail box fees. Project design was donated by Craig Springe Code Consulting (970-884-2436) who is also a Forest Lakes property owner. Project was constructed by area builder SilverPick Contracting, Inc. (970-946-6981), Jaaron Mankins owner.

ROAD SIGN VANDALISM



Forest Lakes street signs have been experiencing vandalism ranging from signs being pushed over to theft. If you see anyone vandalizing the signs, please report them (get license number) to the La Plata County Sheriff (385-2900). If you accidentally run into a sign and knock it down, please call Metro and report it so that it can be repaired.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

Please do not flush your prescription drugs down the toilet. Together we can keep our drinking water safe from the effects of unwanted chemical contamination by disposing of them in landfills. EPA suggests mixing with kitty litter or coffee grounds then place in juice cartons, etc. and into the trash. Additional information can be obtain at the following link: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/factsht/>



WATER METER PITS

Water meter pits can be accessed by the property owners for emergencies(1/4 turn). Please do not use the meter pit valves or curb stops to turn water on/off on a regular basis as these valves are not made for frequent use. Your house water supply valve is usually located in the crawl space. Do you know where your supply valve is? After hour Metro emergency number for Metro emergencies is 884-2111.

WATER PRESSURE ISSUES?

If you have low water flows in your house you may want to check your house pressure reducing valve. They are usually located on your water line coming into your house by the shut off valve and are adjustable. Normally turn the screw on top down to increase pressure, check manufacturer information.



METRO SERVICES

Did you know that your water, sewer, roads and recreational services are provided by the Metro District? Funding for these services come primarily from user fees and property taxes. Did you know that the District is not associated with the Forest Lakes Property Owners Association and that the District is a governmental entity known as a special district. The District was voter approved in 1973 with a service area of 3.28 square miles within its boundary and provides limited services outside its boundary.

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NEWS

TELL ME, AND I'LL FORGET. SHOW ME, AND I MAY NOT REMEMBER, INVOLVE ME, AND I'LL UNDERSTAND.



UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATES
Call 811 for underground utility locates. Metro cannot locate on private property.

- Thanks for **not** putting plastic bags, lumber with nails, pallets or stumps in the brush pile and for separating larger wood 6" in diameter from smaller stuff. Please cover trash when hauling. Problems with these items will result in the brush pile being closed.
- Thanks for telling your contractors not to put construction materials in dumpsters and telling their employees they cannot use the dumpsters. They must have their own dumpster for construction.
- Thanks for planning ahead to have your driveway plowed.
- Thanks for not parking on the roads or in posted no parking areas.
- Thanks for **using** the ash barrel for your hot ashes.
- Thanks for planning your Water/Sewer taps and excavation permits between April 15th and November 1st each year.
- Thanks for paying your Metro bill on time which is always due by the 20th of each month.

PROPERTY TAXES

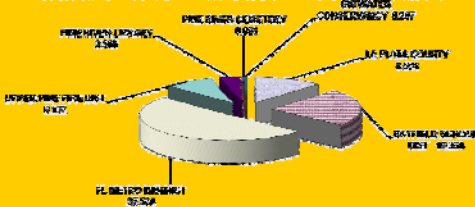
Since 1985 the "overlapping" property taxes in Forest Lakes have gone down 40.978 mills of which 10.476 mills or 26% of this reduction was in the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District mill levy. Property classifications for assessment purposes differentiate between residential and vacant land among other classifications. Land improvements are used to classify the property. The residential assessment rate is lower than the rate for vacant land.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Do you know that you are required to have outside hose bib connection vacuum breakers that also includes your yard hydrants? Make sure in this climate that you get self draining type vacuum breakers to avoid freezing issues. Cash Acme Model VB222 3/4" is one such type. Newer homes should have them already installed, but you still might want to check. FLMD utilizes dual check valve assemblies at the water meter and hose bib breakers add another level of drinking water protection. Don't forget to remove your hoses during freezing weather. They are available from Grand Junction Pipe in Durango, 385-6733.



FOREST LAKES PROPERTY TAX PIE
2008 OVERLAPPING MILLS (YOUR ABSTRACT)
SEE REVENUE CHART FOR DOLLARS TO OVERLAPPING MILLS



FOREST LAKES STATISTICS

- 754 Housing Structures
- 1926 Residents (estimated)
- 21 Miles of roads
- 20 Miles of Water Mains maintained
- 10 Miles of Sewer Mains maintained



FOREST LAKES ROAD RUNNER BUS SERVICE ENDS



Road Runner announced that due to lack of ridership and funding they will no longer be running the Forest Lakes route. Their last date of service was April 30, 2009.