

**BROOK FOREST WATER DISTRICT
SPRINGTIME NEWSLETTER
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A Note from Bill Weisenborn, BFWD Board President:

The following article was written by Rob Meek, Ambassador, CWPIP WUI Unit 21, which includes all of BFWD customers. I encourage all BFWD customers who are not on Rob Meek's email list to send your email to Rob. There is a lot of activity within the CWPIP (Community Wildfire Protection Implementation Plan) to receive grants to help with wildfire mitigation. As we move into Spring, this is a very good time to start or continue wildfire mitigation.

Wildfire Awareness for 2022

Hello neighbors.

I trust that the Marshall Fire in Boulder County got your attention. And that was in the suburbs! We are one lightning strike, downed power line or discarded cigarette away from potential disaster. But **there are steps we can take to protect our homes.**

Evergreen Fire Rescue has developed a Community Wildfire Preparation Plan or CWPP. Within that plan they have divided the district into 26 smaller entities called Community Wildfire Preparation *Implementation* Plans or CWPIPs. Our CWPIP is titled Buffalo Park Estates/Evergreen Hills Unit 21. Your house is one of 394 in our unit. **All of Evergreen is at risk of wildfire.** Our Unit is one of the few in the **Extreme Risk** category.

The *Implementation* part of CWPIP is for you and me, all of us, to carry out. It calls for each of us as homeowners to create a defensible space around our homes and to do what we can to make our roads safer so that we can evacuate safely when needed.

Our plan unit organization is a team of volunteers, neighbors just like you, getting the word out about the risks we must manage and the best, most up to date actions we can take to reduce those risks. **We work closely with Evergreen Fire Rescue** to stay current with recommended best practices. Last year, we visited every accessible home, distributing information detailing what defensible space looks like. Please review that information. If you have misplaced or discarded it, or you can go to:

www.evergreenfirerescue.com/wildland/wildland_fire_action/creating_defensible_space.php for the information.

Creating defensible space does **not** require removing all trees. But it might involve removing some of them. If you can't do this work yourself and it is not within your budget to hire someone, let us know. We are hoping to build a crew of volunteers to help you.

About 100 households have participated in our community slash chipping efforts since 2018. Some others have done some defensible space work and hauled their slash away. So roughly one in four of us have made some progress. We hope to see a lot more homeowners get started this year. This will take time, it won't happen overnight, but every little bit helps.

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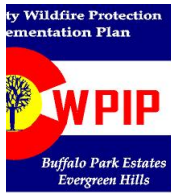
www.brookforestwater.org

Currently email is the main way to keep you informed. The Wildfire Awareness signs that pop up periodically at the entrance to each neighborhood are another method of communication for those not yet receiving these emails. We have email addresses for half of the houses in our unit. Talk to your neighbors. Encourage them to contact us so we can keep them informed as well.

Our leadership team consists of 8 people. We would love to have more of you involved. Please respond if you would like to help with administrative duties or social media or if you would like to help create defensible space for our neighbors who cannot do it themselves. Let us know if you need help creating your defensible space.

Go to www.evergreenfirerescue.com/i_want_to/learn_about_and_br_sign_up_for_br_codered.php to sign up for **CODE RED** so you can be notified in case of an emergency. If you get an evacuation notice, please get out early!

If you have moved away since last April, tell us so we can remove your name from our email list.
Thank you.



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District Board Meetings:

Board meetings are always open to the public. They are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm and are held via ZOOM conference call. Please check our District website for conference information.



We now have a closed group on **Facebook**, please come and join the group so you can stay in the loop with various updates, especially water outages. Our Group:
Brook Forest Water District – Evergreen, CO

Thank you,
The Board of Directors,

Bill Weisenborn (President), Tony Langowski (Vice President), Bruce Nicklow (Treasurer), Ilse Ramsey (Director) and Ted Schlaebitz (Director)