

Brook Forest Water District

January 2023 Newsletter



Happy New Year!

Wildfire Mitigation (Note from Bill Weisenborn, Board President):

Thanks to all homeowners who had their property inspected in 2022 for wildfire mitigation. Please keep up the good work to reduce fuel on your property. Slots should start to open for 2023 for fire mitigation inspections soon. Contact the fire department to schedule an inspection.

BFWD Board of Directors/Meeting Dates:

Board meetings are always open to the public. They are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm and are held via ZOOM video conference, contact the District Administrator for more information.

President – Bill Weisenborn
Vice President – Tony Langowski
Treasurer – Bruce Nicklow
Secretary – Ted Schlaebitz
Director – Steve Drucker

2023 District Projects:

During fall 2022 the Board worked to approve a budget for 2023. Included in the 2023 budget are two water main replacement projects to install a new 6” pipe, the two different sections of main to be replaced are on Brook Forest Drive and Timber Trail Road. We will post project updates to the district website and Facebook group.



Wintertime Shut Offs:

If you will be going out of town during the winter months for an extended period (at a minimum one quarter, not more than three quarters), you may request that your water be shut off at the street for non-use. The quarterly fee will be \$60 per quarter, equivalent to our Readiness-to-Serve charge (see Appendix A of the District Rules and Regs on our website). For our System Operator (Dominic) to shut your water off, all bills owing on the property must be paid prior to any shut off and the property owner must pay the District in advance for the turn off and turn on fee, in the amount as stated in Appendix A of the District Rules and Regs – see Section 8.09 B. of the District Rules and Regs for further information.

Service Line Insurance:

During the past year, the District has worked with two homeowners whose service lines (copper) have had to be repaired and may need to be fully replaced in the future. The service lines are the responsibility of the customer (please see the District Rules and Regulations section – 9.08). The board recommends all residents should check with their property insurance company to find out whether their insurance covers service line repairs/replacement. Please note that copper failure is extremely rare, but it would not hurt to inquire about your personal coverage.

We 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





100 Amazing Water Facts You Should Know:

Water is the most important resource in the world. Here are 100 Amazing Water Facts you may not know. Brought to you by Seametrics (Flow Meters and Environmental Sensors for Precision Fluid Measurement) website,

www.seametrics.com/blog/water-facts/

We are going to share with you the 100 amazing water facts over the next several newsletters.

1. 68.7% of the fresh water on Earth is trapped in glaciers.
2. 30% of fresh water is in the ground.
3. 1.7% of the world's water is frozen and therefore unusable.
4. Approximately 400 billion gallons of water are used in the United States per day.
5. Nearly one-half of the water used by Americans is used for thermoelectric power generation.
6. In one year, the average American residence uses over 100,000 gallons (indoors and outside).
7. Water can dissolve more substances than any other liquid including sulfuric acid.
8. The freezing point of water lowers as the amount of salt dissolved in it increases. With average levels of salt, seawater freezes at -2 °C (28.4 °F).
9. About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
10. To create one pint of beer it takes 20 gallons of water.

Online Bill Payment Option:

There has been a lot of interest by our customers for the District to offer an online bill payment option. With the increase in late payment fees that began July 1, 2015, we began to offer online bill payment through our website approximately August 1, 2015. There will be a \$2.50 convenience fee that the customer will have to incur if you wish to pay online rather than to pay by check. The \$2.50 fee seems a lot less than getting assessed \$20 for late payment of your quarterly invoice.