

Brook Forest Water District

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JANUARY 2022 1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER - HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT INFO:

Please help us by providing the district with your up to date phone number and/or email. When a water main breaks and service needs to be shut off to your property, if we DO NOT have your CURRENT information, we CANNOT contact you in advance to let you know.

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**BROOK FOREST WATER DISTRICT
SPRINGTIME NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2022**



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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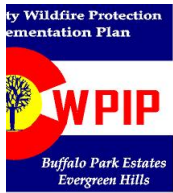
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Currently email is the main way to keep you informed. The Wildfire Awareness signs that pop up periodically at the entrance to each neighborhood are another method of communication for those not yet receiving these emails. We have email addresses for 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.



Rob Meek

Ambassador, CWPIP WUI Unit 21
Buffalo Park Estates
Evergreen Hills
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JULY 2022 – 3rd Quarter Summertime Newsletter
Happy 4th of July! Stay Safe!



FIRE MITIGATION:

It is nice to see trucks and trailer loads of slash being hauled out of our neighborhoods. Bags of raked stuff line our driveways waiting for pick-up. Clearly our district customers have taken protecting their properties to heart.

A healthy ponderosa forest averages 12-15 trees per acre. Consider removing all the waist high and lower growth and especially the leafy scrub brush that tends to grow around the base of mature ponderosa. These small ground level trees and brush form the “candles” that allow flames to creep up a tree and ignite into the crowns.

Also consider asking tree removal and fire mitigation services to walk your property to obtain a plan and an estimate to bring your land into a safer condition. It will give you an idea of how an expert views your property and provide you with a plan to tackle all at once or in small steps over time. A journey begins with the first step.

House address numbers are still needed on many of the home in the District. Mainly for EMS services rushing to your home, but also for the fire protection services. Black numbers tacked to a tree offer little help to responding emergency teams. A better solution is high contrast between numbers and background, like black numbers on white tiles at the end of your driveway. The time saved finding you could mean the difference between life and death someday.

Summertime is Here!:

That means it's time to schedule a test of your stop box with Dominic our System Operator. Please contact him to make an appointment at (303) 674-8194.

Outside Watering – Not Allowed:

With summertime here many outside projects are in the works like power washing houses and decks or prepping houses for staining, but please remember outside use of the District water for exterior projects is not permitted.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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Emailing Quarterly Invoices:

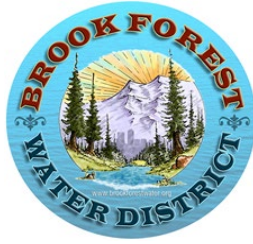
As outlined in the previous newsletter, we face growing costs as a result of the recession. It reduced available contractors and materials increasing the demand on shrinking resources with the result being higher costs. There is one thing that each of you can do to help facilitate communications and that is provide Nickie with your email address. We would like to move to emailing the quarterly invoices to each and every one of you. There are three or more ways to provide your email address:

1. Call Nickie at (800)-544-9903
2. Email Nickie at --
brookforestwaterdistrict@gmail.com
3. Contact Nickie through our website --
brookforestwater.org
4. Write your email address on your statement when you pay it. Your email address would also allow us to provide you up-dates when there are system wide or local issues that affect your water supply, so please help us do a more effective job.

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4th Quarter Newsletter – October 2022



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

Thanks to all homeowners who had their property inspected this year for wildfire mitigation. Please keep up the good work to reduce fuel on your property. All slots for fire mitigation inspections are full thru early next year. Once slots open again, we will send notice via the BFWD Newsletter.

Snow Will Soon Arrive:

As we get closer to the snowy season here in Colorado, please be sure to clear your stop box from any snow over the next few months as it needs to be accessible to our System Operator in case it needs to be shut off or repaired.

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