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Pinewood Springs, Colorado Pinewood Springs, Colorado Community Newsletter

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Recipe for a Community Celebration

Perfect Pinewood Springs Weather Great Friends and Neighbors PSFPD Volunteer Fire Fighters 1 Roasted Pig Fantastic Homemade Dishes Community Spirit

A big thank you to our community for making September 12th's Pinewood Springs is Still Cookin' Cookbook launch and Community Celebration a success! "It was a great chance to catch up with neighbors, try some new dishes and support the Fire Station & Community Center project", said Brooke Watson as she enjoyed the day with her husband and two daughters.

With well over \$200,000 raised, and the opportunity to utilize a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) matching grant – our momentum continues in the drive to provide the community with a much-needed new fire station and community center. We have outgrown the current building, and our PSFPD volunteer firefighters lack adequate space to provide the quickest and safest responses to emergencies.



The PSFPD serves our community and the US 36 corridor by protecting lives and property, providing

accident and

Hazmat response, serving as a disaster management hub, and engaging in wild land fire mitigation. The Fire Station Project design and construction committee continues to evaluate and review the best building improvement approach, considering both fire department and community needs.

While we originally hoped to avoid increasing the mill levy, DOLA has made it clear that with our current mill levy rate below the state average, it needs to be increased before DOLA will match our funds. This is a small mill increase that will make a big difference. We ask for your YES vote. A new fire station and community center will help our dedicated volunteers protect our community now and into the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email John Bologna at john.bologna@pinewoodspringsfire.org or call at 303-823-5534. We would love to hear from you.

Pinewood Springs: WE are Still Cookin'!

We had a fun and successful party September 12th and the Brigade would like to thank everyone who attended the "Pinewood Springs Is Still Cookin' Cookbook" launch and Community Celebration.



We have a few extra cookbooks available, so if you have started to think about the Holiday gift-giving season, these cookbooks make wonderful gifts!

Please email Judy Bigger at judybigger@gmail.com to purchase your "one-of-a-kind heirloom" cookbook before they are all gone. You may also purchase the Cookbook at The Colorado Cherry Company.

PROJECT FUNDING STATUS – Sept 2015

\$209,969.49

Thank you to the Pinewood Springs Brigade and Cookbook Committee for creating a truly one-of-a-kind heirloom for our community, filled with unique recipes and local pictures. You continue to help our community thrive and grow.

A special thank you to Kathleen Cundall's non-profit organization for their generous donation last month!

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Why Give?

Generous donations from many members of our fantastic community carry us ever closer to the Project's fundraising goal. We reached out to some of our donors to ask them why they donate and why they love being part of Pinewood Springs.

This month's featured donors are Kheli Mason and Kathy Santos. Here's what they had to say:



"We have lived in the Northeast, Northwest and the Midwest. Each area has its own special culture, scenery, food and people that we love, but we have always had a special place in our hearts for the mountains. So much so that we flew from Wisconsin to Colorado to have our commitment ceremony at a beautiful, rustic ranch off of Peak to Peak on Gold Lake. So when Kathy received a job offer in this area, it felt the like the right move to make.

After living in downtown Lyons for a year and making wonderful friends there we found our home in Pinewood Springs. It has the right balance of peaceful quietness and community for us. We enjoy the wildlife, the starry nights from our deck, and being able to hike out our back door.

Regarding the flood, what is most poignant is that we got to know our neighbors. We now know that Phyllis and Vic next door will always have an extra can of beans when needed. Geri is forever the neighborhood cheerleader. Andy, the Assistant Fire Chief, who lives right next door yet who we didn't know, is an amazing leader and knows how to keep a bewildered crowd in order. He has a lovely wife, Laura, who we met by stopping her in the road to make sure she knew about these twice a day meetings that were being led by the Andy ... She knew!

There was a dear stranger in firefighter garb who put a hand on Kathy's shoulder to comfort her as she was boarding the Chinook and we now call her our dear friend, Lee. Then there are Teri and Russ, fellow Seneca Islanders, who introduced us to Bob and Laurel Shaw, again folks we did not know, but were welcomed to their generator-lit home for dinner and they are the people who ultimately found Kathy a place to live. The man on the hill who let me use his cell phone to call Kathy's 92 year-oldmom to let her know that we were OK ... that was the always cheerful and helpful Rich.

Kheli remembers, among many things, the valley being a MASH reenactment while everyone was flying away, and then the calm silence and deep darkness in the night when there was no power. Climbing to "Cell Phone Rock" twice a day to reach out to the world! It was a time not to be forgotten, but happily in the past.

It is because of these moments and so many more that we feel that our firefighters and first responders should have what they need to safely and effectively do their jobs, because it is they who take such good care of us."

Boot Campaign keeps strutting its stuff

Saturday, Sept 12 not only marked the two-year anniversary of the Flood, it was also the date of our latest Boot Campaign effort. As has become tradition, a group of our firefighters and several community volunteers, put up some enticing signs and took to the highway (or at least one side of Highway 36) to raise money for the Fire Station Project Fund.



Drivers making their way between Lyons and Estes Park stuffed a total of \$1,808.23 into multiple boots. The previous Boot Campaign, held in July, raised just over \$2,000.

Ways to donate to the Project Fund

- 1. Drop a check (no cash, please!) in the water payment drop box at the Fire Station
- 2. Use a credit card to donate through the flood book website at www.coloradofloodbook.org/fire-station-community-center/
- 3. Via PayPal through the Fire Protection District website at www.pinewoodspringsfire.org/new-fire-station-fund-raising/
- 4. Become a monthly donor by picking up a Donation and Pledge Form at the fire station or the Colorado Cherry Company, filling it out, and dropping it in the water payment drop box

NOTE: Donations are tax deductible.

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