

The Waterline



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Let it Snow! Winterization Tips

Winter is right around the corner and hopefully that means colder temps and SNOW! Home and cabin owners are encourage to protect their property by winterizing and ensuring that they are ready for cold and freezing temps. The three main causes of frozen pipes are: quick drops in temperature, poor insulation, and thermostats set too low. If pipes freeze and break, a 1/8-inch crack in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day, causing flooding, serious structural damage,

and the immediate potential for mold. Prepare now by, insulating pipes in your home's crawl spaces, buildup, and attic. Seal leaks that allow cold air in near where pipes are located and use your shutoff/stop-and-waste valve to shut off and drain water from your pipes and outside faucets if leaving the home unattended. More tips and help can be found at: <http://learningcenter.statefarm.com/residence/maintenance/preventing-frozen-pipes/index.html#sthash.ce65ygHI.dpuf>

CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION: STAGE 3

Water saving tips and hints can be found on the saveourh2o.org website. You can even sign up for email alerts and tips!



Board Meeting Highlights

Regular Board Meetings are the Third Thursday at 6:30 PM

July – Chief Hall reported on Fire Department activities and calls, the progress of the SCBA purchase, and thanked everyone for their support of the 4th of July Picnic. Secretary Rimmer reported on the filing requirements for the three open Board seats in the November election. General Manager Huff reported on the RIMCOG meeting he attended, progress of the Falling Leaf Lane paving, the upcoming main replacement streets, the tank projects, and the office roof replacement. The Board discussed the policy of requiring critical District employees to live within 20 miles of the District office. The discussion was tabled until the August meeting. The Board approved by motion \$7000 for replacement of valves at the tanks, votes for SDRMA and CSDA Board nominees, and the appointment of Ahern, Adcock, Devlin, LLP as auditors. The Board appointed President Bunyea as RIMCOG representative and Vice-President Wymer as alternate.

August – Supervisor Miller reported on the progress of the tank #4 relining and the tank valve replacement projects. Chief Hall brought in Firefighter Patricia Perry to demonstrate the new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) that allows firefighters to enter burning structures. Secretary Rimmer reported that, due to no challenger filings, there would be no need for Board Member elections in November and the incumbents would be appointed for an additional four-year term. General Manager Huff reported on the final budget surplus amounts that would fund upcoming capital improvement projects, the upcoming audit, and, Jason Weber's promotion to Serviceperson II. The Board discussed the Rim of the World Council of Governments and the role it could play for the mountain communities. The Board continued the discussion from the July meeting about the residency requirement for critical District employees. The Board took no action to change the current policy, determining that it was important for the critical employees to be readily available for accidents or emergencies because of the critical services the District provides. The Board also discussed protocol for Board Meeting scheduling and professionalism, decorum, and protocol for Board Meetings. In a closed session the Board completed the General Manager annual review. After reopening the public meeting, the Board approved by motion the extension of General Manger Huff's employment agreement for an additional year.

September – Supervisor Miller reported on the Badger project progress for the month.

Chief Hall reported on the Fire Hydrant testing recently conducted per ISO regulations. General Manager Huff reported on the recently completed annual review of Chief Hall and the success Secretary Rimmer has had in reducing the number of accounts currently shut-off for non-payment. The Board approved by motion some minor amendments to the Fire Department Policy and a new employment agreement for Part-Time Fire Chief Isaiah Hall.

NOTE: THE MOST RECENT, FULL MEETING AGENDAS AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, ARROWBEARWATER.ORG





GREETINGS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

As you may have heard we are expecting an El-Nino winter which means a lot of rain and snow. We are pleased to announce that, while supplies last, there are sand bags, sand, and a shovel in front of Arrowbear Lake Fire Department. We only ask that you be kind and leave our shovel behind, as well as try to limit your bags to 10 per house, so that we have enough to go around. For your information, for those of you who have Running Springs friends and family, Running Springs Fire Department is also supplying sand and sand bags for their community.

Remember as winter approaches and if you haven't done so, it is recommended to have your chimney inspected and or cleaned. Chimney fires are scary and have been the cause of many dangerous and costly structure type fires in the mountain communities. Please make sure you utilize a licensed, certified, and insured contractor.



I also want to talk a little bit about open fires in Arrowbear. As you may have seen us on occasion asking folks to extinguish their fires, there are a few steps you can follow to ensure we are all safe from open fires and flames. California Fire Code 2013 edition Sections 307 and 308 define open burning and open flame devices.



All open fires within Arrowbear, in your yard, and on your decks are by permit only, with the exception of Barbeques (gas or charcoal), TIKI style candles and table candles - only if they are not on a RED flag day, they are secured, have plenty of brush or combustible material clearance, not left unattended, a suitable fire extinguishing agent is on site, and does not conflict with California Fire Code sections 308.1.6.2 and 308.3. All other Open Fires, or Outdoor Hot Work are by PERMIT ONLY. Any fires of any kind deemed unsafe or unattended with, or without a permit, will be extinguished at the responding Fire Agencies' discretion.

We are not here to hinder your vacation, or any recreation in our community, but to provide a fire safe community that we can all enjoy. To obtain a permit for open fires, welding, or any other outdoor hot work you can call:

CAL FIRE Running Springs Office: (909) 867-2680

Arrowbear Lake Fire Department (909) 867-3479



Sincerely,
Isaiah Hall, Fire Chief

ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

909-867-3479

IN OTHER NEWS



The Firefighters Association with District Secretary Rimmer's help took Honorable Mention in the Mountain Top Days chili cook-off!



The Fire Department also sent equipment and personnel in support of the Summit fire in Big Bear.

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