

March 2016 E-Blast

Paving status of Ponderosa Drive

You should all have received a letter from Doug DeBord, the Douglas County Roads Department Manager. Even though the Board of County Commissioners approved the \$340,000 expenditure to pave Ponderosa Drive and a piece of Summit Road, they have decided to hold a meeting that allows all of the residents in Ponderosa Hills to comment on the paving plan and on the process.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 at 1:30 pm in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 100 Third St, Castle Rock. If you cannot attend you can submit written comments to bocc@douglas.co.us.

When attending the meeting or sending in your comments please be considerate and respectful of other opinions and viewpoints. We are a community and we need to get along even when we have differing opinions. Remember – *In the real world, nobody gets it all their own way.*

Preparedness Committee – Fire prevention

Below are excerpts taken from a letter from the South Metro Fire District January of 2015.

Whenever there is no snow on the ground, wildfire poses a significant risk to the people who live, work and play in Douglas County. South Metro Fire Rescue Authority (SMFRA) deems wildfire risk throughout our district high enough that we commit significant resources to preventing, mitigating, extinguishing and recovering from it. In addition to educating homeowners about their vulnerability to wildfire and strategies for addressing those vulnerabilities, SMFRA conducts wildland fire training for all of its firefighters.

Life Safety Educator Jensen conducts home ignition zone assessments for homeowners to determine ways to reduce the risk of wildfire. The 30-40-minute assessments are free. Email him at enar.jensen@southmetro.org to make an appointment.

The Board has had some interest expressed in forming a co-op among interested members to work on reducing fire danger on their properties. Contact the Board @ponderosahills .com if you are interested in joining this co-op to get help and give help to reduce fire danger. Fire mitigation on your land can be a big intimidating job so let's help each other. Join the group and we can help each other with this task.

Also, this is a great time to get working on taking down those dead trees and spraying for beetles. It is slow season for the tree folks so you can get a jump on their services. Below are some known services, we are not recommending any particular service just passing on some information.

Daniel's Tree Service 720-579-6987 Ramonmezchino78@hotmail.com

Matt's Maintenance Tree Service 303-332-5747 mattsmaintenance77@yahoo.com

Greg Waltz sodacanrobug@gmail.com Greg is a Ponderosa Hills neighbor who uses wood for heat. He cannot take down trees near power lines or close to structures.

Emergency Preparedness Water questions

If the electricity goes out, will you be able to get water?

- **Do you have a generator?**
- **Do you have stored water, how much?**
- **Do you have a manual pump or a solar pump?**

Just a few questions to get you thinking.

IREA Annual Meeting

Saturday April 9 at Ponderosa High School

- 1. Presentation of reports covering previous fiscal year**
- 2. All other business**

Education Grant Applications accepted until 5pm June 27, 2016. Applications at www.irea.coop.education-grants. Scholarships of \$1000 to be awarded to twenty-one eligible high school seniors.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING!