



Pinto Point Sewer District

Priest Lake, Idaho

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Greetings from the PPSD Board,

This special newsletter is perhaps the most newsworthy Pinto Point Sewer District newsletter in all the years that I've served as its president. Our sewer district was formed 34 years ago and ever since it's relied on the slow by today's standards U.S. Post office to communicate with its members and there's never been an archive of important information that members could access. That has now changed – we're evolving into the 21st century.

There are 2 parts to this newsletter. Part 1 describes important changes that will enhance communication with our members. Part 2 introduces a concept for implementing the dormant Pinto Point Owners' Association and asks for you to vote on the subject.

Part 1. Pinto Point Sewer District

The Pinto Point Sewer District Board of Directors is very pleased to announce several new developments to better to serve our members:

1. Email will be our primary means to correspond with our members beginning with this newsletter. From now on our newsletters, dues information, ballots and other correspondence will be sent to you via email.
2. The primary means to contact the Board is through our new email address, pintopointsd@gmail.com. However, if you have an emergency or need to speak to a board member, just give us a call. Our phone numbers can be found in the "Administration" portion of our website.
3. **On March 1st we will launch our website to serve our members.** You will be able to access it at Pintopointsd.com. This website is intended to provide our members with a convenient and consistent source of information pertaining to your sewer district. More on that below.
4. Our website provides the option for our members to use PayPal to pay their PPSD annual maintenance and operation fee. Just click on the PayPal button in the right side column of the website homepage.
5. Our website also includes a survey/voting capability. To vote or participate in a survey, just click on the voting button that's also located in the right side column of our website homepage.
 - a. **Please note there is a simple one item survey regarding the Pinto Point Owners' Association on our website for you to vote on by March 15th. (One vote per cottage site, all votes are anonymous).**

Our website contains six categories with lots of information that you may find interesting as well as helpful. Here's a brief summary of the website's content.

1. Administration.
 - a. Board member roster, officers' terms and phone numbers.
 - b. Board Meeting Minutes.
 - c. By Laws.
 - d. The 1981 Local Improvement District documents.



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2. Membership.
 - a. The lake address, historical lot number, name, legal description and parcel number for each of our 53 sewer district members.
3. Maintenance.
 - a. District Maintenance Policies.
 - b. Septic tank and pump specifications and application forms.
 - c. Pumping and repair data bases.
4. Engineering.
 - a. Sewer District map showing property improvements on each lot.
 - b. 1982 as-built sewer plans.
5. Newsletters.
 - a. An archive of PPSD newsletters since 2010.
6. Pinto Point Owners' Association.
 - a. This category is provided as a courtesy to the owners' association. More on this in part II of this letter.
 - b. On February 16th the Land Board approved a 4 year VAFO plan. We have posted the 2015 though 2019 VAFO schedule for the lots in our neighborhood.
 - c. Also included in this category is 2016 Priest Lake VAFO cycle.
 - d. The Declaration and Declaration Addendum documents that established the Pinto Point Owners' Association are also posted in this category.

The District website will be updated and modified from time to time to provide the most current information including changes in District membership, current pumping and maintenance status, and additions or deletions to the Sewer District map. The success of our website is contingent upon the accuracy of its documents. Please let us know if you notice something that appears to be inaccurate.

Part 2 – Pinto Point Owner's Association.

Our new PPSD website includes a Pinto Point Owners' Association (PPOA) menu item. This is done as a courtesy to our members. Posted in this section are the PPOA formation documents, covenants, information about the 2016 VAFO schedule and the 2015 through 2019 VAFO schedule for lots in our neighborhood .

The PPOA was established in 2013 when the State recorded documents establishing 13 neighborhood property owners' associations in preparation for subsequent transfers of property ownership from the State to private ownership. No PPOA meetings have been held and it's been dormant until now.

The Pinto Point Sewer District (PPSD) was formed in 1982 and has had a functioning board of directors for the last 34 years. The PPSD and the PPOA are both populated by the same 53 lots.

Occasionally our sewer board has used its forum to educate our members on appraisal and VAFO processes and at one time facilitated road oiling. We've also been tempted to become involved in fire protection. These are issues better suited to a neighborhood association and not the sewer district. The sewer board's purpose is to deal exclusively with sewer issues.



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During our 1/20/16 meeting the sewer board discussed how we might participate in activating the PPOA so important issues like those mentioned above can be appropriately addressed. The PPSD board decided that we would offer to also serve as a separate board for PPOA. The sewer board meets at least twice per year. PPOA meetings could occur the same day immediately prior or after the PPSD meeting. Separate PPOA agendas, minutes and records would be maintained.

We realize there may be others who wish to participate as a board member. We welcome this. It would work out best if the new members serve on both boards. There are currently 7 PPSD board members. In order to maintain an odd number of board members, we would welcome 2 additional board members to serve on each board. Please email us at pintopointsd@gmail.com if you would like to learn more about serving on these boards.

As mentioned above, our website includes a voting/survey capability. It currently includes the following survey item.

By March 15th, please access the Pinto Point website (Pintopointsd.com) and click on the voting button to indicate whether you approve of the Pinto Point Sewer District Board members to also serve as the Pinto Point Owners' Association Board. (One vote per cottage site, all votes are anonymous).

That wraps it up for now. The Board is pleased to offer these enhancements to our service. From now on communication between the board and our District members can be accomplished quickly and conveniently and there's now an archive of easily accessible information that our members may find helpful and interesting.

Yours truly,

Denny Christenson
President and Chairman
Pinto Point Sewer District Board