

NOVEMBER 2021

PINERY PIPELINE



From your board of directors

On September 27th, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to kick off the Walker Reservoir construction project, which is being funded by the Pinery, Castle Rock, Cottonwood, and Inverness Water Districts.

It's an amazing project and when finished, this reservoir will give the Pinery Water District an additional source of water that will help to solidify its water supply.

Simply put, the project involves draining water from the old pit, installing an impervious liner around it (making it a new self-contained reservoir), refilling it, and when needed pumping stored water into Cherry Creek for each District to take as part of their pro-rata share.

The pit is 65 feet deep in spots, close to ½ mile long and will store 650-acre feet of water in reserve. 300-acre feet of the 650 will belong to the Pinery Water District. That's a lot of water to add to our portfolio.

The water level in the reservoir is maintained by allocated creek water, drawing from nearby shallow wells, deep wells, and runoff from rain and snow. The cost of the project is just under 12 million dollars with the Pinery picking up almost half of it. It will take about 18 months to complete and should be in use around March of 2023.



Shovel-ready representatives attending the ceremony from each District are pictured here with the Reservoir in the background. The guy in the shorts is yours truly.

Located a half mile or so west of highway 83, the Walker Reservoir can be seen from Parker Road heading south just before you get to the Franktown intersection. If you would like a closer look, go west on highway 86 and turn right on Walker Road.

Anglers may be interested to know that it's loaded with Largemouth Bass but alas, fishing there is prohibited. The Colorado Division of Wildlife is presently relocating the fish to Bingham Lake and to the Cherry Creek Reservoir. Among those relocated were a few four-pound Lunkers.

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Board Meetings will still be held digitally at 6:00pm on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021

*(*please see meeting notice for information on joining the meeting by internet.)*

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021

District Announcement:

The Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider fixing or increasing fees, rates, penalties or charges for Commercial, Irrigator, and Domestic Water and Sanitary Sewer Services for 2022 at the Regular public meeting on November 17, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom. Visit pinerywater.com for link to join.

**Steve Tinnes, Treasurer
Pinery Water and Wastewater
District
Board of Directors**





SNOWBIRDS: WINTERIZING YOUR HOME FOR WHEN YOU ARE AWAY

Are you a snowbird? Many Pinery Water District customers flock to a warmer climate during the winter months. It is a very tedious task getting your home ready for those months you are away. However, creating a thorough checklist for winterizing your home can help protect against many unwanted surprises. The District receives many calls from homeowners, neighbors, or house sitters due to no water at the house or flooded rooms due to broken/frozen pipes. Here are a few tips to think about before you head to your warmer destination.

Protecting Pipes from Freezing:

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Open the faucets indoors. Let the water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- Leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.
- Consider completely turning off the water supply and draining pipes if your home heating system allows. Older steam heating systems need water to keep the house warm. The following link has a video showing how to shut off the main water valve in your house, <https://www.travelers.com/resources/home/maintenance/how-to-prevent-water-damage>.
- Ask a friend or family member to check on the house. Especially, after cold days or a snowstorm have your home checked that way any problems can be addressed right away.

How to Thaw Frozen Pipes:

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

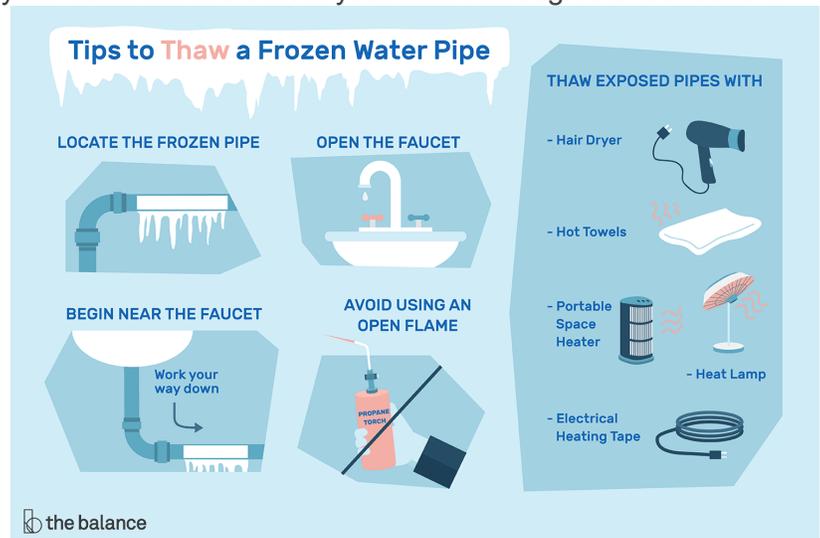


Photo from-
<https://www.thebalancesmb.com/how-to-thaw-a-frozen-water-pipe-2124986>

For reference or more information: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes> and <https://www.travelers.com/resources/home/safety/snowbirds-winterize-your-vacant-home>

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