

DURANGO WEST II

Metro District News

AUGUST 2020 Newsletter

Water Main Break and Valve Repair

On July 14th, the district had its first mainline break in a few years. It was on Aspen Drive just up from Oak Drive. We replaced a five-foot section of pipe that had cracked. Unfortunately, we are consistently finding that breaks/cracks occur where the original developer of DW2 used rocks to fill in under pipe sections. We replaced the bedding with dirt/gravel. Last fall, the District invested in replacing valves at the corner of Aspen and Oak Drives which allows our water operator to isolate main breaks. The investment paid off this month with the water main break resulting in less than 15 homes being affected by the water outage. We are currently replacing two other valves on Oak Drive and repairing another one. Thank you to the affected residents for their patience and thanks to those of you who took time to pass on your appreciations. They certainly help and were passed onto our water operator, Dave Marsa, for whom this was his first water main break in DW2.



Water Usage

Many residents are using over 10,000 gallons. While some know they are doing so, the district has assisted others in diagnosing where their extra water usage is coming from thanks to the new meter system the district invested in over the last few years. Just this month, residents have adjusted their irrigation

schedules, found leaks in their irrigation system, fixed an offending leaking toilet, and been provided use logs confirming that their renters did indeed leave on the sprinkler for 24 hours.

Pond

After trying for two seasons to improve the pond and reduce algae by using biological enzymes/microbes and blue dye, the district decided to use Cutrine, an algacide, this season. Our first application helped and are trying to get the same contractor back for another treatment. People around the county were seeing more algae growth due to warmer summers and longer growth seasons starting earlier in the spring and lasting later into the fall. DW2 contracted with Animas Mosquito Control District (AMCD) to prevent mosquito larva by placing environmentally friendly briquettes around district ponds.

AMCD said mosquitoes breed in standing water as small as a bottle cap. So everyone needs to do their part in eliminating breeding grounds for mosquitoes by checking for standing water around your homes and getting rid of it. This small effort will help protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors from mosquito-borne diseases.

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EPA recommends:

- Eliminate standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys, tree holes, plastic covers or tarpaulins and or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, pet bowls, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays/saucers at least once a week to destroy potential mosquito habitats.



Budget Ideas Welcome

The District will be preparing next year's budget. If you have ideas that you would like the Board to consider as expenditures in 2021, please email them to dw2@mydurango.net with contact information by September 2nd or attend the next Board Meeting. The monthly fees paid by residents are directed toward the operations and maintenance of our water, sewer, road and recreational facilities.



Slow Down

Summer is a time when kids are out at all times of day playing, riding bikes, and perhaps chasing a ball into the street. SLOW DOWN AND USE EXTRA CAUTION when driving through the neighborhood. While there is a posted 25 mph speed limit around the neighborhood – drivers are advised to use a lower speed appropriate to the conditions whether that's an icy road or approaching a playground or seeing children playing in a yard. Remember, this is a residential neighborhood. Take an extra minute and please slow down.

No Parking – Keep Roads Safe

Parking on District streets is prohibited under Resolution 2004-03, It is a safety hazard as we do not have sidewalks in the subdivision. No one wants to be responsible for someone or someone's pet getting hurt because they parked in the street. It also greatly hinders our maintenance efforts. Please park vehicles including RVs in your private driveways, and remind your guests and neighbors of our policy.



Bears are Here - Do NOT Leave Trash Cans Out

Bears have been sighted in the neighborhood. A few residents are leaving their trash containers outside. Do not put your trash out until the morning of pick-up day. La Plata County has an ordinance that fines residents at least \$200 for not securing trash containers from wildlife. You can report trash can raids by bears to County Dispatch at 385-2900. It's also a good idea to take your bird feeders in at night as well.

Be BearSmart

Residents can learn more about bear behavior, staying safe and smart by visiting the BearSmart Durango website: bearsmartdurango.org. You can also report a bear sighting here.



Contact Information

Please make sure we have a current email address and phone number to contact you. Send an email to dw2@mydurango.net with both your phone number and email address, so we have a way to contact you if there is a need.

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*** Next Meeting is August 19, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House***

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District Accountant

Fred Owen

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DURANGO WEST II BUSINESS BRIEFS:

The Business Briefs section of the newsletter is provided as a free service to current DW2 residents who wish to have their business or service listed. If you would like to have a listing, please email your brief to dw2@mydurango.net.

► House sitting and pet care when you are away! Tutoring: K-8 in all subject areas. Licensed 20 yrs of classroom experience.

Plexus: An all-natural, plant based line of health & wellness products. Contact Carrie at 259-4599.

► Big Toy Boat, RV & Mini Storage provides storage options for Household & Business, Boats, Campers & RV's at competitive prices. Wendell & Vindred Qualls @ 970-247-2680, or www.BigToyStorageDurango.com

► Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. www.drrobertstein.com

► House sitting and/or pet care including walking. I'm retired, reliable, responsible. Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378

► Lawn mowing and weed trimming services: Call Mason O'Bannon at 970-946-6041. Very reasonable prices as 13 years old - jobs starting at \$15.

► Pet and plant care from a caring, reliable college student. Call or text Cassandra at 970-317-1439.

► Kokikai Durango Japanese Martial Arts: Practical self-defense & personal development through traditional training. Contact Thomas

Holmes at (970) 799-7632 or visit www.kokikaidurango.com.

► Zumba With Donna Middleton. Classes at the Smiley Building 2nd floor dance studio. Wed. 5:45 pm. Fri. 1:30 pm. Sat. 8:45 am. Twice a month Sun. 9:00am. Call Donna @ 759-9944

► Cedar Enterprises LLC specializes in fire mitigation/fuels reduction in or around dwellings. Call for an estimate. Cedar wood cords neighborhood special \$250. Contact Bryan at 769-3438

► Aspen Roof Repair, LLC. Owned and operated by Nathan Ekola, a DW2 resident since 2009. Roofer of the neighborhood mail house. Fully insured. Roof repairs, maintenance, & snow removal. 970.903.5303. aspenroofrepair.com

► San Juan Paralegal Services; Contract Paralegal. Over 10 years of experience. Criminal Law, Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, Family, Business/Contracts, Trademarks. Contact Molly Pagano at (303) 881-4631.

► Join a Reiki class with Licensed Reiki Master Teacher, Teresa Jantz. Reiki is a stress reduction technique. All levels offered. Learn more and register at www.Touch-

pointTherapy.com or call Teresa at 970-903-2547.

► ABC Plumbing & Heating is available for plumbing & hot water heater service, repairs & remodels. Call 970-764-4315, www.abc-plumbingdurango.com

► Are you ready to sell? Staging your house is key to getting top dollar. We also do Interior Design. Over 20 years of design experience. Call Maria at Spruce It Up Durango at 303-912-1279 for your consultation. www.spruceitupdurango.com.

► Dance with Wendy Graham Settle. Private lessons for weddings, reunions, and special occasions including Swing, Latin, Blues, Waltz, and Two-Step. Contact: 970.903.9402, perkypantsdance@gmail.com, or go to www.perky-pantsdance.com.

► Ali Jacobs, owner of Empowered Living, offering Massage Therapy in DW2. Call 970-903-3189. Also offering Access Bars® touch Therapy (32 points on the head) which can be used to change all areas of your life.

► Get amazing locally roasted coffee here in DW2. You've probably seen our red and blue trailer parked at the entrance on Friday's. Feel free to contact me directly at mark.roc-



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