

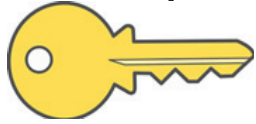
DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

NOVEMBER 2023

Newsletter Going Electronic

We are going Green!! The district has considered changing to an E-Newsletter for a while. As the Wells Group is phasing out the printing and mailing of the newsletter, this is a great time to finally go Green. We greatly appreciate the service that Don Ricedorff, Max Hutcheson, and The Durango Team | Wells Group, have provided to this community for over thirteen years. The final print newsletter will be January 2024. Durango West 2 will continue producing our monthly newsletter; however, it will be distributed via email. If you are not already on our DW2 group list, please send your email address to: dw2@dgowest2.com. By being on this list, you will also receive important updates on water outages and snow removal issues, etc. We do not inundate your mailbox and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Community Bulletin Board



To post a flyer on the community bulletin board at the mail building, you can either put it in the DW2 drop box and I will post your flyer or you can try opening up the case. It

is a bit finicky. I will leave a key in it – please don't remove it. Your mail key does not work in opening up the community bulletin board display case.

Street Sweeping begins November 1st

Street sweeping will begin Wednesday, November 1st (weather dependent) and last for the remainder of the week. Please do not park on the street. Your help in removing leaves and needles in front of your residence will help reduce the time the street sweeper will be on the road, thereby reducing the cost to the district. It's a good time to take a few minutes to clean up the street curb gutter in front of your house, including leftover materials from the free chipping.



2024 Budget Hearing

The Board reviewed the proposed 2024 Budget at the October 18th Budget Hearing board meeting. No residents attended. The budget has \$793,768 total revenues and \$816,729 total expenditures with an expected deficit of \$22,961. It contains another increase (5%) in Lake Durango Water authority water rates. The 2024 Budget will be adopted, according to state law, at the November meeting.

Prevent Sewer Line Clogs

Everything you put down the toilet ends up in the sewer pipes and sewer mains which can cause back-ups at your home and in the



system. DO NOT flush anything down except human waste and regular toilet paper. Do NOT flush baby wipes, wet wipes, tampons, dental floss, or facial tissues. Even if baby wipes/ wet wipes say 'flushable', they should go in the trash. When wet wipes and other items meet up in the collection system with oil and grease, there's a log jam causing backups or clogs in the collection system. Do not flush cat pee or poop from your kitty litter box down the toilet. Items not to flush include: Baby Wipes, Dental Floss, Q-tips, Cotton Balls, Diapers, Condoms, Paper Towels, Napkins, Papers, Medication, Cigarettes, Coffee Grounds.

District Property

Do not take dirt, sand, or other materials from the end of Aspen Drive. It is district property that we have paid for and is to be used for water breaks and bedding pipes. We ask that parents have a conversation with their children and teens about respecting district trails and property. There have been a few recent incidents of neighborhood kids removing sand from the pile to build jumps or play with in other ways.

HOA vs Special District

A metro district is a local government entity that provides public services and infrastructure to a community. A homeowner's association (HOA) is a private organization that manages and enforces rules and regulations within a particular residential community.

Durango West Metro District 2 is a special district within the state of Colorado. It is not an HOA. The district provides water, sewer collection and wastewater treatment services, and maintenance of roads and open space. It charges fees for these services. It is not an HOA and therefore does not manage or enforce covenants or perform other typical HOA functions.

Pond Projects in November

The board approved projects around the main pond to clean up the cattails and to improve the culvert and drainage leading into the pond area. The contractor will begin mobilizing in November – date TBD. He estimates that the projects will take seven working days, weather permitting. They will have an excavator and a skid steer operating along with roll-off dumpsters being hauled in & out; and say that the noise will not be too loud. There will be temporary disturbance to the water and therefore likely increased odors associated with that. If you have questions about these projects, you can contact the district manager at dw2@dgowest2.com or 970-259-3946.

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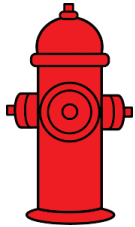
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Pedestrian Precautions

Residents walking or running should do so facing oncoming traffic, according to various websites including the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration. As it is getting dark earlier, residents should take extra precautions when walking around the neighborhood. Pedestrians should wear brightly colored clothing or have reflectors on their clothing or shoes to help them stand out to motor vehicle drivers. This could include a handheld flashlight or some type of light that attaches to their body. Sometimes, pedestrians wear hats with lights attached or some type of blinking light attached to clothing.

Accessibility of District Utilities and Traffic Signs

Reminder to all residents who have District traffic signs or facilities on an easement on your property, including sewer manholes, water curb stops, and fire hydrants: you must maintain adequate access to these facilities. Manholes, fire hydrants and water valves are not to be covered in landscaping which includes bushes, tree branches, etc. or enclosed by fencing.



Respect Our Bears

Keep our neighborhood and our bear neighbors safe by not providing easy food access.



Bears are out and looking for even more food on their quest to fatten up for winter. Do NOT leave birdfeeders or pet food dishes out at night. Do NOT leave your trash

can out before the morning of pick-up. Residents must either leave their trash containers in a garage until the day of pick-up and put the container back inside by the end of the day or have a bear-proof garbage container. La Plata County has an ordinance that fines residents at least \$200 for not securing trash containers from wildlife. To report a violation, contact Animal Protection through Central Dispatch 970-385-2900. Reporting incidents of trash being allowed to be accessed by bears is very important to make our area safe for both bears and people.

No Parking on Streets

Parking on District streets is prohibited anytime under Resolution 2004-03. It seriously impedes our maintenance efforts. Residents and guests need to park vehicles including RVs in your private driveways and off the street. Owners who rent need to tell their renters not to park on the street and monitor the situation.



Road Right of Way

A reminder to residents to keep in mind the district Right of Way (ROW) policy when landscaping or considering any changes to their

property that borders the road and is within 10-15 feet of the edge of the road. Please see our website www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/ and click on Documents tab and Policies.

Free Chipping A Success!



Durango Fire and Rescue used their new grant-funded chipper to provide free curbside chipping service to DW2 residents. It was their first neighborhood chipping event and they said DW2 will serve as a model! This opportunity was made possible by the

Colorado State Forest Service, which funded the chipper/dump trailer through a Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) grant. A crew of six completed the chipping in less than three days. Residents - please make sure you have cleaned any remaining materials from in front of your curb. Thank you.

Durango Fire and Rescue's grant runs on a five year cycle with many other area subdivisions to serve before returning here. They indicated that hopefully they will be back here within a few years.



Thank You!

98 households participated

100 cubic yards of material removed

THANK YOU to ALL RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED and to DURANGO FIRE & RESCUE!

Reminder (Third): DW2 Metro Fee is \$170

Just a reminder that your metro fees are now \$170. If you have your payment set up with your bank, please inform them of this change. For those residents enrolled in the DW2 EFT (electronic funds transfer)/ autodraft, the new rate of \$170 will automatically be deducted.

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Next District Board Meeting is November 15th at 5 p.m. at the Mail House There is no Board Meeting in December

District Manager

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Dave Marsa

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Board Members

Carly Thomson · 970-759-9156 · President · May 2027

Derek Ryter · 970-880-4945 · Director · May 2025

Beverly Lawrence · 970-799-2775 · Vice President · May 2025

Corey Beough · 970-779-7746 · Director · May 2027

Stephen Wells · 970-799-1822 · Director · May 2027

DURANGO WEST 2 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@dgowest2.com

• Train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu with 3rd Degree Black Belt Nico de Haan on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 am at Durango Martial Arts. All levels welcome. Contact 970-259-3398 or info@durangomartialarts.com. Website: <https://durangomartialarts.com/>

• Fully-facilitated immersion programs to Guatemala!! Originally Spanish4Educators.org, DW2 resident Steve Foster also offers general immersion programs to beautiful Antigua, Guatemala as well as specialized programs for educators and medical professionals. Contact Steve, 970-844-0724 or sfoster1010@gmail.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.

• 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.rockymountainroastery@gmail.com or text 303.385.7755

• 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.TouchpointTherapy.com or call Teresa at 970-903-2547.

• Mobile Notary and Notary Signing Agent. 16 years experience. Bonded, certified and insured. 24/7 service Elaine Stumpo 970-799-2328

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

• Therapeutic Massage Therapy for injury/sports rehab and inner healing- myofascial release, active/passive stretching, ancient cupping therapy, hot stones, neuromuscular & deep tissue therapy. Ali Jacobs, owner of Empowered Living. 15 years experience! Call to schedule. 970-903-3189.

• 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. Fri. 1:30 pm. Sat. and Sun. 9:00 am. Call Donna @ 970-759-9944

• 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

• James' Home Improvements & Repairs - Fully Insured; James Bowkett - 970-317-1467; <https://www.facebook.com/fourcornersimprov>

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

• Kelly Miranda Photography specializes in maternity, newborn, and family portraits. We also provide professional headshots, product photography, branding and marketing photos for businesses. Call Kelly at (970) 946-7279 or email info@kellymirandaphotography.com www.kellymirandaphotography.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.perkypantsdance.com.

• Custom-designed travel and tours. Contact Cindi Taylor, Taylored Tours, 970.335.8670 or visit trips.tayloredtours.com.

• Plexus: An all-natural, plant based line of health & wellness products. House sitting and pet care when you are away! Tutoring: K-8 in all subject areas. Licensed 20 yrs of classroom experience. Contact Carrie at 259-4599.

• Dumpster Rental - 16 Cubic Yard Dump Trailer (driveway friendly). I park the trailer your house, you fill it with green waste, trash, debris, and I haul it away. Prices vary. Please email Ryan Champion at championdumpsters@protonmail.com.



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