

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

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Rate Increase to Take Effect September 1, 2023

At the August board meeting, the Board passed a resolution to increase the water rate by \$10 beginning September 1st. As reported in the June and July newsletter, Lake Durango Water Authority increased the water rates for Durango West by 15% in 2023. The Board is trying to manage the increasing cost of water. Their discussion included further examining the water tier structure over the next few months while putting together the 2024 budget and possibly accommodating the likely 5% increase from LDWA for 2024 through adjustments to the District's tiered rate structure.

Please note that your metro fees will be \$170 beginning with your September payment which will be billed October 10th and due November 4th.

Budget Ideas Welcome

The District is preparing next year's budget. If you have ideas that you would like the Board to consider as expenditures in 2024, please email them to dw2@dgowest2.com with contact information by September 15th. The monthly fees paid by residents are directed toward the operations and maintenance of our water, sewer, roads and open space.

Happy Back to School – SLOW DOWN

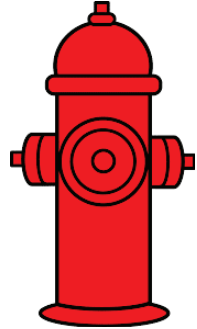


School Children (and parents) will soon be walking in the subdivision to and from the bus in the mornings and afternoons. Please SLOW DOWN as you drive through the neighborhood and be conscientious of our children, neighbors, pets and wildlife!

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.



Preventative Maintenance

Fall is a great time to do some regular preventative maintenance on your faucets, toilets, water softeners, etc. This can end up saving you lots of water and money. Be a waterwise resident and save water by doing proper maintenance and conserve water by installing water efficient toilets, shower heads etc.

Water-Saving Tip



Many residents already do this but here is a good water-saving tip: **Turn off the water to your toilets when you leave town.** Each year, residents leave home for an extended time, not aware that their toilet is running. Even a slow leak could waste up to 50,000 gallons in a month. Please keep a close eye on all your plumbing to ensure water is not being wasted, especially with most residents working so hard to conserve our precious water supply.

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. Please do not leave bird feeders or pet food dishes out at night. **Do NOT leave your trash can out before the morning of pick-up.**

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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. Check out bearsmartdurango.org for more resources and videos. BearSmart encourages reporting all bear activity to Colorado Parks & Wildlife (970-247-0855) and call the La Plata County Bear Hotline at 970-247-BEAR (2327) to report bear sightings, non-trash bear incidents and trash accessed by bears.



Bear Smart Durango is urging residents to use excess fruit instead of leaving it on or under trees. An additional benefit of using all available fruit is a reduced likelihood of tree damage by bears. To access the Fruit Gleaning Hub, which helps residents find businesses and individuals seeking excess fruit, visit <http://fruitglean.org>.

No Parking on Streets



Parking on District streets is prohibited anytime under Resolution 2004-03. It is a safety hazard as we do not have sidewalks in the subdivision. Additionally, 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.

Continue to Maintain Street Gutters in Front of your Property

We greatly appreciate residents who have cleaned up the street gutter in front of their homes. Please check periodically to make sure they are clean and that any type of ramp you have at the end of your driveway is maintained and cleaned so that water flows in the gutter, especially once the monsoons begin. This is needed for proper drainage as well as to prevent those needles from clogging our stormwater drains and culverts. It will also assist with proper drainage as well as prevent damage to the adjoining asphalt.

Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds

With hopefully late monsoons this year, it is important to be vigilant and do your 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 to protect you, your family and your neighbors from mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. A couple of times a week you should drain any areas where water sits – including flower pots and bird baths, pet bowls, gutters and construction materials.



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.

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Next District Board Meeting is September 20th at 5 p.m. at the Mail House

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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/>

• 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

• 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

• 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.kokikai-durango.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>

• Landscaping and Maintenance: World Tree Landscaping - Quality without compromise landscaping, maintenance and design services. Call Michael at 970-749-9473. Ask about our other services.

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

• 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

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

• 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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