

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

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2023 Drinking Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2022

Available Durango West Metro District #2's Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available on our website and at this direct URL: <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/Portals/91/CCR/2023.pdf>

The CCR is a thorough analysis required by State Health to ensure that customers have the opportunity to understand the quality of the water they are receiving. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please email the District Manager at dw2@dgowest2.com. For questions about the water qual-

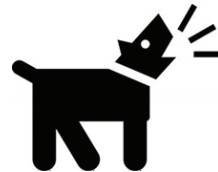


New Board Members and Retiring Member

Thank You! Corey Beaugh and Stephen Wells were sworn in as new board members. Corey Beaugh has been a DW2 resident since 2018, works as a water rights administrator for the State of Colorado, and has a wife and two boys. Stephen has lived in DW2 in his current home since 1987 and has two daughters who grew up in Durango West. He worked as a lawyer in Durango since 1983, retiring in 2018. Current board president, Carly Thomson, was re-appointed to assist during this transition period. Wayne Schrader retired from the Board after serving five years. If you see him around the neighborhood, please thank him for his dedication to the community by serving on the Board.

the adjoining asphalt. We greatly appreciate all residents who have already 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.

Nuisance Barking - Be Considerate



Nice weather means more windows are open, day and night. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Barking dogs, in particular, are not only annoying to your neighbors but can be a violation of the La Plata County

Code. To report a violation of the [code](#), please contact the La Plata County Humane Society at (970) 259-2847 or visit www.lpchumanesociety.org. For more information, visit https://www.co.laplata.co.us/services/public_safety/animal_control.php

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.

Maintain Clean Street Gutters in Front of your Property

The one company that does street cleaning appears to be currently unavailable. There are still a lot of needles in the street gutters from residents' trees. Residents are asked to clean up what is in front of their property. **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**

Protect Wildlife – Keep Dogs Under Control



We have had several complaints about dogs in the neighborhood, including off leash dogs harassing wildlife. The Living with Wildlife Advisory Board

tells residents: Do not let dogs roam when they are outside. Always keep your dog on leash while hiking or walking to prevent wildlife conflicts. Wildlife raise their young in the summer and dogs off leash may create fatal interference. Winter greatly decreases the ability of wildlife to maintain energy and dogs off leash can exacerbate the situation. The La Plata County website outlines the regulations around dogs: https://www.co.laplata.co.us/services/public_safety/animal_control.php

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For concerns with dogs out of the owner's control or property, please contact the county sheriff or Animal Protection as outlined on that web link above. For dogs harassing wildlife, it should be reported to (970) 247-0855.

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.

Lake Durango Increases Rates 15%

The Lake Durango Water Authority (LDWA) board approved a 15% rate increase to take effect this past January. DW2 expressed concerns and questions over the ensuing months. While LDWA did delay the start of the increase for several months, it did implement the full increase.

No Motorized Vehicles on Greenbelt Areas

Motorized Vehicles are not permitted on any of the greenbelt areas in the neighborhood. **This includes ATVs, dirt bikes, electric scooters, etc and applies to everyone – adults and kids.** The trails are for walking, running and bicycles. For the safety of all trail users and the health of the greenbelt, please follow this policy.



SLOW DOWN – Create a Safe Neighborhood

With school out, there are lots of kids walking, biking and playing in the neighborhood. While the speed limit is 25 mph throughout the neighborhood, it is the individual driver's responsibility to drive even more slowly to safely navigate conditions such as weather or curves. It is everyone's responsibility to create a safe neighborhood.



Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds

The district contracted with Animas Mosquito Control District (AMCD) again this year to put environmentally friendly briquettes around district ponds to prevent mosquitos around the main pond and the ones by the tennis courts. These prevention briquettes last six months. With all the spring rains, 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 protect yourself, 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.

Bears are Out – Keep Trash Cans Inside and Remove Bird Feeders

Residents must leave their trash containers inside until the morning of trash pick-up day. Living with Wildlife Advisory Board recommends not feeding songbirds from April to November as there is other food for them and feeders attract bears. If you do feed hummingbirds, they suggest taking the feeders in at night. 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. For more information and resources, visit bearsmartdurango.org.



A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR

Fire Hydrants – Access

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep it accessible year-round. During spring and summer, remove shrubs, branches, etc that block visual and physical access.



Wildfire Fire Mitigation Maintenance Projects Begin Late June

While the district has completed its wildfire mitigation, we are continuing our commitment to maintenance. Our contractor will select areas each year that are up for maintenance on a rotating basis or that he has targeted for maintenance due to growth. They will begin work the week of June 26th, focusing on district property in Sheep Spring gulch. Our contractor is Jon Westrup with Fire Smart.

Fire Mitigation Resources

Wildfire Adapted Partnership has fire mitigation resources available for homeowners. DW2 residents are eligible for programs that Wildfire Adapted Partnership offers. These include a "Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit", Check out <https://www.wildfireadapted.org/> to find out more. Contact Alex Graf, La Plata County Coordinator at: agraf@wildfireadapted.org or 845-750-2914.



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Next District Board Meeting is June 21st at 5 p.m. at the Mail House

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

Corey Beaugh · 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/>
- 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
- James' Home Improvements & Repairs - Fully Insured; James Bowkett - 970-317-1467; <https://www.facebook.com/fourcornersimprov>
- 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.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
- 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.
- House sitting and/or pet care including walking. I'm retired, reliable, responsible. Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378
- Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. www.drrobertstein.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.
- 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.



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