

# DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2022

## Be a DW2 Board member

The Durango West 2 Board is looking for another director as one recently resigned. Because this is a mid-term opening, the position will be appointed by the board after reviewing applications. The term for this position will expire in May 2023, with the opportunity to be elected for a full, four-year term beginning in May 2023. The board expects to have two additional openings in May 2023, so we'd love to chat more with residents who may be interested in serving on the board now or in the future. Board Members are volunteer residents who dedicate approximately 5 hours each month to make important decisions regarding your water, sewer, roads, and recreation systems in our Metro District. This is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and better understand the systems and processes that govern our district. If you are interested or just want to learn more about the position, please contact us at [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com). If you'd like to apply, please email with a short explanation of your interest and your background.

## Happy Back to School – SLOW DOWN



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!

## 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 2023, please email them to [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com) with contact information by September 15th or attend the next Board Meeting on September 21st. The monthly fees paid by residents are directed toward the operations and maintenance of our water, sewer, roads and open space.

## Road Patching September 30

There will be patching and crack-filling conducted throughout the subdivision on September 30th.

## 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.**



## Respect Our Bears

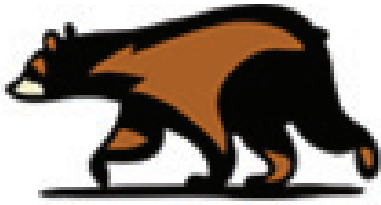


Keep our neighborhood and our bear neighbors safe by not providing easy food access. Bears

are out and looking for even more food on their quest to fatten up for winter. **Please do not leave 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. Check out [bearsmartdurango.org](http://bearsmartdurango.org) for more resources and videos. BearSmart encourages reporting all bear activity to Colorado Parks & Wildlife (970-247-0855) and to Bear Smart Durango by using the form on the BSD website: <http://bearsmartdurango.org>.

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**bear smart**  
**DURANGO** helping people & bears coexist

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://fruitclean.org>.

### Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit

Now is the perfect time to sign up for a Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit. Have a Wildfire Adapted Partnership County Coordinator visit your property and conduct a wildfire risk assessment. Our coordinators will walk around your property with you and discuss what steps you can make to be better prepared for wildfire. You will receive a write up of everything you need to know to take the next steps in your wildfire preparedness journey. You will also be given important materials to help guide you in your efforts. These visits generally take 60-90 minutes. Sign up at: <https://www.wildfireadapted.org/home-wildfire-risk-site-visit>

### Annual Hydrant Flushing

With water use down and more water in our tanks, the District will be conducting our annual hydrant flushing in the next month.

### 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.

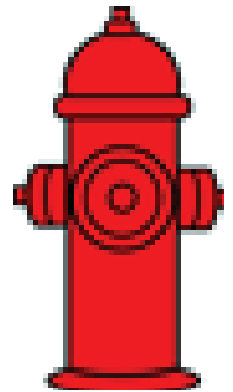
Be a waterwise resident and save water by doing proper maintenance and conserve water by installing water efficient toilets, shower heads etc.

### Water-Saving Tip

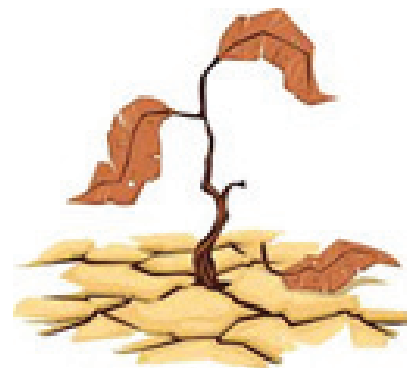
Many residents already do this but here is a good water-saving tip: **Turn off the water to your toilets when you leave town.** Each year, residents leave home for an extended time, not aware that their toilet is running. Even a slow leak could waste up to 50,000 gallons in a month. Please keep a close 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.

### 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.



### Remove Your Dead Trees



This is a great time to remove your dead or sick trees. It is good to do from a fire mitigation perspective as well as keeping other trees on your property and surrounding area healthy.



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Next Meeting is September 21 at 5 p.m.  
at the Mail House

### District Manager

Jane Looney

259-3946 • dw2@dgowest2.com

### Water Operator

Dave Marsa

759-1609

### District Accountant

Fred Owen

385-2518

### Board Members

Carly Thomson • 970-759-9156 • President • May 2023

Beverly Lawrence • 970-799-2775 • VP • May 2025

Wayne Schrader • 970-317-5109 • Treasurer • May 2023

Derek Ryter • 402-613-3323 • Director • May 2025

## 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@dgowest2.com

- Hair Services: Bella Vie Hair Studio. Certified Color Specialist, trained in precision cutting techniques. Call or Text Jamie to schedule an appointment 801-671-6805
- Train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu with Nico de Haan, 3rd Degree Black Belt, all levels on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-7:30 AM and Saturdays 8:00-9:30 AM at Durango Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Contact 970-769-9276 or durangobjj@gmail.com. Website: durangobjj.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 or text 303.385.7755
- 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.
- Psychologist in DWII for 38 years. Dr. Katherine accepts private insurance and Medicaid. Over 40 years of experience. Office in town or use of secure Zoom. (970) 769-6907
- 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.
- 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
- House sitting and/or pet care including walking. I'm retired, reliable, responsible. Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378

- ABC Plumbing & Heating is available for plumbing & hot water heater service, repairs & remodels. Call 970-764-4315, www.abc-plumbingdurango.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.
- 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.
- Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. www.drrobertstein.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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