

# DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

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## Wishing All a Happy and Healthy New Year

### Help Make Roads Safe this Winter

#### Parking on Streets Prohibited

Durango West 2 Metro District prohibits parking on the street. Vehicles, trailers, etc., parked on the street present a safety hazard to our children and residents and greatly hinders snowplowing efforts.

#### Drive and Walk Safely, Especially on Icy Roads!

Winter is here and it is important to remember that roads may become quite slick in the subdivision in the coming months. Please slow down and take your time while traveling through the neighborhood on wintery days.

#### Snow Removal

Everyone appreciates the beautiful snow and accompanying moisture we have fortunately started to get this winter. The Board and district manager are aware of the challenges large amounts of snow and frequent storms bring to both our residents and snowplow contractor. We all thank the residents for their patience and understanding as we continue to do our best to keep the roads as safe as possible.

#### Here are a few things to know about snow plowing in DW2



**Priorities:** First priority is opening the streets. The main roads are the first and the primary focus due to many factors including the fact that everyone uses them and

the necessity of keeping the bus route clean. After the main streets are cleared, the snowplows will tackle the cul-de-sacs. A clarification: Our policy of clearing the main throughway roads first does not mean the cul-de-sacs and other streets do not get cleared. Long-time residents on these streets have been patient and know that they will be plowed as soon as possible. Plowing the primary throughways first is important for all residents to get in and out as well as ensuring that emergency vehicles can access the subdivision and the school bus can provide its service. In heavier storms, this may mean that the snowplows make another round on the main streets to re-clear them before moving to the cul-de-sacs.



Next, the snowplows will look to make the street as wide as possible at the time. Later – sometimes the day following the storm - they will look at pushing snow back into people's yards if necessary to ensure adequate space for the next storm.

**Right of Way:** The District's road easement continues an average of 15 feet onto each homeowner's property. Pushing snow into that easement will keep the roads as wide and safe as possible. When the road gets too narrow, visibility can be impaired and driving and walking in the subdivision can become quite dangerous, particularly since we do not have sidewalks.

**Snowpack:** The district generally does not instruct our snow removal contractor to plow down to the pavement. Snowpack is a fact of a healthy winter here. Most of the time it is also safer to drive on. Once the snow begins to melt, the district will review the most beneficial time to get the contractor in to remove slush if it is staying and constantly melting and refreezing to where it is causing ruts, etc.

**Stakes and Curblines:** When we ask residents to put out stakes (no closer than 10 feet) along their curblines, it is to help the snowplow drivers to be as efficient as possible while removing snow and keeping the streets as wide as possible. It is not meant to stop them from moving or pushing snow into the road easement when needed. That easement extends an average of 15 feet onto the property.

**Speed:** Typically, snow plow trucks go slow. However, drivers (all of which have Leeder on the side of their trucks) do not drive over 10 mph.

Sometimes, residents believe they are getting more deposits of snow from the plow than others. A variety of factors can be at play here - including amount and type of snowfall and our subdivision having a mix of straight-a-ways, cul-de-sacs and bends in the road. Depending on the shape of the street, and especially in cul-de-sacs, there may be limited space available for large deposits, and most of the snow from a cul-de-sac may have to be deposited in one area. See below for some things you can do to help this situation.

If you have an individual concern, please feel free to contact the District Manager at [dw2@dgwest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgwest2.com) or 259-3946.

Thank you to residents for your patience  
and understanding.

## Things you can do to help

(to those of you who already do one or more of these, a big thank you!):



**Snowblow/push/shovel snow from your driveway into your own lot, not into the street.** Pushing snow into the street creates extra snow or slush in the street causing problems driving for residents as well as potentially pushing extra deposits of snow onto your neighbors when the snowplow truck

comes by. We have had calls from people where they got more push into their yard that actually resulted from the snow plow truck encountering more snow on the street before or in front of their home and therefore needed to deposit it somewhere.

**Snow blow or shovel a straight edge along your curb-line yourself in front of your yard.** This could assist in both keeping district roads wide and possibly protecting your landscaping while also potentially reducing the amount of windrow the snowplow truck deposits in your driveway!



**Don't Park on the Street.** While parking on subdivision streets is prohibited any time, it is especially crucial that people observe this during winters like this. Snowplow drivers can come any time during the day or night, weekday or weekend. While they come during storms, they also come on blue sky days to clean up as well.

**Remember that our contractors are doing the best they can under the circumstances and are not trying to make your life difficult. Please do not make theirs more difficult either.**

## Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep it accessible year-round. During the winter, we appreciate the assistance from homeowners who have hydrants on their property in keeping them clear from snow; and will provide assistance during larger storms when needed.



## Start New Year with Zero Balance

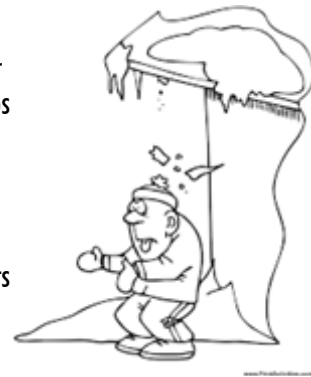


Start 2021 off with a zero balance on your DW2 account. Some residents have amounts due from a water overage they may have had last summer or a late fee that was on their account from months, years ago. Some residents have a credit on

their account ranging down to 5 cents. Please look at your next bill and adjust your next payment to reflect the amount due whether you have a due amount or credit. Give the office a call if you need assistance with this.

## Watch out for Icicles!

Many residents have lots of icicles on their roofs this winter. Along with watching out for them falling on yourself, check your hose bibs as well periodically. Last winter and spring, several people found their outside water spigots/hose bibs turned on by falling icicles. Already this winter, there has been one confirmed case. Checking your outside spigots or fitting them with some type of cover can save water and unnecessary added expense on your water bill.



## Snow on Roofs and Ice Dams

We have had significant snowfall already this winter. Preventing heavy loads on roofs and ice dams is important. Ice dams occur when snow accumulates on a roof, ambient heat from the home melts the snow touching the roof, this water moves down the roof to the unheated eaves (overhang) where, if the temperatures are right, it will refreeze. Once this cycle repeats itself enough you can have ice dams that are quite thick. When this happens the melted snow cannot escape through the ice dams and will back up the roof causing it to leak into the overhangs or into the home. Significant damage can occur.

Owners need to take proactive steps to prevent this from happening. Steps include shoveling snow from the roof, clearing snow from the eaves, installing heat tape and clearing valleys. Each home has its own unique situation depending on roof type, roof pitch, orientation (south facing, north facing), roofing material, etc. We strongly recommend that you call a roofing contractor or snow clearing company to evaluate your situation and advise you on corrective measures. With proper planning and care, we can all avoid costly damage and still enjoy the snow!

## Join the DW2 Email List



With winter in full force now it is a good time to sign up for the DW2 email list. It is the best way for us to notify residents of snow plow updates or issues such as water break emergencies. To add your email address to the DW2 email list, please send an email to [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com) with your name, address and email addresses you'd like added.



Next Meeting is January 19, 2022 at 6 p.m.  
For Remote – contact [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com) for instructions

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- 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](mailto:sfoster1010@gmail.com)
- James' Home Improvements & Repairs - Fully Insured; James Bowkett - 970-317-1467; <https://www.facebook.com/fourcornersimprov>
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- 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](mailto:championdumpsters@protonmail.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.
- 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](http://www.TouchpointTherapy.com) or call Teresa at 970-903-2547.
- Lawn mowing and weed trimming services: Call Mason O'Bannon at 970-946-6041. Experienced 15 year old with own mower, weed trimmer and gas. \$20 per hour.
- 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](http://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
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- 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](mailto:perkypantsdance@gmail.com), or go to [www.perkypantsdance.com](http://www.perkypantsdance.com).
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