

DURANGO WEST II Metro District News



April is National Safe Digging Month

April is National Safe Digging Month, reminding all Colorado residents to always call 811 at least three business days before any digging project. When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to Colorado 811 which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, paint or both. Every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how small, warrants a call to 811. Visit www.co811.org for more information about digging safely.

Annual Garage Sale June 11



Our DW2 annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 11th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., so get your stuff ready! The Metro district's role in this event is to schedule and pay for an ad in the Durango Herald.

Wildfire Fire Mitigation Maintenance Projects Begins Late April

While the district has completed its wildfire mitigation, it is now time for maintenance. Our contractor will pick areas each year that are up on a rotating basis for maintenance or he has

targeted for maintenance due to growth. A tentative timeframe for the start of fire mitigation projects is late April to early May, depending on conditions. Our contractor is Jon Westrup with Fire Smart. They will begin focusing on the SE 160 area which needs a bit of maintenance. They think that connecting to the East entrance would be next.



Fire Smart describes their mitigation goal and approach: We provide a service that seeks to reduce wildfire risk while restoring forest health and visual aesthetics. Reducing risk means breaking up the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels leading up to homes. This works hand in hand with helping our forests because thinning helps reduce our forests vulnerability to fire, infestations and disease. The aesthetic piece is the art of the work we do and comes with years of experience. We are very sensitive to visual screening between homes and roads. For more information, visit <http://firesmartdurango.com/>.

Residents who have questions can call/text Jon directly at 970-759-3707 or email him at firesmartdurango@gmail.com.

The May 2022 District election has been cancelled.

There were two available positions and two people submitted the completed forms by this year's deadline. Therefore, current Board members Beverly Lawrence and Derek Ryter have been elected by acclamation. Their terms begin in May. If you know Beverly or Derek, please thank them for their dedication as volunteers for our neighborhood!



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Pond Update

The District is aware of the pond's condition and has been considering possible solutions due to realities resulting from this long term climate trend which includes prolonged drought, a longer and hotter summer season, and warmer fall and spring seasons. These factors, resulting in higher evaporation rates and reduced run-off, have led to our pond shrinking. The lack of spring run-off in recent years has reduced our well production and prohibited the district's ability to add water to the pond from our wells. Additionally, the Board decided not to supplement the pond with Lake Durango water due to the associated cost and to be responsible stewards of a precious resource given our current drought situation.

The pond measured between 2-3 feet deep last fall and the depth will likely continue to decrease this summer. The shallow nature of the current pond renders our bubbler system unusable, which will likely result in even more algae this summer.

The Board has visited this matter several times over the past few years as the conditions of the pond have continued to change. Recently the board contacted a landscaper to determine the feasibility and costs of one alternative approach, which is to create a smaller detention pond that fills when there is stormwater runoff with an option for the rest of the area that is now pond to be converted into dry open space.

In March, the Board reached out to residents who live adjacent to the pond which raised additional questions. The District is doing further research. When that is complete, the board will provide an opportunity to present information and for residents' comments during a regular or special meeting before making decisions on the next steps.

Bears Return — Keep Trash Cans Inside

Warm weather returning brings the return of our neighbors — bears. Leave your trash containers inside until the morning of trash pick-up day. It's a good idea to take your bird feeders in at

night as well. 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](tel:385-2900).



Red Flag Warnings and Wildfire Preparation



Springtime brings beautiful spring flowers and budding trees. It also often signals the start of the red flag warning season. Here is a resource to understand Red Flag Warnings: [https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/](https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/pdf/red-flag-resource-short.pdf)

[pdf/red-flag-resource-short.pdf](https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/pdf/red-flag-resource-short.pdf) from Ready Set Go Colorado www.wildlandfirersg.org. The site also has wildfire preparedness tips and information.

Postal Service and Late Bills and Checks

We are still receiving some checks after the due date. As we can't control the post office and delivery of mail, residents mailing checks should do so well in advance of the due date, to allow plenty of time for delivery. Residents having their banks send the checks should push that date up so there is plenty of time for the checks to arrive through the mail by the due date of the 4th.

Some residents received their print bill late last month. Residents are responsible for paying their monthly bill by the 4th of every month regardless of whether they have received their bill or not or received the bill late. If you don't receive a bill by the time you want to pay it or the due date, just write the account number on your check. You can also contact the office at [259-3946](tel:259-3946) if you have any questions about your bill. Residents can receive their bills via email/Ebill as well which is emailed out on the 10th of the month and so is not ever late as it doesn't depend on the post office.

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Next Meeting is April 20, 2022 at 5 p.m.
For Remote – contact dw2@dgowest2.com for instructions

District Manager

Jane Looney

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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 2022
Wayne Schrader · 970-317-5109 · Treasurer · May 2023

David Cramer · 970-739-3681 · Director · May 2023
Derek Ryter · 402-613-3323 · Director · May 2022

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.com or text 303.385.7755
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.abcpumbingdurango.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.
- Pet and plant care from a caring, reliable college student. Call or text Cassandra at 970-317-1439.
- 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.
- Mobile Notary and Notary Signing Agent. 16 years experience. Bonded, certified and insured. 24/7 service Elaine Stumpo 970-799-2328



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