

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

MAY 2022



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!

Spring Cleaning – Help out in Front of Your Property

There are a lot of needles in the street gutters from residents' trees. Please help by removing needles, rocks, mud, etc from the gutters in front of your home. This would ensure proper drainage as well as prevent damage to the adjoining asphalt. Thank you. We greatly appreciate all residents who have already cleaned up the street gutter in front of their homes!

Road Work Mid- June

Our primary roadwork this year will be Aspen Drive between the first and second stop sign. The extensive milling and overlay project will be a major improvement to this heavily used section of district road and will lengthen the life of the road by 25 years. As this is an extensive project, residents on this section of Aspen Drive will need to park elsewhere for a few days. We will provide specific dates and details when available. This is also the most likely time when the area on Oak Drive which had the water break will be paved. As the hole was seven feet deep, our contractor wants to ensure that area has settled and packed down before re-paving.



Our contractor will be doing patching throughout the subdivision as well, so please remember that parking on District streets is prohibited under Resolution 2004-03, as it greatly hinders our maintenance efforts as well as the safety of residents.

SLOW DOWN – Create a Safe Neighborhood



With spring weather, more people are using the trails and walking 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.

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. For more information and resources, visit bearsmartdurango.org.



Greenbelt Use

Time to get out and enjoy the trails. The greenbelt is for all residents to enjoy and use so please be considerate of your neighbors and our neighbors that border the district. If you walk your dogs, it is your responsibility to clean up after them as well as to keep them on a leash or under control at all times. Also, a reminder to residents that trails are multi-use including hikers and people with strollers, so please be aware and yield to others when riding bikes, especially around blind curves.



Solar Project at Wastewater Plant

Durango West 2 Metro District is going green! Our wastewater plant will soon be powered by solar energy. We hope to have this project completed by September of this year. The solar array will reduce DW2's annual greenhouse emissions by 175 tons annually. This is the equivalent CO2 emissions of driving an average car 393,000 miles! The Board was approached by LaPlata Energy, LLC, managed by John Shaw of Shaw Solar, about the possibility of this project about a year ago. After extensive research on the short and long term financial implications, the boards of both DW1 and DW2 agreed to move forward with the project. The district will be paying the solar company instead of LPEA, while the solar company pays for all construction and maintenance of the solar plant panels. There is zero upfront cost to the district. The contract ensures that the districts will pay less for electricity over the 25 year term of the contract, regardless of any electricity costs, general inflation, or solar production. After 25 years we will own the equipment and will be able to have the electricity generated by the plant, with an estimated value of \$40,000/year after year 25. Our board is confident that this is a good deal for the district as well as the environment.

Reminder – No Pickleball at Tennis Court

The district is reminding residents that pickleball is not allowed at the tennis court.

Mosquito Control

DW2 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. Minnows in the main pond are plentiful again this spring and are doing their job eating mosquito eggs and larvae according to the AMCD.



Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds

Please 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.



What Not to Put Down the Toilet

Everything you put down the toilet ends up at the wastewater treatment plant so do not flush anything down except human waste and regular toilet paper. Wet wipes, tampons, dental floss, and even facial tissues create maintenance messes. Even if wet wipes say 'flushable', they should go in the trash. When wet wipes and other items meet up in the collection system with oil and grease, there's a log jam causing backups or clogs in the collection system. Do not flush cat pee or poop from your kitty litter box down the toilet. Other items not to flush include: Baby or Wet Wipes (even those that say they are flushable), Dental Floss, Q-tips, Cotton Balls, Diapers, Tampons, Condoms, Tissues, Paper Towels, Napkins, Papers, Cat Litter (including cat pee and poop clumps taken from litter box), Medication, Cigarettes, Coffee Grounds.

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Next Meeting is **May 25, 2022** at 5 p.m.

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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. 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.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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