

DURANGO WEST II

Metro District News

JUNE 2021 Newsletter

Drinking Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2020 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/2021.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@my-durango.net. If you have questions about the water quality analysis, call our water operator Dave Marsa at 759-1609.



Water Conservation

Learning to use water wisely indoors and outdoors is vital where we live. **Colorado Water – Live Like You Love It** is an outreach/educational campaign of Colorado WaterWise. Check out their 14 ways to save water indoors and 14 ways outdoors along with other great information: love-coloradowater.org.

Annual Garage Sale Returns June 12

Our DW2 annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 12th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., so get your stuff ready!

New Board Member

Derek Ryter was appointed by the Board at its May meeting to fill our current vacancy. Derek is a hydrogeologist and a native of the Durango area who has worked in groundwater and water resources for 15 years as a scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey. He and his family have lived in Durango West 2 for six years. If you see him around the neighborhood, please thank him for his dedication to the community by serving on the Board.

Road Projects 2021 July 28-30

This year's road projects will begin in late July. Currently, the schedule is to patch, crackfill and sealcoat Willow Drive on

Wednesday July 28th and to patch, crack-fill and sealcoat Aspen Court as well as patch, crack-fill throughout the subdivision on that Thursday and Friday. Do not park on the street as this greatly hinders their work. **Parking on District streets is prohibited** under Resolution 2004-03, as it greatly hinders our maintenance efforts. Please park vehicles in your private driveways, and remind your guests of our policy.



Be Considerate

Nice weather means more windows are open, day and night. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Revving engines, barking dogs and loud music can all be annoying to your neighbors. So that all residents can enjoy our streets and trails, please also be considerate by keeping your dogs on a leash and picking up after them.



School is Out - Slow Down

School is out. This is your neighborhood, and it's important that you set the example in obeying the posted 25 mph speed limits and coming to a complete stop at the stop signs. **These traffic rules are in place to protect our residents -- adults, children and animals -- and to keep our neighborhood safe.** Remember, this is a **residential** neighborhood. Please take an extra 30 seconds and slow down!

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Deer in Neighborhood

Deer are often in the neighborhood, especially this time of year. Please SLOW DOWN as you drive through the neighborhood so you do not risk hitting a deer. They are often out in the mornings and evenings. While the posted speed

limit is 25 mph, it is your responsibility to slow down according to situation. Certainly pedestrians, kids and pets, time of day, and road conditions are all reasons to go at a safe speed for the situation. Please be conscientious of all our neighbors and drive safely!



Living with Wildlife

The La Plata County Living With Wildlife Advisory Board (LWAB). LWAB consists of qualified volunteers who serve in an advisory role for the La Plata County Commissioners on issues involving wildlife in La Plata County. The goal of the LWAB is to reduce conflict between

wildlife and residents. LWAB recognizes that abundant wildlife adds to our quality of life. Predators such as bears, coyotes, and mountain lions are vital to maintaining healthy ecosystems. As La Plata County's wildland/urban interface increases, so does the potential for wildlife conflicts. The concept of "WildSmart" can be realized by residents of La Plata County by applying our 'Avoiding Conflicts with Wildlife' strategy at their homes and while recreating outdoors. For information on how you and our wildlife can live together without conflict by visiting their website: www.wildsmart.org.



Bears and Trash

Bears are out. 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, call the Sheriff's office at 385-2900. Check out bearsmartdurango.org for more resources. **Keep our neighborhood and our bear neighbors safe by not providing easy food access.**

Drought Update

As of May 18, 2021 the U.S. Drought Monitor lists parts of La Plata County in extreme drought and other parts are rated as in exceptional drought. Extreme soil moisture deficits and

below normal precipitation means all basins should prepare for a low runoff year. The continuance of drought is expected through 2021. For more information, visit: <https://climate.colostate.edu/drought/#usdm>

Posting Information

Posting on street signposts or light poles is prohibited. Posting flyers or notices on the outside of the mail building is prohibited. Please only post flyers in the community bulletin board at the mail building. If you have a problem getting into the board, put your flyer in the DW2 drop box under the window and we will post it for you.

Pond Update

The district was not able to fill the pond this year due to lack of water in our wells. This unfortunately makes the algae more of a challenge. While the bubblers are working, they do work better with higher water level.



Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds

The District has contracted with Animas Mosquito Control District to treat the pond areas for mosquito larvae. 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 as small as a bottle cap. So EPA recommends:

- Eliminate standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys, tree holes, plastic covers or tarpaulins and or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, pet bowls, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays/saucers at least once a week to destroy potential mosquito habitats.

Tennis Court and Pickleball

Pickleball is currently not prohibited.



Pay Your Bill Hassle-Free and On-Time

More and more residents are enjoying the benefits of having their DW2 payment automatically withdrawn from their checking account each month. Forget the hassle of paying your bill every month or worrying if it's late. Have your payment withdrawn the day after payment is due. Save paper, time, stamps, envelopes. Just sign up for DW2 auto-draft. Email dw2@mydurango.net to receive a simple form to fill out.

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Next Meeting is June 16, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House
or Remote – contact dw2@mydurango.net for instructions

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Board Members

Carly Thomson • 759-9156 • President • May 2023

David Cramer • 739-3681 • Director • May 2023

Beverly Lawrence • 799-2775 • VP • May 2022

Derek Ryter • 402-613-3323 • Director • May 2022

Wayne Schrader • 317-5109 • Treasurer • May 2023

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@mydurango.net.

▶ House sitting and pet care when you are away! Tutoring: K-8 in all subject areas. Licensed 20 yrs of classroom experience.

Plexus: An all-natural, plant based line of health & wellness products. Contact Carrie at 259-4599.

▶ 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

▶ Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. www.drrobertstein.com

▶ House sitting and/or pet care including walking. I'm retired, reliable, responsible. Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378

▶ 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.

▶ Pet and plant care from a caring, reliable college student. Call or text Cassandra at 970-317-1439.

▶ 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

▶ 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.

▶ 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.

▶ ABC Plumbing & Heating is available for plumbing & hot water heater service, repairs & remodels. Call 970-764-4315, www.abc-plumbingdurango.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.

▶ Ali Jacobs, owner of Empowered Living, offering Massage Therapy in DW2. Call 970-903-3189. Also offering Access Bars® touch Therapy (32 points on the head) which can be used to change all areas of your life.

▶ 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

▶ James' Home Improvements & Repairs - Fully Insured; James Bowkett - 970-317-1467; <https://www.facebook.com/fourcornersimprov>

▶ 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



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