

DURANGO WEST II

Metro District News

JULY 2020 Newsletter

Water Usage

Many residents had high water usage in the last few months. While we understand that it is hot and dry, the district wants to ensure that our precious water resource is not being wasted via leaks or worn parts or watering behavior like watering lawns in the middle of the day when high evaporation rates occur. The district's new meter software program can detect steady water use occurring over a 24 hour period which could indicate a leak. We then leave door hangers on those residences on the day of the meter reading. We also notify very high users of a potential issue. There were 14 residents who used over 15,000 gallons in May. The district can assist in pinpointing the issue contributing to high water usage. It helped several residents last month discover leaks or problems with their irrigation settings.



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: lovecoloradowater.org.

Remove 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.



Board Passes Open Burning Prohibition

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, stove fire, burn barrel or trash fire within the boundaries of the Durango West Metropolitan District No. 2 is prohibited. The prohibition on open burning does not apply to (i) grilling or cooking food using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in appliances designed for cooking or grilling; or (ii) patio wood or gas-burning units such as a chiminea, patio warmer, or other wood or gas-burning device used for outdoor recreation and/or heating. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire within the open space and greenbelt areas of Durango West Metropolitan District No. 2 is prohibited without exception. Please contact the district office at dw2@mydurango.net if you would like us to email you a copy.

Wildfire Mitigation – Home Ignition Zone

Homeowners are advised to clean up the needles from roofs and gutters along with other mitigation.

There are several areas in which residents can take important steps in preparing for potential wildfire:

1. Creating Defensible Space and Looking at Home Ignition Zone Concerns: https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/FIRE2012_1_DspaceQuickGuide.pdf; [Fire-Wise Mitigation Checklist](#): www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/Portals/91/Firewise%20tips.pdf
2. Preparing for Wildfire (i.e. emergency kits, family evacuation and communication plans, etc)

Resources for ahead for wildfire or other disasters: www.ready.gov/

Free checklist and resources: www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Emergency-Preparedness

3. Register your phone numbers with Code Red. La Plata County's Emergency Office uses this notification system (commonly referred to as "Reverse 9-1-1") that includes cell phones, texting, and e-mail! Go to: www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency.

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Slow Down



Summer is a time when kids are out at all times of day playing, riding bikes, and perhaps chasing a ball into the street. SLOW DOWN AND USE EXTRA CAUTION when driving through the neighborhood. While there is a posted 25 mph speed limit around the neighborhood – drivers are advised to use a lower speed appropriate to the conditions whether that's an icy road or approaching a playground or seeing children playing in a yard. Remember, this is a residential neighborhood. Take an extra minute and please slow down.

No Parking – Keep Roads Safe

Parking on District streets is prohibited under Resolution 2004-03, It is a safety hazard as we do not have sidewalks in the subdivision. No one wants to be responsible for someone or someone's pet getting hurt because they parked in the street. It also greatly hinders our maintenance efforts. Please park vehicles including RVs in your private driveways, and remind your guests and neighbors of our policy.

No Motorized Vehicles on Greenbelt Areas

Motorized Vehicles are not permitted on any of the greenbelt areas in the neighborhood. This includes ATVs, dirt bikes, electric scooters, etc. The trails are for walking, running and bicycles. For the safety of all trail users and the health of the greenbelt, please follow this policy.



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 so drain, at least a couple of times a week, any areas where

water sits – including flower pots, bird baths, pet bowls, gutters and construction material.

Curb Stop Water Shut off

Several residents have recently contacted us regarding locating their outdoor water shut-off. It is the homeowner's responsibility to find and keep your curb stop accessible. In a water emergency, we or a plumber cannot help you unless you know where your water shut-off is located. In some cases, water curb stops have been buried in landscaping for so long that residents (and the District) have no idea where it is located. Some tips on finding yours – the curb stop shut off is usually 15-20 feet from the curb and often within 5-6 feet of your property line with neighbors. Some people have a small 2-4" metal cover at ground level. It is the homeowner's financial responsibility to find and keep your curb stop accessible. However, if you need further assistance finding it, call 259-3946. Our water operator can assist for a \$60 charge.

Water Quality Report 2nd Notice

Durango West Metro District #2's Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available at this direct URL: <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/Portals/91/CCR2020.pdf>

Do NOT Leave Trash Cans Out

A few residents are leaving their trash containers outside. Do not put your trash out until the morning of pick-up day. 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. It's also a good idea to take your bird feeders in at night as well.



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***** Next Meeting is July 15, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House*****

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Carly Thomson • 759-9156 • Treasurer • May 2020 **David Cramer • 739-3681 • Director • May 2023**
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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@mydurango.net.

- ▶ House sitting and pet care when you are away! Let me ease your worries and take care of your home.
- Tutoring: K-8 in all subject areas. Licensed in CO & NM with 20 yrs of classroom experience.
- Plexus: An all-natural, plant based line of health & wellness products that help regulate your body to work more efficiently. We offer weight loss, detoxification, pain relief, vitamins, and so much more. 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. What are your needs? Overnights? Feeding? Walking? I'm retired, reliable, responsible and a resident (of DW2). Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378
- ▶ Lawn mowing and weed trimming services: Call Mason O'Bannon at 970-946-6041. Very reasonable prices as 13 years old - jobs starting at \$15.
- ▶ Certified babysitter and can care for your pets and plants while you are gone. I am responsible, caring and reliable and love spending time with children and pets. I am a licensed driver with reliable transportation. Please call Cassandra at (970)-317-1439
- ▶ Kokikai Durango Japanese Martial Arts: Practical self-defense & personal development through traditional training. Classes Mon and Thurs at 6:00 pm & Sat at 9 am in the Durango Recreation Center. 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
- ▶ Aspen Roof Repair, LLC. Owned and operated by Nathan Ekola, a DW2 resident since 2009. Roofer of the neighborhood mail house. Fully insured. Roof repairs, maintenance, & snow removal. 970.903.5303. aspenroofrepair.com
- ▶ San Juan Paralegal Services; Contract Paralegal. Over 10 years of experience. Areas of knowledge include: 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. Classes are held at Cafe of Life downtown Durango. Reiki is a stress reduction technique that promotes healing for the mind, body and spirit that anyone can learn. 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.abcplumbingdurango.com
- ▶ Are you ready to sell? Staging your house is key to getting top dollar. We also do Interior Design. With over 20 years of design experience, we can help! And we are right here in DWII. Call Maria at Spruce It Up Durango at 303-912-1279 for your consultation. www.spruceitupdurango.com.
- ▶ Dance with Wendy Graham Settle. Private lessons for weddings, reunions, and special occasions or "just for fun" including Swing, Latin, Blues, Waltz, and Two-Step. Fun and easy barn dances for groups of all ages and sizes with live music! Monthly dances at the Smiley building for all ages 1 to 100, and teen and adults. No partner or experience needed. 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.. Massage includes essential oils, CBD Lotion (if desired) and hot towels to create a relaxing session! 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



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