

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

MAY 2023

Annual Garage Sale June 10



Our DW2 annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 10th 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.

Spring Cleaning in Street Gutters – Take 5 Minutes

There are still a lot of needles (and some rocks, muck) in the street gutters. Residents are asked to take just 5 minutes to clean up what is in front of their property and dispose of it properly. This will assist proper drainage as well as prevent damage to the adjoining asphalt. We greatly appreciate all residents who have already cleaned up the street gutter in front of their homes!

SLOW DOWN – Create a Safe Neighborhood

With warmer weather - finally, 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.

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Spring Clean-up



Spring is the perfect time to clean up your yard and the areas surrounding your home. Disposing of downed branches, yard slash and pine needles will go a long way to protecting you and your neighbors in the event of a wildfire. Also if you are cleaning out sheds or other buildings that may have mice droppings or wood piles near your home, take precautions to prevent hantavirus – visit: cdc.gov/rodents/cleaning/index.html. You can also do many things to prevent rodents from inhabiting areas in the first place – visit: cdc.gov/hantavirus/hps/prevention.html

We understand that the hard winter will bring a lot of clean up for residents. The District has received several inquiries regarding assistance for homeowners in cleaning up their yards. For those who remember the mulching event in 2018, it was a one-time event authorized by the board as a jump start for residents to do fire mitigation. This type of service is outside of the usual confines of a Metro District's responsibility and function. Additionally, residents should know that the District is facing several budget challenges this year including unplanned cleanup in district property, snow-removal expenses nearly double what was budgeted for the entirety of 2023, and a 15% rate increase from Lake Durango Water Authority.

Residents are encouraged to work together to share the cost of renting a dumpster or mulcher; or sharing dump fees (now a flat \$75 for up to 1 ton trailer load at Bondad Land-fill).

Fire Hydrants – Access

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep it accessible year-round. During spring and summer, remove shrubs, branches, etc that block visual and physical access.



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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.

Reminder: AED at Mail Building

There is an automated external defibrillator (AED) device from Heart Safe La Plata at the DW2 Mail Building. An AED is a portable device that is simple to use. It checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm.



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 Wipes (even those that say they are flushable), Dental Floss, Q-tips, Cotton Balls, Diapers, Condoms, Paper Towels, Napkins, Papers, Medication, Cigarettes, Coffee Grounds.

Be a Good Neighbor - Clean Up after Your Dog

Please be respectful of district property and



residents' yards by always picking poop up after your dog(s) as well as your poop bags when you are on District roads, trails, greenbelts, and residents' yards and disposing of those bags properly. This helps to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy our subdivision and prevents pollution.

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. With all the moisture we had this winter, hopefully there will be less Red Flag Warning days. Here is a resource to understand Red Flag Warnings: <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.



Evacuation Checklists

Please visit our website <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/> for La Plata County Before and During Evacuation Checklists. For more resources, visit www.co.laplata.co.us/departments/emergency_management/faqs.php

Fire Mitigation Resources

Wildfire Adapted Partnership has many fire mitigation resources available for homeowners. DW2 residents are eligible for programs that Wildfire Adapted Partnership offers. These include a "Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit", Check out <https://www.wildfireadapted.org/> to find out more. One program is the Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit. This is the first step to possibly getting some financial assistance when available. Contact Alex Graf, La Plata County Coordinator at: agraf@wildfireadapted.org or 845-750-2914.



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Next Meeting is May 17th at 5 p.m. at the Mail House

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DURANGO WEST 2 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

- Train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu with 3rd Degree Black Belt Nico de Haan on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 am at Durango Martial Arts. All levels welcome. Contact 970-259-3398 or info@durangomartialarts.com. Website: <https://durangomartialarts.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
- 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.
- Mobile Notary and Notary Signing Agent. 16 years experience. Bonded, certified and insured. 24/7 service Elaine Stumpo 970-799-2328
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
- House sitting and/or pet care including walking. I'm retired, reliable, responsible. Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378
- Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. www.drrobertstein.com
- ABC Plumbing & Heating is available for plumbing & hot water heater service, repairs & remodels. Call 970-764-4315, www.abcpumbing-durango.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, perkydance@gmail.com, or go to www.perkydance.com.
- Custom-designed travel and tours. Contact Cindi Taylor, Taylored Tours, 970.335.8670 or visit trips.tayloredtours.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.
- 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.
- Landscaping and Maintenance: World Tree Landscaping - Quality without compromise landscaping, maintenance and design services. Call Michael at 970-749-9473. Ask about our other services.



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