

# DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

NOVEMBER 2022



## Street Sweeping Scheduled for week of November 15

The District will be conducting its fall street sweeping sometime the first few weeks of November, depending on weather and status of the needle

drop. Please do not park vehicles or trailers in the street or partially on the street/gutter section. Also, please move anything you may have at the bottom of your driveway to bridge your driveway and the street such as rubber, wood, or other material during these days. These present a major issue to our street sweeper both in time and effectiveness. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 2023 Budget Hearing

There was a public hearing on the 2023 Budget at the October 19th Board Meeting. No residents attended. The Board reviewed the proposed 2023 Budget, which will be adopted according to state law at the next meeting on November 16th at 5 p.m. The Budget outlines the estimated revenues and expenditures associated with operating the water, wastewater, road and recreation facilities of the District including our usual road repairs, snow removal, weed control and water and sewer system maintenance projects. Overall, expenditures for 2023 are currently budgeted at \$738,309. Revenues are projected at \$704,059. This projected deficit is primarily a result of water fund improvement projects. The deficit will be covered by reserves.

## Sewer Service Line Maintenance

The district has completed its annual main sewer line inspection and cleaning. In the past several years, we have had roots from residential service lines growing into the main and other residents have let us know that they have had issues with back-up or roots in their own service line. We recommend that residents look at getting a contractor to inspect and conduct preventative maintenance on their own sewer service line – as this is cheaper than a sewer

line back up and helps ensure that our main lines remain root and clog free. There are several sewer inspection companies here, but one is Roto Rooter which charges \$248 for preventative maintenance including a line inspection. Their number is 970-247-1040.

## Reminder – Lake Durango “Turns Over” in the Fall - Water Odor

We are aware that some residents have been noticing a different smell or taste in the water. This happens every fall when Lake Durango “turns over”. The warm water on top and cold water on bottom need to equalize. This happens when the day temperatures cool down to meet the lower night temperatures. So, the cooler weather this week will likely help hasten the process which means then that the smell and odor will subside. Please note: This is a taste and odor issue, not a health issue. Lake Durango Water Authority regularly tests its water according to state guidelines just as Durango West 2 does.



## Winter Preparations

Winter will arrive soon with snow – hopefully - and it is important to remember that roads may become quite slick in the subdivision in the coming months. Please slow down and take your time while traveling through the neighborhood on wintery days. Also, please mark your curb lines with tall stakes, so the plow drivers can be as efficient as possible while removing snow from our roads and keeping the streets as wide as possible. It is helpful to our snow plow contractors if residents mark their curb lines **placing tall stakes 10-15 feet apart (no closer)**. Please do so before the ground freezes. In some areas of the neighborhood, pushing back snow will always be required but if a large storm overwhelms us, pushing back snow may be required in the entire subdivision. **If there is a fire hydrant on your property, it is your responsibility to keep it cleared of snow.**

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### Slow Down

Deer are often in the neighborhood, especially at this time of year as they look for extra food on plants and shrubs in your yard. 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. The posted speed limit is 25 mph and there is no excuse for speeding down our residential streets any faster than that. Please be conscientious of your neighbors and drive safely!

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### Street Gutters – 5 Minute Fall Cleanup

**Please take 5 minutes to clean the street gutters in front of your home.**

There are a lot of leaves, needles, pine cones mixed at times with dirt/mud creating muck which all contribute to clogging the street gutters in various places.



It would be very helpful if every resident could just take 5 minutes to clean up what is in front of their property including any 'muck', dirt, pebbles that may have fallen in the gutters due to snowplowing, melting and runoff. This would ensure proper drainage as well as prevent damage to the adjoining asphalt. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Bears deserve**

**Respect Our Bears and Keep our Neighborhood Safe**



**RESPECT NOT GARBAGE**

[getBEARsmart.com](http://getBEARsmart.com)

Bears are out and looking for even more food on their quest to fatten up for winter. **Please do not leave birdfeeders or pet food dishes out at night. 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, Animal Protection through Central Dispatch 970-385-2900.

Reporting incidents of trash being allowed to be accessed by bears is very important to make our area safe for both bears and people.

### Be a DW2 Board member

The Durango West 2 Board is looking for another member. Board Members are volunteer residents who dedicate approximately five hours each month to make important decisions regarding your water, sewer, roads, and recreation systems in our Metro District. This is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and better understand the systems and processes that govern our district. If you are interested or just want to learn more about the position, please contact us at [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com).

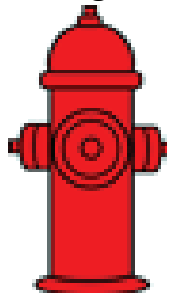


### Water-Saving Tip

Many residents already do this but here is a good water-saving tip: Each year, residents leave home for an extended time, not aware that their toilet is running. Even a slow leak could waste up to 50,000 gallons in a month. Please keep a close eye on all your plumbing to ensure water is not being wasted, especially with most residents working so hard to conserve our precious water supply.

### Accessibility of District Utilities and Traffic Signs

Reminder to all residents who have District traffic signs or facilities on an easement on your property, including sewer manholes, water curb stops, and fire hydrants: you must maintain adequate access to these facilities. Manholes, fire hydrants and water valves are not to be covered in landscaping which includes bushes, tree branches, etc.



### Contact Information

Please make sure we have a current email address and phone number to contact you. Send an email to [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com) with both your phone number and email address, so we have a way to contact you if there is a need.



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Next Meeting is November 16th at 5 p.m. at the Mail House or  
Phone Conference due to increase in COVID  
contact [dw2@dgowest2.com](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com) for phone conference instructions

### District Manager

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### Wastewater & Water Operator

Dave Marsa

970-759-1609

### District Accountant

Fred Owen

970-385-2518

### Board Members

Carly Thomson • 970-759-9156 • President • May 2023

Beverly Lawrence • 970-799-2775 • Vice President • May 2025

Wayne Schrader • 970-317-5109 • Treasurer • May 2023

Derek Ryter • 970-880-4945 • Director • May 2025

## 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](mailto:dw2@dgowest2.com)

- 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](mailto:durangobjj@gmail.com). Website: [durangobjj.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:sfoster1010@gmail.com)
- James' Home Improvements & Repairs - Fully Insured; Home 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](mailto:mark.rockymountainroastery@gmail.com) or text 303.385.7755
- 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, ac-

- five/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](http://www.TouchpointTherapy.com) or call Teresa at 970-903-2547.
- 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:perkypantsdance@gmail.com), or go to [www.perkypantsdance.com](http://www.perkypantsdance.com).
- Custom-designed travel and tours. Contact Cindi Taylor, Taylored Tours, 970.335.8670 or visit [trips.tayloredtours.com](http://trips.tayloredtours.com).
- Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. [www.drrobertstein.com](http://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.
- 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](mailto:championdumpsters@protonmail.com).



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