

# DURANGO WEST II Metro District News

December 2019 Newsletter



## Happy Holidays!



### Help Make Roads Safe this Winter

#### Drive and Walk Safely, Especially on Icy Roads!

Winter is here 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, particularly on wintery days. Be considerate of your neighbors walking on the streets by reducing your speed and exercising more caution especially around curves. In the winter when it's more difficult for cars to maneuver and stop, it's important that people walking on the road stay close to one side of the road to ensure safe passage of two vehicles as well as the pedestrians.



#### Snow Plowing

DO NOT park vehicles on the roadway, as it greatly hinders snowplowing efforts. When clearing snow from your driveway, do not push it into the road. This adds extra time and expense to our snowplow contractor's job and most importantly, delays him from making our neighborhood roads safe for all drivers and our

school buses. Snow from your driveway must be pushed onto your own lot. It will sometimes be necessary for our contractor to push snow off the roads and into homeowner's yards. The District's road easement continues approximately 10 feet onto homeowner's property. Pushing snow into that easement allows us to keep the roads as wide and safe as possible. When the roads get too narrow, visibility can be impaired and driving and walking in the subdivision can become quite dangerous, particularly since we do not have sidewalks.

#### 2020 Budget Adopted

The Board adopted the 2020 Budget. The Budget outlines the estimated revenues and expenditures associated with operating the water, wastewater, road and recreation facilities of the District including road maintenance, snow removal, water purchase, weed control and water and sewer system maintenance projects. Overall, expenditures for 2020 are budgeted at approximately \$680,000 and all funds (water, wastewater, sewer & general) are projected to be balanced.

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**REMINDER: New Water Rates begin January 1, 2020.**

**0-6,000 gallons included in monthly metro fee**

6,001 – 8,000 gal.: \$7 per thousand gallons  
8,001 – 10,000 gal.: \$10 per thousand gallons  
10,001 – 15,000 gal.: \$15 per thousand gallons  
15,001 – 30,000 gal.: \$25 per thousand gallons  
30,000+ gal.: \$50 per thousand gallons

**DW2 Metro District Roles & Responsibilities**

The Durango West 2 Board oversees the DW2 Metro District - a special district governmental entity. As such, we function quite differently than an HOA. The District has specific responsibilities: providing water, sewer, wastewater services; maintaining roads, open space and recreational amenities. The Board and District Manager are therefore restricted in our ability to perform additional functions outside of these areas. We are often asked about topics including: pet control, neighbor conflict, home or personal property security, fire mitigation on personal property, and more. While these may be worthy causes, they do not fall within the boundaries of Metro District responsibility or authority.

**Board Member Election in 2020**

Four board positions are up for election in May 2020. As a Special District, our election is regulated by the Colorado Secretary of State. They are transitioning the years in which elections will be held so board members elected in 2020 will be serving a three-year term. In late January, the District Manager will call for nominations for the open seats. At that time, self-nomination forms will be available for any District resident or District property owner interested in running for a position on the Board. Email [dw2@mydurango.net](mailto:dw2@mydurango.net) after January

26th to obtain a form. District Board Members are volunteers who dedicate approximately 5 hours each month to make important decisions regarding your water, sewer, road and recreation systems. Call a current Board Member if you would like to learn more.

**Join the DW2 Email List**

With winter approaching, it is a good time to sign up for the DW2 email list. It is the best way for us to notify residents of snow plow updates or issues such as water break emergencies. To add your email address to the DW2 email list, please send an email to [dw2@mydurango.net](mailto:dw2@mydurango.net) with your name, address and email addresses you'd like added.

**There is no December Board Meeting**



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## A Few Things to Know about Snow Plowing in DW2

**Priorities:** Main roads are plowed first to ensure access into and out of the community, and to keep the school bus routes clear. After the main roads are cleared, the secondary roads will be cleared, and then the cul-de-sacs. Our snow removal contractor will normally make a good pass through the main roads, and then clear at least enough on secondary roads and cul-de-sacs to open them up. Depending on the severity of the storm, the main roads may require more attention before the other areas can be addressed. Long-time residents on secondary roads and cul-de-sacs tend to be more patient knowing that they will be plowed as soon as possible. Plowing the primary throughways first also ensures that emergency vehicles can access the subdivision.

After ensuring accessibility for everyone, the snow plow contractor will widen the streets as much as possible at that time. Sometimes a day or two after a storm, they will further push snow back, and into people's yards, if necessary, to ensure that we are ready for the next storm.

**Right of Way:** The District has a road easement that extends approximately 10 feet from edge of asphalt onto each homeowner's property. One of the functions of the easement is to allow us to push snow onto it for snow storage, allowing us to keep the roads as wide as possible. When the roads get too narrow, visibility can be impaired and driving and walking in the subdivision can become quite dangerous. It's also important that we keep roads wide enough to accommodate emergency vehicles.

**Snowpack:** The district rarely instructs our snow removal contractor to plow down to the pavement. Snowpack is a fact of a healthy winter here. It is also generally safer to drive on. Once the snow begins to melt, the district will review the most beneficial time to get the contractor in to remove slush if necessary.

**Stakes and Curblines:** When we ask residents to put out stakes (no closer than 10 feet) along their curblines, it is to help the snow plow drivers to be as efficient as possible while removing snow and keeping the streets as wide as possible. The stakes will not deter the snow removal contractor from pushing snow into the road easement when it needs to be utilized for snow storage.

**Speed:** Typically, snow plow trucks go slow. However, drivers (all of which have Leeder Construction on the side of their trucks) do not drive over 10 mph.

**The Dreaded Snow Windrow:** Sometimes residents believe they are getting more deposits of snow from the plow than others. A variety of factors can be at play here - including amount and type of snowfall and our subdivision having a mix of straight-a-ways, cul-de-sacs and bends in the road. See below for something you can do to help this situation.

## Things You Can Do To Help

**Snowblow/push/shovel snow from your driveway onto your own lot, not into the street.** Pushing snow into the street creates extra snow or slush in the street and can adversely affect driving conditions. Pushing snow into the street can also result in yourself or the neighbor next in line getting some additional snow in their snow windrow from the added snow in the street.

**Snow blow or shovel a straight edge along your curb-line yourself in front of your yard.** This could assist in both keeping district roads wide and possibly protecting your landscaping while also potentially reducing the amount of windrow the snowplow truck deposits in your driveway!

**Don't Park on the Street** While parking on subdivision streets is prohibited any time, it is especially crucial that people observe this during winters like this. Snow plow drivers can come any time during the day or night, weekday or weekend. While they come during storms, they also come on blue sky days to clean up as well.

**Remember that our contractors are doing the best they can under the circumstances and are not trying to make your life difficult.** Please do not make theirs more difficult either. And a simple thank you goes a long way.

### Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep it accessible year-round. During the winter, we appreciate the assistance from homeowners who have hydrants on their property in keeping them cleared of snow; and will provide assistance during larger storms when needed.

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

### District Manager

Jane Looney

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### Water Operator

Tyler Whitt

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### District Accountant

Fred Owen

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### Board Members

Beverly Lawrence • 799-2775 • President • May 2022    Wendell Qualls • 946-6755 • Director • May 2020  
Wayne Schrader • 317-5109 • VP • May 2020    Carly Thompson • 759-9156 • Director • May 2020  
David Crom • 259-5597 • Treasurer • May 2020

## 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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. 5:30 pm. Fri. 12:30 pm. Sat. 8:45 am. Twice a month Sun. 9:00am. Call Donna @ 759-9944
- ▶ 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.abcpumbingdurango.com
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Therapeutic Massage with hot stones, essential oils and CBD topical lotion in DW2! Empowered Living LLC owner Ali Jacobs has 13 years' experience, is offering new client rates \$50 for 60mins. Call 970-903-3189.
- ▶ House sitting/Pet sitting. 9 years experience, reliable, reasonable rates, and DW2 resident. References available upon request. Contact Kayla Rubenstein at 970.903.3000.
- ▶ Shamanic Journeying: Connect with your Spirit Guides becoming stronger, more confident, self determining & controlling one's life. Conscious Breathwork to release trapped emotional tension free for unconditional acceptance of self, banishing self criticism, moving forward. Call Florence Gaia, RN, M.Ed. 259-6510 or www.mindbodyhealthnurse.com Tatanka Lodge in DW2.

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