

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

OCTOBER 2023

Reminder: DW2 Metro Fee is \$170

Just a reminder that your metro fees are now \$170 beginning with your September payment which will be billed October 10th and due November 4th. If you have your payment set up with your bank, please inform them of this change. For those residents enrolled in the DW2 EFT (electronic funds transfer)/ autodraft, the new rate of \$170 will automatically be deducted.

2024 Budget Hearing

The Board will review and discuss the proposed 2024 Budget at the October 19th meeting. Thank you to those residents who have submitted ideas for future expenditures. If you would like to have input on the 2024 Budget, please contact the district or attend the next meeting. The 2024 Budget will be adopted, according to state law, at the November meeting.

Free Chipping Opportunity October 10th

Time to do some fire mitigation and tree and shrub trimming! Durango Fire and Rescue has offered to use their new grant-funded chipper to provide free curbside chipping service to DW2 residents. Have your neatly stacked piles (see attached for details) out by 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, October 10th. It is the homeowner's responsibility to then remove any material that remains or wasn't taken by the following Monday, October 16th. Residents who have manholes, hydrants, street signs, traffic signs etc on their property, please see this as a good time to trim or remove trees and shrubs that hide or interfere with access or visibility. Information also available on our website: <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/>

RESIDENTS NEED TO FOLLOW THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES

Failure to follow the guidelines will result in your piles not being picked up. Residents must clean up the area after the chipping is done and remove any debris from the area near the curb.

Residents, please be aware that this opportunity only exists because of a one-time, grant funded opportunity from Durango Fire and Rescue.

Street Gutters – 5 Minute Fall Cleanup

As there has been heavy rainstorms throughout the summer and early fall, we are asking assistance from residents to keep the water flowing properly down our street gutters. 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.

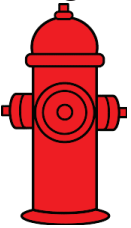


Pond Projects in late October to mid-November

The board approved projects around the main pond to clean up the cattails and to improve the culvert and drainage leading into the pond area. The contractor estimates that the projects should take seven working days weather permitting. They will have an excavator and a skid steer operating along with roll off dumpsters being hauled in & out; and say that the noise will not be too loud. There will be temporary disturbance to the water and therefore likely increased odors associated with that. We will update this on the website when we have specific dates. If you have questions about these projects, you can contact the district manager at dw2@dgwest2.com or 970-259-3946.

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. or enclosed by fencing. You can clean up these areas now and put them in piles for the free chipping day October 10th. See attached guidelines.



Respect Our Bears



Keep our neighborhood and our bear neighbors safe by not providing easy food access. 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, contact 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. Check out bearsmartdurango.org for more resources and videos. BearSmart encourages reporting all bear activity to Colorado Parks & Wildlife (970-247-0855) and to Bear Smart Durango by using the form on the BSD website: <http://bearsmartdurango.org>.



No Parking on Streets



Parking on District streets is prohibited anytime under Resolution 2004-03. It is a safety hazard as we do not have sidewalks in the subdivision. Additionally, it seriously impedes our maintenance efforts. Residents and guests need to park vehicles including RVs in your private driveways and off the street. Owners who rent need to tell their renters not to park on the street and monitor the situation.

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Next District Board Meeting is October 19th 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/>

• 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 stoster1010@gmail.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.

• 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.rocky-mountainroastery@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

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

• 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.

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

• Kelly Miranda Photography specializes in maternity, newborn, and family portraits. We also provide professional headshots, product photography, branding and marketing photos for businesses. Call Kelly at (970) 946-7279 or email info@kellymirandaphotography.com www.kellymirandaphotography.com

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

• 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.

• 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 (drive-way 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.



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Wood Chipper Materials Guidelines

Accepted materials include trees, logs, and branches up to 12 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire

The following restrictions apply:

- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts, or signs.
- No rotten wood, root wads, stumps, dirt, rocks, or shrubs: These items clog and damage our chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds, or bags of leaves.

Piles must be stacked by 8 a.m. on the Tuesday, October 10th so that our chipping crews can record all pile locations and plan their routes for that week. Chipping and collection will take place throughout this week. However, once your property has been done, they will not come back around so don't keep putting new piles out.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags); place trunks and branches perpendicular to the road, with large ends facing the road and small ends facing your property.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway without touching the road or drainage ditches.
- Viewed from the road, the maximum pile size is 5 feet high and 5 feet wide; the maximum length of individual trunks and branches are 10 feet.
- Maximum number of piles for each property is 5 piles.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris

The following are examples of a properly stacked pile versus an improperly stacked pile.

Properly stacked



Improperly stacked

