

# DURANGO WEST II

## Metro District News

April 2019 Newsletter

### April is National Safe Digging Month



April is National Safe Digging Month, reminding all Colorado residents to always

call 811 at least three business days before any digging project. When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to Colorado 811 which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, paint or both. Every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how small, warrants a call to 811. Visit [www.co811.org](http://www.co811.org) for more information about digging safely.

### Be Responsible Dog Owners



The district has gotten complaints from residents about the amount of dog poop in the neighborhood as well as on their property. It is disrespectful to your fellow neighbors and to property owners to leave dog poop behind. Please be a responsible dog owner by always picking up after your dog(s). Or, as one resident suggested, let your dog poop in your yard before taking a walk.

### Slow Down

While the roads are currently clear, there are still

sizeable snowbanks that should still make everyone drive slower and cautiously. People and pets are out enjoying the spring weather so SLOW DOWN for everyone's safety.

### Drought Update (from the Colorado Water Availability Task Force)

February and March-to-date have both seen impressive snow accumulation statewide, especially in the southern half of the state where snowpack is currently above 150 percent of normal for all basins. This persistent moisture and near normal temperatures resulted in significant drought improvements across the region. As of March 19th, exceptional drought and extreme drought have been entirely removed from Colorado. Most of the western slope has seen three and even four class improvements in drought conditions since the start of the water year. El Niño conditions are now present; and will likely continue through spring (80 percent chance) and even summer (60 percent chance).

**DW2 BOARD NOTE:** While this is great news, the Board advises residents that we do live in the desert Southwest and to practice conservation measures always as water is a precious resource. Please remember this when making decisions regarding landscaping or plants and choose xeric-landscaping options when practical. Here is one resource: <http://coloradowaterwise.org/XeriscapeColorado>.

### DW2 Water Sources

Some of our water comes from our wells within DW2, and some of our water comes from Lake Du-

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rango Water Authority (LDWA). Our well water supply is not enough to supply all our needs, and well production varies depending on the level of the aquifers. In times of drought, and sometimes even the year following, that production will likely be more limited. We make up the difference with purchases from LDWA. LDWA purchases water from Lake Nighthorse then sells that water to DW2, among other districts and retail customers. While this means that DW2 has a more consistent water supply through LDWA, it comes at a cost and is not an unlimited supply. LDWA contracts with Lake Nighthorse to purchase a set number of acre feet each year in addition to its other water rights. DW2 pays a flat rate to access LDWA water. Our acquisition and monthly bulk service fees are \$8,519 every month. Water usage is in addition to that is on a tiered structure depending on total gallons purchased per month. Despite our Stage 1 water restrictions last summer due to the exceptional drought, we still had very high water use during the summer months, resulting in much higher water costs for the district.

## Meter Upgrades

We are hoping to finish up our meter upgrade project in the next several months. This is not optional. The meters and installation are free. Our water operator needs access to your crawl space to install the new meter so someone does need to be at home for just an hour appointment. This upgrade benefits both individual residents and the District. Our water operator has already been able to detect small to larger size leaks with the new system. Due to the wet, muddy conditions under many people's crawl space, we are taking April off and scheduling residents for May.



## Annual Garage Sale is June 8

The annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., so mark your calendars! All residents are welcome to participate.

## Bears and Springtime



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.

**Bear Reports:** If you see a bear passing by, you can report it to Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 247-0855 or Bear Smart Durango at 749-4262; or use an online form at: [bearsmartdurango.org/report-a-bear-sighting/](https://bearsmartdurango.org/report-a-bear-sighting/). Reporting bear sightings can help these groups prevent and understand conflicts between bears and humans.

## Contact Information

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



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**\*\*\* Next Meeting is April 17, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House \*\*\***

### District Manager

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### District Accountant

Fred Owen

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David Crom • 259-5597 • Treasurer • May 2020      Wendell Qualls • 946-6755 • Director • May 2020  
Beverly Lawrence • 799-2775 • President • May 2022      Wayne Schrader • 317-5109 • VP • 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](mailto: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](http://www.BigToyStorageDurango.com)
- ▶ Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. [www.drrobertstein.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.spruceitupdurango.com).

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