

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

JULY 2023

Proposed Rate Increase on August 16th Board Meeting Agenda

At the June board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to propose a monthly \$10 rate increase for water. This increase will be considered at the next board meeting on Wednesday, August 16th at 5 p.m. at the Mail Building. The meeting is open to the public for comments on this proposal. If you would like to submit written comments, you can email them to dw2@dgowest2.com by Thursday, August 10th.

As reported in the June newsletter, Lake Durango Water Authority increased the water rates for Durango West by 15% in January 2023. The District requested that LDWA either reduce the amount of the increase this year, or to at least delay a portion of the increase. LDWA chose to delay it by three months. The rate increase took effect on the District's April water purchase bill from LDWA. Unfortunately, the LDWA increase is not a one-time event, as we understand they will likely consider an additional 5% increase in 2024 and annually after that.

The board chose to propose a \$10 increase to help the District cover the increased water costs. The new water rate fee would increase to \$86, bringing the total monthly Metro fees to \$170. If adopted at the August meeting, the rate increase would go into effect for the period from 9/1/23 to 9/30/23, which would be billed in October.

Road Right of Way

A reminder to residents to keep in mind the district Right of Way (ROW) policy when landscaping or considering any changes to their property that borders the road and is within 10-15 feet of the edge of the road. Please see our website www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/ and click on Documents tab and Policies.

Good Time to Remove Your Dead Trees

This is a great time to remove your dead or sick trees. It is good to do from a fire



mitigation perspective as well as keeping other trees on your property and surrounding area healthy.

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.



Create a Safe Neighborhood



It's summertime and there are lots of kids walking, biking and playing in the neighborhood along with residents walking or jogging the streets. It is a good idea to slow down and pay extra attention. 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.

Residents walking or running should do so facing oncoming traffic, according to various websites including the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration. From the National Center for Safe Routes to School: If no sidewalks exist on the road, it is recommended to



walk facing oncoming traffic on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic. When bicycling, you will want to ride on the right (going in the same direction as automobile traffic). Why is it safer to walk on the same side of the road as oncoming traffic, while cyclists are advised to go with the flow of traffic? If traffic approaches you from behind while you are walking, you have only your ears to rely on to know it is coming. If it is coming from in front of you, you have both your eyes and your ears to help you know to move off to the side. It is everyone's responsibility to create a safe neighborhood.


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Continue to Maintain Clean Street Gutters in Front of your Property

We greatly appreciate residents who have cleaned up the street gutter in front of their homes. Please check periodically to make sure they are clean and that any type of ramp you have at the end of your driveway is maintained and cleaned so that water flows in the gutter, especially once the monsoons begin. This is needed for proper drainage as well as to prevent those needles from clogging our stormwater drains and culverts. It will also assist with proper drainage as well as prevent damage to the adjoining asphalt.

Nuisance Barking - Be Considerate




Nice weather means more windows are open, day and night. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Barking dogs, in particular, are not only annoying to your neighbors but can be a violation of the La Plata County Code. To report a violation of the code, please contact the La Plata County Humane Society at (970) 259-2847 or visit www.lpchumanesociety.org. For more information, visit https://www.co.laplata.co.us/services/public_safety/animal_control.php

No Motorized Vehicles on Greenbelt Areas

Motorized Vehicles are not permitted on any of the greenbelt areas in the neighborhood. This includes ATVs, dirt bikes, electric scooters, etc and applies to everyone – adults and kids. The trails are for walking, running and bicycles. For the safety of all trail users and the health of the greenbelt, please follow this policy.



Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds



The district contracted with Animas Mosquito Control District (AMCD) combat mosquito larvae around district ponds. It is important to be vigilant and do your part in eliminating breeding grounds for mosquitoes by checking for standing water around your homes and getting rid of it. This small effort will help to protect you, your family and your neighbors from mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. A couple of times a week you should drain any areas

where water sits – including flower pots and bird baths, pet bowls, gutters and construction materials.

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.

Wildfire Fire Mitigation Maintenance Projects Completed

Our contractor completed wildfire mitigation maintenance projects for this year which focused on the district property in Sheep Springs gulch. They also took care of some downed limbs on the interior greenbelt and tall grass mowing.

Wildfire Mitigation – Creating Defensible Space

Homeowners are advised to clean up the needles from roofs and gutters along with other mitigation. Please see our local Wildfire Adapted Partnership website for more mitigation resources: <https://www.wildfireadapted.org/resources>. Register your phone numbers with Code Red notification system (commonly referred to as “Reverse 9-1-1”) www.durangogov.org/CodeRed

Drinking Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2022 – 2nd Notice

Durango West Metro District #2’s Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for Calendar Year is now available at this direct URL: <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/Portals/91/CCR/2023.pdf>



The CCR is a thorough analysis required by State Health to ensure that customers have the opportunity to understand the quality of the water they are receiving. For questions about the water quality analysis, please call our water operator Dave Marsa at 759-1609.

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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

• 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 (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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