

DURANGO WEST II

Metro District News

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Drive and Walk Safely, Slow Down



With all this snow and inevitable melt, it is important to remember that roads may become quite slick at times and slushy other times. Please slow down and take your time while traveling through the neighborhood. Be considerate of your fellow drivers and 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.

Call for Nominations

Three board positions will be up for election in May 2023. These are 4-year terms. As a Special District, our election is regulated by the Colorado Secretary of State. District Manager Jane Looney will serve as our Designated Elections Official (DEO). Self-nomination forms will be available for any District resident or District property owner interested in running for a position on the Board. You must be registered to vote in the state of Colorado. To obtain a form, contact dw2@dgowest2.com or call 970-259-3946. All self-nomination forms must be returned to the DEO via the DW2 drop box under the window at the Mail Building or emailed to dw2@dgowest2.com by close of business (3 p.m.) Friday, February 24th per Colorado law.

District Board Members are volunteers who dedicate approximately 5 hours each month to make important decisions regarding your water, sewer, road and recreation systems. Board meetings are the third Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. If you would like to learn more, you can email us for a Board Member Roles and Responsibilities or call a current Board Member.

Watch out for Icicles

Many residents have lots of icicles on their roofs this winter. Along with watching out for them falling on yourself, check your hose bibs as well periodically. Last winter and spring, several people found their outside water spigots/hose bibs turned on by falling icicles. Checking your outside spigots or fitting them with some type of cover can save water and unnecessary added expense on your water bill.



Snow Removal

Everyone appreciates the beautiful snow and accompanying moisture we've been getting this winter. However, the Board and district manager also appreciate the challenges large amounts of snow and frequent storms have brought to both our residents and our snow plow contractor. While we can't control frequency and amounts, we can continue to do our best to keep the roads as safe as possible and we greatly appreciate residents' patience and understanding.

We have had reports of residents pushing snow into the street. Do NOT snowblow/push/shovel snow into the street. Pushing snow into the street creates extra snow or slush in the street and can adversely affect driving conditions. It 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.

Here are 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 thoroughways 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 10-15 feet from the curb 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. Conditions can deteriorate from ice/snow pack to slush quickly. If you notice excess, you are welcome to reach out to Jane at dw2@dgowest2.com to report the conditions so we can follow-up. Please note, with fluctuating temperatures becoming more of an issue, there may be slushy areas at times as the plow can't be up here every day.

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 know where the curblines are and 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, snowplow trucks go slow. Drivers do not generally go 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.

If you have an individual concern, please feel free to contact the District Manager at dw2@dgowest2.com or 259-3946.

Thank you to residents for your patience and understanding!

Things you can do to help (to those of you who already do one or more of these, a big thank you!):



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.

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 clear from snow; and will provide assistance during larger storms when needed. Thank you to all residents who have been maintaining their hydrant and to those neighbors who have helped them out.

2023 Board Meetings Time and Place

The Durango West 2 Board adopted its meeting time and location for 2023. Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. in the Mail Building at the DW2 entrance. There will be no meetings held in July or December. Agendas are posted on the DW2 website.

Board Officers

The Board elected 2023 officers at their January meeting. Carly Thomson will serve as President, Beverly Lawrence as Vice-President and Wayne Schrader as Treasurer.

Budget

The District ended the year 2022 on budget, finishing slightly over budget for Wastewater and Sewer budgets.

Join the DW2 Email List

With winter in full force now 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@dgowest2.com with your name, address and email addresses you'd like added.

Next Meeting is February 15th at 5 p.m. at the Mail House

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Board Members

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

Beverly Lawrence • 970-799-2775 • Vice President • May 2022

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

Derek Ryter • 970-880-4945 • Director • May 2022

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 Nico de Haan 3rd Degree Black Belt on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 am and 5:30 PM at Durango Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. All levels welcome. Contact 970-769-9276 or Durangobjj@gmail.com. Website: 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

- 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

- 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-

- tively/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 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.

- 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

- 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, or go to www.perkypantsdance.com.

- Custom-designed travel and tours. Contact Cindi Taylor, Taylored Tours, 970.335.8670 or visit trips.tayloredtours.com.

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



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