

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

APRIL, 2021

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 for more information about digging safely.

Annual Garage Sale Returns June 12



Our DW2 annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 12th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., so get your stuff ready! The Metro district's role in this event is to schedule and pay for an ad in the Durango Herald.

Be a DW2 Boardmember

One of our board members has resigned. The Durango West 2 Board is looking to fill this position as soon as possible. If you are interested, please email dw2@mydurango.net with a short explanation as to why you are interested and your background. Board members are volunteers who dedicate approximately 5 hours each month to make important decisions regarding your water, sewer, road and recreation systems. You can also email or phone us if you have any questions.



Wildfire Fire Mitigation Projects Begin April 5

The District will be completing its major Wildfire Mitigation projects this spring. Our contractor is Jon Westrup with Fire Smart. They are scheduled to begin April 5th depending on conditions. They will be working in the Interior Greenbelt that extends from Oak Drive to Willow Drive as well as the small triangle between Willow Drive and Fir Drive and the one in between Oak Drive and Michael Way.

Fire Smart describes their mitigation goal and approach: We provide a service that seeks to reduce wildfire risk while restoring forest health and visual aesthetics. Reducing risk means breaking up the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels leading up to homes. This works hand in hand with helping our forests because thinning helps reduce our forests vulnerability to

fire, infestations and disease. The aesthetic piece is the art of the work we do and comes with years of experience. We are very sensitive to visual screening between homes and roads. For more information, visit <http://firesmartdurango.com/>.

Residents who have questions can call/text Jon directly at 970-759-3707 or email him at firesmartdurango@gmail.com. He will be available to meet the week of March 29th to answer questions or you can check in with their crew around 8:30 in the mornings or after 4 in the afternoon.

Disc Golf

After reading input from residents and hearing from those opposed and in support of the disc golf proposal at its March meeting, the Board did not vote to approve the disc golf proposal. There were a variety of factors in not approving the proposal, including insurance, liability, parking concerns, and the substantial change to the quiet nature of our open space areas without broadscale community support. The District and Board thanks all those residents who provided input and those who brought the proposal to the Board.

Bears Return – Keep Trash Cans Inside



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.

Red Flag Warnings and Wildfire Preparation

Springtime brings beautiful spring flowers and budding trees. It also often signals the start of the red flag warning season. Here is a resource to understand Red Flag Warnings: <https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/pdf/red-flag-resource-short.pdf> from Ready Set Go Colorado www.wildlandfirersg.org. The site also has wildfire preparedness tips and information.

Pay Your Bill Hassle-Free and On-Time



More and more residents are enjoying the benefits of having their DW2 payment automatically withdrawn from their checking account each month. Forget the hassle of paying your bill every month or worrying if it's late. Have your payment withdrawn the day after payment is due. Save paper, time, stamps, envelopes. Just sign up for DW2 auto-draft. Email dw2@mydurango.net to receive a simple form to fill out.

**Next Meeting is April 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House
or Remote – contact dw2@mydurango.net for instructions**

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Wayne Schrader • 317-5109 • Treasurer • May 2023

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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! Tutoring: K-8 in all subject areas. Licensed 20 yrs of classroom experience.
- Plexus: An all-natural, plant based line of health & wellness products. 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 including walking. I'm retired, reliable, responsible. Call Ken Hibbard 970-749-1378
- ▶ Lawn mowing and weed trimming services: Call Mason O'Bannon at 970-946-6041. Experienced 15 year old with own mower, weed trimmer and gas. \$20 per hour.
- ▶ Pet and plant care from a caring, reliable college student. Call or text Cassandra at 970-317-1439.
- ▶ 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. 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
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ ABC Plumbing & Heating is available for plumbing & hot water heater service, repairs & remodels. Call 970-764-4315, www.abc-plumbingdurango.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, perkydance@gmail.com, or go to www.perky-pantsdance.com.
- ▶ Ali Jacobs, owner of Empowered Living, offering Massage Therapy in DW2. Call 970-903-3189. Also offering Access Bars® touch Therapy (32 points on the head) which can be used to change all areas of your life.
- ▶ 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
- ▶ James' Home Improvements & Repairs - Fully Insured; James Bowkett - 970-317-1467; <https://www.facebook.com/fourcornersimprov>
- ▶ Hair Services: Bella Vie Hair Studio. Certified Color Specialist, trained in precision cutting techniques. Call or Text Jamie to schedule an appointment 801-671-6805



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