

DURANGO WEST II

Metro District News

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COVID-19 Notice to Residents

Per the State of Colorado's Amended Public Health Order 20-24 dated March 25, 2020, the DW2 playground is closed.

Keep Water Flowing – Take Five Minutes

Water from runoff is pooling in many locations throughout the subdivision. Down limbs from the recent storm that are in the gutter or partially in the gutter are contributing as well as the typical needles, leaves and sediment. We are asking assistance from residents to keep the water flowing properly down our street gutters. Leaves and needles get mixed at times with dirt/mud creating muck which all contribute to clogging the street gutters in various places. Snow melt will be continuing. 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, and pebbles that may have fallen into the gutters due to snowplowing, melting and runoff. This will ensure proper drainage as well as prevent damage to the adjoining asphalt and roads. Our street sweeping will not occur until late April or May and will not pick up the fallen limbs and the "muck". Thank you.

Fire Mitigation Begins March 30th

Fire Smart will begin district wildfire mitigation projects on March 30th. If there is still too much snow at that time, they will delay the major parts but begin work on some of the cutting. Rather than a meeting in the mailroom, residents with questions can contact the district office. The DW2 Board approved \$35,000 funding for wildfire mitigation projects that will continue the ef-

orts to mitigate district properties around the perimeter. Next year, the district plans to conduct wildfire mitigation on the interior greenbelt area. Fire Smart will start on the Highway 160 section first beginning at upper Aspen and moving east towards the entrance.

Fire Smart provided the district with their COVID-19 policy:

FireSmart provides a wildfire mitigation service that is critical to the continued safety of our customers and their communities. We have a limited and seasonal window of time available to complete our mitigation projects. Failure to complete this work within this time frame will result in communities that are more vulnerable to wildfire disaster. This, in turn, can put more stress on emergency services that are already severely stressed due to the virus and its related complications. For these reasons, Fire Smart will maintain its operations, as we consider our business services essential. Included in their list of specific procedural changes Fire Smart will enact to ensure the safety of the public and their employees is: **Employees will maintain 6 feet of social distancing from customers and all other members of the public at all times.** Fire Smart's full policy is on our website.

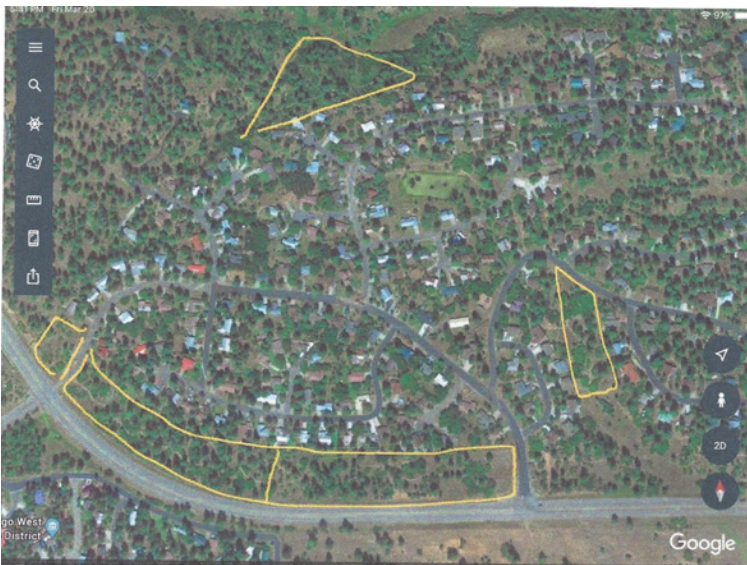


District Election

The May 2020 District election has been cancelled. There were four available positions and four people submitted the completed forms by this year's deadline. Therefore, current Board members Carly Thomson, Wayne Schrader and Wendell Qualls have been elected by acclamation. In addition, David Cramer was elected by acclamation and will become a new board member. Their terms begin in May. If you know Carly, Wayne, Wendell or David, please thank them for their dedication as volunteers for our neighborhood!

Keep our Neighborhood Safe

Let's keep our neighborhood safe for all residents, especially our children. With more residents at home during the day, there are more people and children using our streets. Drivers should use extra caution during this "Stay at Home" period. This includes slowing down. Parents can also help during this challenging time. Please watch your children and monitor their movement in the street.



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DO NOT park vehicles or trailers on subdivision streets anytime. It is a safety hazard in our neighborhood since we have no sidewalks. It also greatly hinders fire and emergency vehicles and snowplowing efforts. Parking on District streets is prohibited under Resolution 2004-03.

District Declaration – Durango West Metro District 2 filed a Declaration of Disaster on March 23rd with the state of Colorado and La Plata County. This will provide us access to available state and federal funding emergency response and recovery funds if needed and available. The Declaration is posted on the DW2 website.

What Not to Put Down the Toilet

Everything you put down the toilet ends up at the wastewater treatment plant so do not flush anything down except human waste and regular toilet paper. Wet wipes, tampons, dental floss and even facial tissues create maintenance messes. Even if wet wipes say ‘flushable’, they should go in the trash. When wet wipes and other items meet up in the collection system with oil and grease, there’s a log jam causing backups or clogs in the collection system. Do not flush cat pee or poop from your kitty litter box down the toilet. Other item not to flush include: Baby Wipes/ Wet Wipes/ Cleaning Pads (even those that say they are flushable); Dental Floss; Q-tips/ Cotton Balls; Diapers; Tampons/Condoms; Tissue paper (Kleenex) /Paper Towels/Rags/Napkins/Newspapers/magazines; Cat Litter (including cat pee and poop clumps taken from litter box); Medication/Needles; Cigarettes/Coffee Grounds



Properly Dispose of FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease)

Please do not put cooking oil, greases or fats down your drain. These are potential problems for the sewer collection system. They create clogs which can create back up events and which are not efficiently broken down by our lagoon systems. Therefore, we have to pay someone every year to clean out grease balls. Help keep your plumbing cost down and help us keep your sewer and wastewater maintenance less by properly disposing of all oil and greases.



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. 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.



Reminder – Clean Up after Your Dog

Residents are noticing a lot of dog poop around the neighborhood with the snow melting. Please be respectful of district property and residents’ yards by always picking poop up after your dog(s) when you are on District roads, trails, greenbelts, and residents’ yards and disposing of properly. This helps to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy our subdivision.

Fire Mitigation Resources

FireWise is now Adapted Wildfire Partnership. They still have many fire mitigation resources available for homeowners. DW2 residents are eligible for programs that Adapted Wildfire Partnership offers. These include a “Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit”, Check out <https://www.wildfire-adapted.org/> to find out more. One program is the Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit. This is the first step to possibly getting some financial assistance when available. Contact Charlie at clandsman@wildfireadapted.org or 206-697-2613 for more information.



Bears and Springtime

Warm weather returning brings the return of our neighbors – bears. Reminder that trash containers should be inside so the bears do not start frequenting our neighborhood. La Plata County has an ordinance that fines residents at least \$200 for not securing trash containers from wildlife. Residents must 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. You can report trash can raids by bears to County Dispatch at 385-2900. Check out bearsmartdurango.org for more resources.

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.



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***** Next Meeting is April 15, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House*****

District Manager

Jane Looney

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Water Operator

Dave Marsa

759-1609

District Accountant

Fred Owen

385-2518

Board Members

Wayne Schrader • 317-5109 • President • May 2020 **Beverly Lawrence • 799-2775 • VP • May 2022**
Carly Thomson • 759-9156 • Treasurer • May 2020 **Wendell Qualls • 946-6755 • Director • 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.

- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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. 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.
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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 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.abcpumbingdurango.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.
- ▶ Dance with Wendy Graham Settle. Private lessons for weddings, reunions, and special occasions or "just for fun" including Swing, Latin, Blues, Waltz, and Two-Step. Fun and easy barn dances for groups of all ages and sizes with live music! Monthly dances at the Smiley building for all ages 1 to 100, and teen and adults. No partner or experience needed. Contact: 970.903.9402, perkypantsdance@gmail.com, or go to www.perkypantsdance.com.
- ▶ Ali Jacobs, owner of Empowered Living, offering Massage Therapy in DW2. Call 970-903-3189.. Massage includes essential oils, CBD Lotion (if desired) and hot towels to create a relaxing session! Also offering Access Bars® touch Therapy (32 points on the head) which can be used to change all areas of your life.



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