

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

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Water Conservation

Lake Durango gets water from Lake Nighthorse. District water is a mix of our well water and water purchased from Lake Durango. When our wells are producing a reduced amount of water, we supplement it more with the purchased water from Lake Durango. So yes, we do have water. However, REMEMBER that we still live in the high desert Southwest environment and are in a prolonged drought so please act and plan accordingly. If you have been thinking about xeriscape, this would be a good time to pull the trigger. In the current climate, lawns and gardens will take a lot more water than usual; and water from Lake Durango is expensive and is not going to get any cheaper.



The district recommends that all residents conserve water.

Learning to use water wisely indoors and outdoors is vital where we live. Colorado Water – Live Like You Love It is an outreach/educational campaign of Colorado WaterWise. Check out their 14 ways to save water indoors and 14 ways outdoors along with other great information: lovecoloradowater.org.

Slow Down

Summer is a time when kids are out at all times of day playing, riding bikes, and perhaps chasing a ball into the street. SLOW DOWN AND USE EXTRA CAUTION when driving through the neighborhood. While there is a posted 25 mph speed limit around the neighborhood – drivers are advised to use a lower speed appropriate to the conditions whether that's an icy road or approaching a playground or seeing children playing in a yard. Remember, this is a residential neighborhood. Take an extra minute and please slow down.



Pond Mosquito Control Update

As the pond had shrunk drastically in the last several months, we requested that the Animas Mosquito Control District (AMCD) come out for a recheck. The pond water level is now such that the briquettes are not as effective, and the minnows can't get to some of the pockets of water on the edge. The district contracted with AMCD treat the appropriate areas monthly to control mosquitos. See below for ways you can help control mosquitos.

Pond Status Update:

At the last board meeting, two residents attended with questions about the status of the pond as well as next steps. The Board thought this would be of interest to other residents as well. The district continues to be committed to conserving water resources by not pumping water into the pond. The pond continues to naturally shrink due to evaporation and low run-off. The district is consulting with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine if they have any jurisdiction over the pond. This process will take many months. If the Army Corps of Engineers decides that the pond is not a protected wetland, then the district will engage in a process of steps to determine the best ways to manage that portion of greenspace for our residents, wildlife, and water systems. This process will include providing an opportunity for residents to attend a board meeting when we have more information to share.

Pond Does Not Provide Fire Suppression Benefit

The district received an email about the pond being utilized for fire protection. We double-checked with a current Aerial Firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service. He detailed why the pond would not be used for fire suppression. His summary: In my professional opinion the pond does not provide any added benefit for fire suppression.

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The most logical dip site in the immediate area for helicopters, based in and around Durango, is Lake Durango or Lake Nighthorse both of which can support continuous water operations without the added complexities.

There would be no logical reason for the pond to be used for drafting water or used to support a pump and sprinkler system when the neighborhood has fire hydrants that are easily accessed and can support this operation. The water is better used in the hydrant system where there is no loss to ground seepage and evaporation.

The best thing that homeowners can do to help mitigate the effects of a fire in the neighborhood are to follow Firewise recommendations for home preparation.

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.

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.



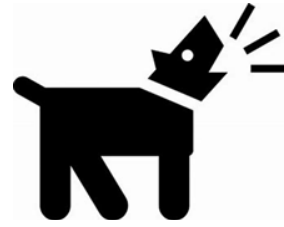
Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds



Please 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 protect yourself, your family and your neighbors from mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Drain any

areas where water sits – including flowerpots and bird baths, pet bowls, gutters and construction materials – at least twice a week.

Be considerate



Nice weather means more windows are open, day and night. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Revving engines, barking dogs and loud music can all be annoying to your neighbors. So that all residents can enjoy our streets and trails, please also be considerate by keeping your dogs on a leash and picking up after them.

District Communication

The Durango West 2 Metro District is committed to transparency and accountability. Please keep in mind that this newsletter contains information that the board thinks may be of interest or assistance to residents. If you want to know more about district business, you can read meeting minutes or attend board meetings as they are open to the public. Meeting minutes are available on the district website: <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/> and click on the documents tab. Additionally, the board uses the district email list to communicate important information to residents. Please update your email address if necessary to ensure you receive all communication. There are many ways to stay informed and we always appreciate resident involvement!

Water Quality Report 2nd Notice

Durango West Metro District #2’s Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available at this direct URL: <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/Portals/91/CCR/2022.pdf>



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There is no July Board Meeting
Next Meeting is August 17 at 5 p.m. at the Mail House

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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@dgowest2.com

- 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
- Train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu with Nico de Haan, 3rd Degree Black Belt, all levels on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-7:30 AM and Saturdays 8:00-9:30 AM at Durango Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. 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 or text 303.385.7755
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pet and plant care from a caring, reliable college student. Call or text Cassandra at 970-317-1439.
- 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.
- Mobile Notary and Notary Signing Agent. 16 years experience. Bonded, certified and insured. 24/7 service Elaine Stumpo 970-799-2328



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