

DURANGO WEST 2 Metro District News

APRIL 2023

April is Safe Digging Month

District Election Cancelled

The May 2023 District election has been cancelled. There were three available positions and two people submitted the completed forms by this year's deadline. Therefore, Corey Beaugh and Stephen Wells have been elected by acclamation. Their terms begin in May.

Keep Water Flowing

We expect a major runoff down our streets over the next few months. To assure smooth runoff and to prevent pooling, 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 for a while. **We are asking every resident to take 5 minutes from time to time to clean up what is in front of their property** including any landscape rocks, needles, '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 spring after the snow is gone which appears to be a while away. Thank you.

Evacuation Exercise April 26 – Residents Can Participate

There will be an Evacuation Exercise in Durango West 2 on Wednesday, April 26th. This is a coordinated training event to help Residents, Emergency Management personnel, Fire Departments, and Support Services to practice and prepare for a major wildfire event like the 416 and Missionary Ridge Fires. While first responders are practicing their response to neighborhoods and emergency management teams are practicing evacuation support operations, you are invited to practice your own evacuation drill – actually receiving CodeRED Alerts, checking the website maps for your area's



Keeping citizens informed.

status, and checking in at an Evacuation Center. If you have animals (large

or small) we are prepared for you to bring them just as if it were an actual emergency. A shelter will be set up (Fairgrounds or Fort Lewis College), Red Cross will be there, and you will "Check-In" to receive a "Rapid Tag". These are used to prevent unauthorized entry into evacuation zones, and allow you, as a resident to pass through the check point for re-entry when authorized.

DW2 residents interested in participating can contact Shawna Legarza, Director of Emergency Management La Plata County, at shawna.legarza@co.laplata.co.us.

Register with Code Red or Update and Add a Group

The Office of Emergency Management encourages everyone to enroll in CodeRED, their Emergency Alert & Warning notification system. They use this to advise you of emergencies affecting your home or designated addresses, and actions to take. You can visit their web page for instructions: https://www.co.laplata.co.us/departments/emergency_management/index.php Or you can visit the DW2 website for a PDF of the county's specific directions.

The county also encourages you to sign up for alerts for your Community Group. They will be sending information specific to neighborhoods, HOAs and subdivisions regarding the exercise, evacuation routes, and schedules.

Evacuation Checklists

Please visit our website <http://www.dw2.co.municipalgovt.org/> for La Plata County Before and During Evacuation Checklists. For more resources, visit www.co.laplata.co.us/departments/emergency_management/faqs.php

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Bears and Springtime



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.

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.

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. With all the moisture we had this winter, hopefully there will be less Red

Flag Warning days. 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.

Annual Garage Sale June 10



Our DW2 annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 10th 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 Good Neighbor - Clean Up after Your Dog

Please be respectful of district property and residents' yards by always picking poop up after your dog(s) as well as your poop bags when you are on District roads, trails, greenbelts, and residents' yards and disposing of those bags properly. This helps to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy our subdivision and prevents pollution.



Fire Hydrants – Spring 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.

Fire Mitigation Resources

Wildfire Adapted Partnership has many fire mitigation resources available for homeowners. DW2 residents are eligible for programs that Wildfire Adapted Partnership offers. These include a "Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit", Check out <https://www.wildfireadapted.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 Alex Graf, La Plata County Coordinator at: agraf@wildfireadapted.org or 845-750-2914.



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Next Meeting is April 19th at 5 p.m. at the Mail House

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

Beverly Lawrence • 970-799-2775 • Vice President • May 2025

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

Derek Ryter • 970-880-4945 • Director • May 2025

Board Members

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.kokikai-durango.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

• 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, 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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