

# DURANGO WEST II Metro District News

May 2020 Newsletter

## Mail Building Bulletin Boards

Both community bulletin boards have been cleared of postings including flyers and business cards. This will allow space for residents to post current materials. Residents can post appropriate flyers and notices inside the acrylic boxes by using part of the clear tape to pull them open. Please close it when done as the wind whips through there. If you cannot open the box to post your information, you can put in the DW2 drop box and we will post it for you. We are working on getting the locks replaced or installing hooks. A reminder to residents that no posting is allowed on the mail building itself or on the posts outside the building. While the boards were clear, the district also replaced the cork board backing. Happy Posting!

## Respect Property Owners Along Trails and Please Do Not Trespass

We have recently been made aware of a situation where trespassing is occurring in the area of Peaceful Drive. Reportedly, some of our district residents are walking off the trail and past property owner's "No Trespass" signs

and walking around their fencing. Unfortunately, in some cases our residents have been reported as behaving rudely. Property owners on Peaceful Drive have stated that they will call the sheriff to report person(s) who are on their property. Please be aware that you could be charged with criminal trespassing if you go beyond fenced areas and past Private Property signage.

## Pond Update

The District is in the process of filling the pond to the extent possible from excess water from our wells. After trying for two seasons to improve the pond and reduce algae by using biological enzymes/microbes and blue dye, the district decided to use Cutrine, an algaecide, this season. We will be applying it directly to the algae and have already applied it to one-third of the algae area. This will hopefully begin to control the algae. As you can see temperatures have already been unseasonably warm. People around the county were seeing more algae growth due to warmer summers and longer growth seasons starting earlier in the spring and lasting later into the fall. DW2 has contracted with Animas Mosquito Control District to put environmentally friendly briquettes around district ponds to prevent mosquitos. They will put it around the main pond and the two by the tennis courts.

## Fire Mitigation Completed for 2020

Fire Smart has completed its wildfire mitigation projects for 2020. Our contractor worked diligently to balance the need for addressing reducing fuels and connectivity with the aesthetics and visual needs of the area and of individual residents. Additionally, many residents were able to get firewood from the mitigation work. The district has now completed the perimeter which was specified as the priority for wildfire protection. See map below. Mitigation projects in 2018 and 2020 totaled over 47 acres! The district plans to propose the main interior greenbelt and pond areas be included in the 2021 budget for mitigation projects.



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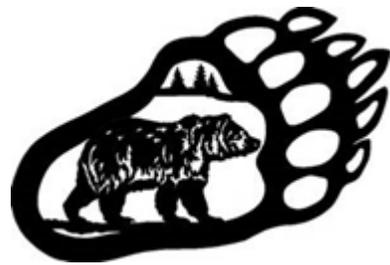
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### Keep our Neighborhood Safe

Residents have been doing well at slowing down – perhaps that’s because we’ve been in less of a hurry and had no place to go.... Let’s keep it up even as more people may be returning to work or to other places.

**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.



### 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](http://bearsmartdurango.org) for more resources

### REMINDER: 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 items 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

### Be a Good Neighbor - Clean up after Your Dog



Residents are noticing a lot of dog poop and dog poop bags around the neighborhood. 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 properly. This helps to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy our subdivision.

### 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](mailto:dw2@mydurango.net) to receive a simple form to fill out.



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**\*\*\* Next Meeting is May 20, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Mail House\*\*\***

### District Manager

Jane Looney

259-3946 • [dw2@mydurango.net](mailto:dw2@mydurango.net)

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.BigToyStorageDurango.com)
- ▶ Holistic Chiropractor. Dr. Robert Stein. In practice since 1985. DWII homeowner since 1996. Call 382-8500. [www.drrobertstein.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:perkypantsdance@gmail.com), or go to [www.perkypantsdance.com](http://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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