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Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District “BMMD”

Winter 2013 Newsletter

Servicing Wildernest property owners in the Unincorporated area of Summit County, CO with:

- Water
- Sewer
- Road Maintenance
- Snow Plowing
- Road Storm Drainage
- Covenant Enforcement
- Pedestrian Path

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What is Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District?

BMMD is a Special District. Special Districts in Colorado are local governments, (i.e., political subdivisions of the state). Local governments include counties, municipalities (cities and towns), school districts, and Special Districts. The majority of Special Districts draw their boundaries in unincorporated county land and are created to fill the gaps that may exist in the services that counties provide.

The Wildernest subdivision is located in an unincorporated area of Summit County. BMMD was formed in April 1970, to provide water and sewer service to the Wildernest subdivision. In 1980, the responsibilities of the District were expanded to include road maintenance and recreation facilities.

Board of Directors & District Manager

The business and affairs of BMMD is managed by the District Manager

and governed by a five (5) member Board of Directors. Board members are elected for overlapping four year terms in May of even numbered years. Regular meetings of the Board are held at 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the District office. Meetings are open to the public. Notice of change to the meeting schedule is posted in the office of the Summit County Clerk & Recorder, and on the front door of the District office.

Rules & Regulations

The purpose of the BMMD Rules & Regulations is to provide a comprehensive guide for the administration and operation of all systems which are owned and/or maintained by BMMD. Compliance with these Rules & Regulations is the responsibility of all persons utilizing the District's water, sewer, storm drainage, streets, and other utility facilities within Wildernest.

Protective Covenant & Code Enforcement

The Protective Covenants are enforced for the purpose of protecting property values, creating and keeping the Wildernest subdivision desirable, attractive, beneficial and suitable in architectural design, materials and appearance. The Covenants impose various restrictions and limitations on the uses and development of property within Wildernest, including: architectural design, parking, fences, landscape maintenance, trash, signs, storage, dumpsters, nuisance and hazardous activities.

In addition to any permits which may be required by Summit County, the Covenants require that all new construction and exterior modifications (additions, siding, decks, etc.) be approved in advance by the BMMD Architectural Review Committee. Contact BMMD in advance to obtain application forms.

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BMMD Infrastructure Evaluation

BMMD has begun a comprehensive infrastructure evaluation to be completed in 2014. The age of the District infrastructure is becoming such that the useful life of certain assets is being reached and replacement of these components will be required in the near future. We must anticipate future expenditures in order to plan and budget for them.

Effective and efficient management of the infrastructure is a key factor in the ability for BMMD to deliver its services to the Wildernest subdivision. As assets age, reinvestment is needed to ensure that they meet their intended function safely and effectively. Different types of assets age at different rates, and the tolerance level of assets in a poor condition is also different. For example, some drainage assets can be viable for 15 years, but a road asset would not last that long without reinvestment.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with the aging of the nation's infrastructure, the clean water and drinking water industries face a significant challenge to sustain and advance their achievements in protecting public health. EPA's *Clean Water & Drinking Water Infrastructure Gap Analysis* has found that if present levels of spending do not increase, there will be a significant funding gap by the year 2019.

Future annual operation expenses are expected to increase beyond current budget projections in response to capital improvement projects, repair and replacement of existing infrastructure, as well as ongoing maintenance costs. BMMD is preparing for the challenges ahead to support the BMMD infrastructure over the next 20 years.

What is BMMD? continued

Water

Quality finished water is supplied to BMMD residents via groundwater. Water is pumped from wells to various ground storage reservoirs throughout Wildernest. The infrastructure for drinking water is substantial. From the treatment plant to the distribution network, it consists of miles of pipes, high service pumps, and sophisticated monitoring hardware.

BMMD routinely tests for contaminants in your drinking water according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). BMMD publishes a drinking water quality report that is mailed to every property owner in the District on an annual basis.

Sewer

BMMD operates a comprehensive wastewater collection and transport system. The collection lines operate by gravity

flow and wastewater is then transported to the Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant which also serves the communities of Silverthorne, Dillon, Dillon Valley, and Mesa Cortina.

Sewage treatment is the physical, chemical, and biological processes to remove biological contaminants. Its objective is to produce an environmentally safe fluid waste stream and a solid waste suitable for disposal or reuse (usually as farm fertilizer).

Roads

BMMD provides road maintenance services on Wildernest roads and rights-of-way within the District boundaries, including: snow plowing, road sanding, de-icing materials, pot hole patching, road ditch and culvert cleaning, road shoulder shaping, sign repair, guardrail repair, striping and weed control.

Pedestrian Path

The pedestrian path serves as a safe off-street

route for Wildernest residents. BMMD encourages dog-walkers to protect the environment by using "Mutt-Mitts" available along the pedestrian path and properly disposing of the waste. Please be reminded that bicycles and motorized vehicles are not allowed on the path.

Capital Improvement Projects

The BMMD continues to fund capital improvement projects to provide permanent structural improvements to the District's infrastructure while ensuring efficient use of public funds.

BMMD is committed to sound financial management, responsible environmental stewardship, practiced asset management, and responsive customer service, all of which is critical to providing reliable water and sewer services to Wildernest residents.

Board of Directors Elections Set for May 2014

The Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District will hold Board of Director elections on May 6, 2014, and is seeking interested candidates to run for the Board.

BMMD is governed by a 5-member board elected for overlapping 4-year terms in May of even-numbered years. Members of the Board must be eligible electors of the District. The next regular election will be held on May 6, 2014, to fill the seats of four Directors whose terms expire in 2014. Three Directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and one director will be elected to serve a 2-year term. The current Board Members and their terms of office are as follows:

Jonathan H. Kriegel

Term expires May 2014; board seat open for a 4-year term in 2014

Shawn M. Cummings

Term expires May 2014; board seat open for a 4-year term in 2014

Marshall E. Rutz

Term expires May 2014; board seat open for a 4-year term in 2014

Cheryl L. Breeman

Term expires May 2014; board seat open for a 2-year term in 2014

Albert Halverstadt III

Term expires May 2016; seat is not open

In order to vote in District elections or be a candidate or member of the Board of Directors, a person must be an eligible elector of the District. To be an eligible elector a person must be registered to vote in the state of Colorado and

- Who has been a resident of the District for not less than 30 days; or
- Who or whose spouse owns taxable real or personal property within the boundaries of the District, whether the person resides within the District or not.

Eligible electors interested in seeking election to the Board of Directors must file a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form or letter with the Designated Election Official of the District on or before Friday, February 28, 2014. Affidavit of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate forms must be submitted to the Designated Election Official by the close of business on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Both forms can be obtained on or after February 5, 2014, by contacting: Shellie Jetton, Designated Election Official. PO Box 2430 Silverthorne, CO 80498



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106 Adams Ave.,
Silverthorne, CO

If there are more candidates than positions to be filled, the election will be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the District offices, 106 Adams Ave., Silverthorne, CO 80498.

If there are not more candidates than positions to be filled, the election will be cancelled and the candidates declared elected by acclamation.

If you have any questions, please contact Designated Election Official, Shellie Jetton.

Wilderness Snow Removal Help Us Keep The Roads Safe & Passable

Winter maintenance and snow removal is a top priority for the Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District (BMMD). Our snow plow staff is dedicated to keeping Wilderness roads as safe as possible. Drivers follow a plowing schedule every day and most roads are plowed within a specific time frame. As a rule of thumb, BMMD follows Summit County standards and starts plowing with an accumulation of 3" however accumulations of less than three inches may not be plowed except during normal working hours. Nights are covered with minimal staff unless there is considerable snowfall which the entire staff will be called out to plow.

County Right-Of-Way

The County right-of-way typically extends fifteen (15) feet out from the edge of the asphalt on both sides of the public roads in Wilderness. This area is needed for snow storage and drainage. At times, it is necessary to plow snow well off the road into the right-of-way to make room for the next storm. Property owners and residents should be careful of placing landscaping or other objects in the right-of-way since it could be damaged by plows.

No Parking On County Roads

It is illegal to park any vehicle on a regularly maintained portion of the roadway. A plow operator may, at his discretion, decline to plow all or portions of a road if one or more vehicles are parked so as to

impede snow removal. Vehicles parked on the roadway will receive a Summit County Sheriff's warning placed on the vehicle, and the license plate will be recorded. The vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense if not moved from the roadway.

Driveways & Snow Storage

We regret that snow must be pushed off the road into driveways, but there is no other choice. Lifting the plow blade at every driveway entrance would create a ridge of snow in the road, and would lengthen plowing time considerably. Property owners and residents are responsible for maintaining their own driveways and parking areas. Snow removed from a private driveway or parking area (including the portion within a public right-of-way) must be stored on your own property at least 10 feet from the paved edge of the road.

Driving Safely Near Snow Plows

Please use caution when following, passing or approaching snow removal equipment. Plows cannot stop as quickly as an automobile. Do not brake with unnecessary sudden movements when in front of a snowplow, simply reduce your speed and move to the right side of the road if there is room to safely do so. Drive a safe distance behind snowplows. Don't assume the plows can see you!

Tips For Driving In The Snow

The District faces a unique challenge plowing certain areas of Wilderness. Specifically, the switchbacks and grade elevation along Ryan

Gulch Road poses a problem for motorists whose vehicle is not properly equipped for winter driving or in some cases inexperienced drivers that cause delays on the roadway.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Don't apply extra gas on snow-covered roads, it just starts your wheels spinning. Drive safe out there!



BMMD Joins Colorado Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network

In light of recent devastating floods and wildfire disasters, District Manager, Shellie Jetton, attended a Colorado Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CoWARN), workshop and tabletop exercise event in October along with representatives from the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and representatives from cities and towns across the State.

CoWARN is a formalized system for water and wastewater utilities to help each other with mutual aid during emergency situations. BMMD became a member of CoWARN in October 2013, to help support disaster response and in turn receive specialized resource-sharing and fast recovery assistance from experts in our field of service.

Water and wastewater systems provide our communities with a life-sustaining resource that is of vital importance to maintaining public health, sanitation and safety. When water and wastewater services are interrupted for extended periods of time, a community's well-being quickly deteriorates. And without an adequate water supply, our communities are vulnerable to devastating fires. By restoring water and wastewater service in the most efficient manner possible, CoWARN provides renewed hope for fast recovery from such disasters.

Membership is free and BMMD is proud to be a part of this great organization.

Help Preserve the Natural Beauty of Wildernest

Outdoor enthusiasts' worldwide share our residents desire to get outdoors and enjoy the incredible scenery and trails Wildernest has to offer. Unfortunately, not all trail users respect the land and sometimes leave trash behind.

It is primarily through the efforts of volunteers that trails are cleaned and maintained throughout Summit County. If you like to hike, bike, or ride and enjoy well maintained trails, think about becoming a trail maintenance volunteer.

BMMD County "Clean-Up" Day

BMMD is planning to participate in a County-wide "clean-up" day in 2014 and encourage residents to help us keep Wildernest clean and beautiful. You will be notified of the date as soon as it is scheduled.

Summit County Open Space and Trails Department (OS&T)

Want to meet new people and get outdoors? County OS&T is always looking for volunteers. Please contact Katie Kent at 970-668-4092 or katiek@co.summit.co.us to get on the email mailing list.

Friends of the Dillon Ranger District (FDRD)

FDRD projects are fun, rewarding, and keep people coming back again and again. Contact the FDRD today at 970-262-3449, or info@fdrd.org.

Protect Your Home from Wildfire!

Did you know there are GRANTS available?

Summit County's Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant Program is a way you and your neighboring property owners can offset the cost of creating defensible space!

Homes and communities that exist on forested lands are exposed to the risk of wildland fires. There are a number of actions that can be taken to reduce the risk of your house burning. The Summit County Board of County Commissioners, through Wildfire Council recommendation, provides grants to remove forest fuel to communities within designated Focus Areas. Funds for this program came in 2008 when voters passed Resolution 1A to help support the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant Program.

To reduce the threat of wildfire impacting communities, Grant Program recipients will implement fuel reduction efforts in their community.

The Grant Program emphasizes forest fuels reduction, ongoing homeowner action, and noxious weed mitigation. 100% of the project cost is paid for by the applicant. Upon completion of each project, Summit County Government will reimburse Grant Program awardees 40% of the total program cost. If, after two years, the project area is deemed substantially weed free, an additional 10% of the total program cost will be reimbursed making this a 50/50 grant opportunity.

Contact Information:

For more information, or to be added to the interested parties list, contact Dan Schroder, CSU Extension Agent in Summit County, at: dan.schroder@colostate.edu or (970) 668-4140. To further investigate Summit County's Grant Program, please visit: www.co.summit.co.us/extension and click Forest Health. Open and read the pre-application to determine if this program is a good match for you. Sign Up to receive information from Summit County by clicking "Notify Me" at www.co.summit.co.us.

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After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency Services

For immediate assistance with BMMD water or sewer emergencies please contact Metro Services at (970) 468-7688 or call (970) 409-0270.

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