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**Servicing Wildernest  
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- Water & Sewer
- Road Maintenance
- Snow Plowing
- Storm Drainage
- Covenant Enforcement
- Pedestrian Path
- Architectural Review

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# Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District "BMMD"

**Summer 2016 Newsletter**

## Infrastructure Update

The District continues to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the water and sewer distribution system. During our short summer construction season, the District will be working on water main valves, fire hydrant replacements, sewer main and manhole repairs, and preparing for the major rehabilitation of two steel water reservoir tanks that are over 48 years old.

The two steel reservoirs will soon be evaluated to determine whether or not they are eligible for a coating to preserve the structure as it is currently built, or whether the District will need to replace the reservoir(s) entirely.

The evaluation will require the tank(s) to be taken off-line and drained for inspection purposes. The District is currently engineering a plan to by-pass the reservoirs while continuing to service the customers in the distribution zone in which the reservoir(s) are located.

The District must balance the need to take care of existing infrastructure while meeting the increased demands for service. Replacing aging infrastructure comes at a cost resulting in the recent water/sewer service rate increase that started in January 2016.

We will continue to maintain system reliability and plan for the future. The District does not plan to raise service rates in 2017 until additional infrastructure assessments are completed.

## Water Quality Report

Each year BMMD complies with State and Federal regulatory requirements to provide safe clean drinking water to the Wildernest property owners. To help promote protection of public health and environment, BMMD routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water.

BMMD is proud to report that no drinking water violations or deficiencies was identified for calendar year 2015.

A water quality report is required to be distributed by community water systems to their customers on an annual basis. The report includes information on source water, the levels of detected contaminants, and compliance with drinking water rules.

To download a copy of the Water Quality Report visit the District website at [www.bmmd.org](http://www.bmmd.org), and click on "Water Quality Report" on the home page. Or, email Shellie Duplan, at [shellie@bmmd.org](mailto:shellie@bmmd.org) and request a copy.

## Architectural Review Process

Summer is finally here in beautiful Summit County, Colorado! There is a short window of time when the weather cooperates and property owners can tackle exterior home projects. Before starting on home modifications in Wildernest, it is a requirement to receive approval from the District's Architectural Review Committee.

The District recently mailed a letter to all property owners regarding the review process which included a review application. Since the letter was sent in early May, over 15 projects have been submitted and approved by the District. Some of those projects include re-painting, deck modifications, siding replacement and exterior remodels.

If you are planning to complete exterior projects this summer, please complete an Architectural Review Application. You can download the form at [www.bmmd.org](http://www.bmmd.org). For any questions contact Shellie Duplan at [shellie@bmmd.org](mailto:shellie@bmmd.org) or Hunter Hill at [hunter@bmmd.org](mailto:hunter@bmmd.org) or simply call the office at 970-513-1300.

## Board of Director Election Results

The business and affairs of BMMD is managed by the District Manager and governed by a five (5) member Board of Directors. Each Director is elected pursuant to Colorado law, and has a fiduciary duty to perform in the best interest of the District in fulfillment of his/her oath of office. The elected Directors represent a broad diversity of Wildernest property owners and residents. They are involved in the community and contribute significant time and energy to ensure continued water, sewer, and road services to all Wildernest residents. The District held a mail ballot election on May 3, 2016. Elected members of the Board are as follows:

**Josh Shramo, Director**

Re-elected for a 4 year term of office, May 2016 – May 2020.

**Gabriela Vlcek, Director**

New Board member elected for a 4 year term of office, May 2016 – May 2020.

**Cheri Breeman, Treasurer**

Re-elected for a 2 year term of office, May 2016 – May 2018.

Current Directors whose term of office was not up for re-election are as follows:

**Joe Newhart, President**

Term of office is May 2014 – May 2018

**Raoul Pietri Jr., Director**

Term of office is May 2014 – May 2018

Past Board Members

BMMD would like to thank Albert Halverstadt Jr. for twelve years of service on the Board. Your knowledge and experience has helped shape the District's future. BMMD hopes to benefit from your continued involvement in the community and thank you for your immeasurable support.

## Energy Smart Colorado

Energy Smart Colorado is your one-stop shop for home energy audits, home energy upgrades, financing, and rebates. The Energy Smart Colorado program at High Country Conservation Center ("HC3"), provides coaching on energy conservation and how to make your home more comfortable, safe, and energy efficient. Step one is to do an energy audit on your home.

This year audits start at \$99 then incrementally increase based on the square footage of your home. Upon completion of your audit, you will receive an extensive report with detailed recommendations for home energy upgrades.

Step two is to go over the report with an Energy Resource Advisor from HC3 to discuss top priorities for energy savings. Once the audit is complete, you will be eligible for rebates on your home energy improvements. HC3 will offer a rebate of 50% of the total project cost, up to \$400.

Rebates for home energy improvements include the following:

- Boiler or furnace replacement
- Water heating
- Wall/Attic insulation
- Crawlspace/basement improvements
- Window replacement
- Air sealing
- LED lighting
- Solar

Step three is to decide what improvements you would like to make. To sign up for the program, sign up through Energy Smart Colorado, or call at 970-668-5703. To enroll for an audit, visit the following website and click Enroll Now: <http://www.highcountryconservation.org/energy/for-home/energy-smart/>

## 2016 Summit Wildfire Prevention

As a property owner in Wildernest, you may be aware of the hazards posed by dead and diseased trees that exist in a high density sub-division in what fire professionals call the Wildland/Urban Interface. This Interface or “RedZone” is the area where forested public lands border our communities.

### **Wildernest is considered a RedZone.**

Dead trees affect public safety in many ways, all of which are a concern to the BMMD and local Fire District, such as:

- Dead trees are more prone to ignition from an external heat source such as a ground fire, structure fire, or lightning strike.
- Dead trees burn more easily and aggressively with a higher heat release rate.
- Dead or diseased trees lose their root system which makes them more prone to blow down posing significant risk to life, personal property, vehicles, and structures.
- Dead trees that catch fire cause heavy smoke and limited visibility which can significantly impact the already problematic ingress/egress in a high density subdivision such as Wildernest.

Pursuant to BMMD Protective Covenants, Article XV. 1500.02, Landscape Maintenance, all Wildernest property owners shall remove dead, dying, diseased, or insect-infested landscape materials. BMMD will be performing another Wildernest Subdivision dead tree survey this summer to identify dead or diseased trees. Any standing dead trees must be removed from your property, along with dead trees that are lying on the ground.

You can protect your home from wildfire with help from the Summit County Community Chipping Program. Summit County government is helping residents and property owners create defensible space by providing free chipping and disposal for branches, logs and small trees. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a slash pile, the County will chip it and haul it away at no cost.

Accepted materials include trees, logs, and branches up to 9 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire. The following restrictions apply: *No shrubs, sage, or willows; No construction or building materials; No treated lumber, fence posts or signs; No root wads, stumps, dirt or rocks; No grass clippings, trash, weeds or bags of leaves.*

Piles must be stacked by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your neighborhood’s designated chipping week.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with large ends facing the road.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Maximum pile size is 5 feet high, by 5 feet deep, by 5 feet wide.
- If you plan to put out 10 or more piles, please notify the County at 970-668-4139 prior to your neighborhood's designated chipping week.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles, and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- If you want to keep your chips, tie a piece of red yarn or flagging in a prominent spot on the pile.

**Chipping services will be in Wildernest from July 11, 2016 to July 15, 2016, and from August 29, 2016 to September 2, 2016.**

### Don't Flush: Drop-Off Medications

Help protect public safety and water quality by properly disposing of unwanted medications. Avoid flushing medications or throwing them directly in the trash. NEVER flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet. Flushing or trash disposal of unused or unwanted medications can cause pollution of our lakes, streams, and water supplies!

Dispose of your unused medications in Summit County at secure collection bins located in:

**Summit County Sheriff's or Justice Office  
501 North Park Avenue  
Breckenridge, CO 80424**

**Accepted:** Prescription medications (except narcotics or controlled substances) over the counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, liquid medications in glass, leak-proof containers, inhalers.

**Not Accepted:** Business waste, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, thermometers, IV bags, plastic bags, or needles.

### Curb Water Shut-Off Valve Do you know where your valve is?

The curb shut-off valve is used to turn the water service on and off to a property where it connects to the District main line. It is usually located in the public right-of-way, 15' from the edge of the County roadway. This is not the same as the shut-off valve located inside your home.

BMMD requires that the curb shut-off valve be operable at all times. The property owner is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the valve.

Should you experience a service line leak in your yard and you do not have a working curb shut-off valve, you will not be able to turn off your water. This is especially critical if you have a water leak between the District water main and your house. A plumber would have to "freeze" your service water line in order to fix your leak. This can be a very costly repair.

Please contact the District if you need help locating your curb shut-off valve.

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*Providing Water/Sewer/Road services to the Wildernest Community for over 45 years*