



Winter 2018 Purgatory Metro District News Letter

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Purgatory Metropolitan District Newsletter.

A Message from the District President John Ogier:

It's hard to imagine that 2019 is almost here! Your Metro District board and staff have had a busy and productive summer and fall. Eric and Mike provided great support to the crews fighting the 416 fire, which consumed most of the month of June. It was a tremendous effort with terrific cooperation by a number of local and national government agencies, along with private individuals and organizations.

In addition to routine repairs and maintenance, we devoted significant time to planning for Phase Two of the Community Park and the interface with the Boyce Lake property to the north. The Nordic trail system has some notable improvements for this season, which will improve skiing and grooming. The Durango Nordic ski club has several fun events scheduled for this winter.

Our new water well (#6) is now completed and connected to the potable water system, providing significant additional capacity and redundancy.

Design and planning for the new wastewater treatment plan continues, led by Eric and our District Engineer, Rick Johnson, in coordination with consultants, vendors and the State of Colorado. We will be operating a low capacity pilot plant for 90 days to test the technology for this facility. The technology is somewhat new, but should work well with our extremely variable sewage flows.

Again, Happy New Year and think snow!

Regards,
John Ogier
PMD Board President



Message from the District Manager Eric Hassel:

It was a busy summer this year with the 416 fire and the connection of our new water source to the potable water system. Construction was delayed by the fire but we completed everything and our new source is online and making water.

Our community was host to the 416-fire command center and logistical ground support. We at Purgatory Metropolitan District are very thankful to the Fire crews and first responders for all of their efforts during and after the 416 fire.

We are still experiencing a very dry period here in Southwest Colorado, so as you visit the Purgatory Community Please Keep Water Conservation in mind and reduce consumption as much as possible. A faucet with a slow leak (100 drops a minute) will waste 350 gallons of water in one month, a fast stream such as a running toilet can waste up to 4600 gallons in a month. Here are Some ways you can help to conserve water: Turn off the Faucet while brushing teeth and shaving, do not use the Toilet as a trash receptacle and please DO NOT Flush any Type of Wipes! Be sure to turn off faucets completely and repair any leaking water fixtures

Please beware of winter conditions and snow removal operations as you proceed throughout the District and give plows and equipment room to work.

Thank you,
Eric Hassel
PMD District Manager