**Colorado City Happenings**

 **September 2024**

**Ongoing Progress of Beckwith Dam Project and Water Treatment Facility Project**

The Beckwith Dam Project is moving forward with projected September completion of the engineering plans from RJH Engineering to be submitted to the Colorado State Dam Safety Engineer for approval. The study of the site for sensitive archeological issues has been completed and no issues were found.

The Water Treatment Facility upgrade is moving forward with engineering by NOCO Engineering Company to be submitted, studied, restudied, and approved by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Our attorney and NOCO, along with our manager, have been in close communication with CDPHE to create workable timelines and engineering that will build the best water treatment plant for Colorado City.

Funding for both of the projects is an ongoing effort with many grant and loan applications completed and approved or awaiting analysis and approval. We expect to hear from US Department of Agriculture (USDA) about the request for a $15 Million grant in October. February we should hear from Water State Revolving Fund (WSRF) of the Colorado Department Public Health Environment for the request of $5 Million. Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has offered a grant of $1 Million for help with the water treatment plant and we will be requesting an additional grant for the dam project. We also have applied for a low interest loan from Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA) which is being processed. If necessary to use a loan we will continue to request and acquire grants to help pay the loan. There is Applications into FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding for the dam at a 65% grant for the cost of repairs. Without assistance to pay for both projects with grants our water / sewer bills will skyrocket well over 100%. Jim is working diligently to find all funding sources possible.

**Street Access Permit**

We are in the process of developing a street access policy for driveways for Colorado City maintained roads. Now and for the future we need to manage driveway connections to streets so that water runoff does not damage our streets. Input from contractors and citizens was gathered to create a workable regulation. The regulation will be fine-tuned, sent to legal, and presented to the public in a public hearing.

**Colorado City Architectural Control Committee**

We are studying the ability to levy fines for covenant violations newly allowed by the State Legislature. The process to do so is complicated and has many pros and cons. We will be having public hearings about this issue and encourage all that have an opinion to speak up.

There has been a number of camping sites that appear to be for permanent use show up. Camping is not allowed on vacant property in Colorado City by covenant and is also controlled by Pueblo County Regulations. Please report any violations to the Sheriff Dept, Pueblo Health Dept, CCMD office and to Pueblo County Planning and Development.

Illegal trash dumps are still showing up around the area. PLEASE respect your neighbors and our beautiful valley by properly disposing of trash and unwanted items. If you see someone dumping trash please call the Sheriff with pictures, license, etc. The CCACC is actively working with Pueblo County and local residents to maintain a desirable place to live and thrive. Behind the scenes efforts are sometimes painstakingly slow but are ongoing. Send Questions, Comments, Suggestions to [colocityccaac@ghvalley.net](https://d.docs.live.net/9d8c7249a6a2aac2/Documents/colocityccaac%40ghvalley.net)

**It’s Been A Good Summer**

The days of fall are fast approaching. We’ve all noticed the earlier sunsets and late sunrise and it’s a great time to enjoy this wonderful time of year by taking a hike, going fishing, playing golf, or having a picnic while watching a baseball game in the park.

Thank Mother Nature for the good moisture we have had this year to help make our valley so beautiful.

**Drop Box**

A reminder:

For your convenance, a secure 24/7 drop-box is located on the north side of the CCMD office to pay your district bill. You can also pay online at [www.coloradocitymd.org](http://www.coloradocitymd.org) or by phone (719-676-3396) Don’t use any punctuation when you enter your account number. (for example, 1234.56 should be entered as 123456).

**Department of Wildlife**

DOW will be pulling together a meeting to discuss future wildlife issues that are becoming a growing concern with deer, bears, geese and mountain lions’ populations. They will be scheduling a community meeting in October or November to answer concerns and solutions for the management of the populations and dangers. We will let the community know through Facebook, posting at Post Office, and Website [www.coloradocitymd.org](http://www.coloradocitymd.org)

**Smile, Be Safe and Be Thankful!**