**Welcome to Spring, and the Monthly Newsletter! April 2024**

Winter is pretending to be over, so we hope this spring has you celebrating warmth and longer days, (with the occasional snowy reminder that this is, after all, Colorado). If you’ve lived in the Valley for any stretch of time you probably are aware that we’ve had decent snow this season. At the Metro, we love snow because it means we have enough water to get summer going.

However, hold your horses. We will still be on watering restrictions due planned remodeling of our big three million gallon water tank. (The one, as of this writing, with 2024 on it.) Staff will empty 3 Mil, and the upper reaches of the Metro District will be served by pumping water uphill from lower tanks.

So we still have to be careful how we use our precious water, as those tanks are very much smaller than 3 Mil.

With that in mind, please irrigate smartly. Use methods that put water in the air a minimum amount of time. And abide by the morning and evening watering hours outlined in the restricted times (below) If we work together, we’ll get through this.

**Watering Restrictions**

**LEVEL TWO:** Outdoor watering is permitted. **Watering outside for lawns and gardens** is permitted for a **maximum of two hours per day.** If your address ends in an even number (0,2,4,6,8) you can water Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5 AM to 9AM or 7 PM to 10 PM If your address end in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9,) you can water Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 5 AM to 9AM or 7 PM to 10 PM **No outside watering on Sundays. Exceptions:** Plants, lawns, gardens, landscaping or other vegetation may be watered any time of any day by drip or by hand (only with a watering can or a hose with a shut-off nozzle).

**Use your head and keep sewers working smooth**

The Metro crews have been busy again trying to keep our sewage moving to the Waste Treatment plant. Recently our team had to excavate and replace nearly 300’ of sewer pipe. Do not use your toilet for a trash can. We all should know that grease and garbage DO NOT go down the drain. Nor does any towelette or sanitary product go into the commode. Only flush sewer-safe toilet paper and digested body excreta. That is all. Garbage goes in the trash can, as do eggshells and coffee grounds.  Again, let’s work together.

**Take notice of Greenhorn Park**

As reported in The Greenhorn Valley View, Valley First is rehabbing Greenhorn Meadows Park. Much has been previously written about this monumental project. But just quickly, this outstanding Valley First group, spearheaded by Misty Sprague, has written grants for upgrades that have been needed for years. Instead of relisting all that is in the works, keep an eye on the wonderful improvements as they roll out. Enough praise cannot be heaped on this fine group working for the benefit of Valley recreation.

**Useful Reminders**

Colorado City is a covenant controlled community. Covenants provide standardization for properties that help all of us maintain our property values. As most of us are keenly aware, our home is our biggest investment. Exterior changes and new construction need to be approved by the Colorado City Architectural Control Committee. Covenants are posted by unit number at the Metro website. Call 719.676.3396 for information.

**Speaking of the website**

CCMD has migrated to two new web addresses. Check out Metro related info at: www.colocitymd.colorado.gov  or, go to www.coloradocitymd.org By going to the website, you can check out the wide array of Metro information. Meeting times and agendas are posted there. Citizens are encouraged to read the agendas and stop in at a meeting to voice your concerns. Meetings are generally the 2nd and last Tuesdays of the month, at 6:00 PM. They are held at Metro District offices, next to the Fire Station on Bent Bros. Blvd.

**Taking Advantage of what Your Metro has to Offer**

Using the website will show you the exciting CCMD recreation opportunities. By regulation, the Metro District provides recreational activities, mostly at the Colorado City pool and rec center, and in Greenhorn Park. Our Rec team also works hand in hand with the good folks at D70 Check website for details.

 Also, hopefully you are enjoying the professionally maintained and managed Hollydot Golf Course. With the gift of moisture this winter and spring, Hollydot will be glorious. And you don’t have to golf to enjoy it. Many people walk the paved road around the Front Nine to get a dose of greenery with stunning mountain views. Also, don’t forget that the Round Table Sports Grill serves tasty lunch and dinner and frosty beverages in the clubhouse.

**Be FireWise**

As thankful as we are for the abundant gift of moisture, please be aware that with moisture comes rapid plant growth. All it takes is a few weeks of no precipitation, and that plant growth becomes wildfire fuels. Please be careful. This is another item we need to work together on.

**Grant News**

We are on our way to funding for the Pre-treatment of the DAF system. March 19,2024 the district was notified that we were awarded a grant for $1,000,000 from DOLA (Department of Local Affair) from the federal mineral lease proceeds**.**

**Employees Honored**

March 20, 2024, Colorado City Metropolitan District was awarded two awards from CRWA (Colorado Rural Water Association) at their annual conference in Loveland CO. The water department received a plaque for Water System of the Year 2023, and James Eccher Manager of the Year 2023. This recognition to all the employees of the district for their dedication and hard work that is done to keep water to everyone from the office crew work orders, outside crew fixing lines, to the plant operators who put in many hours keeping them running, Without them the system would not be running. Yes, there are areas that need to improved and are being worked on daily to make it better, but it won’t happen overnight. We thank the people of the community for your patience and understanding in making the District better community to live in and love.

**Until next time, be safe and be thankful you get to live in the Greenhorn Valley!**