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Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District

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Servicing the Wildernest & Cortina Ridge Community

Fall 2020 Newsletter

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SALES TAX BALLOT ISSUE #6A

WHEREAS, we, the elected Directors of Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District (“District”) have placed before District voters the questions of implementing a sales tax in Buffalo Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act expressly authorizes local governments to adopt and distribute in normal fashion a Resolution regarding any ballot issue of import to that local government; and

WHEREAS, concerning this sales tax ballot issue #6A:

1. Buffalo Mountain is in unincorporated Summit County and as such there is currently no local sales tax within the Buffalo Mountain Wildernest Community and Colorado law was changed in 2010 to permit Metropolitan Districts in unincorporated areas to implement sales taxes for the purpose of road maintenance, road safety and transportation; and
2. Other nearby districts like Bachelor Gulch, Beaver Creek, and Edwards either have a sales tax or have a comparable civic assessment that is similar to a sales tax; and
3. Implementation of a sales tax in Buffalo Mountain will spread the tax burden for the Metro District’s services over a much broader base of users than just the property owners in Buffalo Mountain; and
4. The amount that it costs to operate the District will not increase as a result of implementation of a sales tax. The variable isn’t how much it costs to operate the District but how to best fund those costs; and
5. Implementation of a sales tax will, among other things, offset the revenue lost as a result of Colorado’s Gallagher Amendment; and
6. Implementation of a sales tax may enable the District to lower its mill levy rate benefiting all property owners in Buffalo Mountain; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District, in the County of Summit, State of Colorado, that:

1. The Board expresses its strongest possible support for passage of the sales tax ballot question #6A; and
2. The Board encourages electors within the Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District to join in the support of this ballot issues by voting “Yes”.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2020.

BUFFALO MOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Raoul Pietri Jr., Director

Aging Infrastructure Challenges

It is sometimes easier to view a photo to help explain existing conditions and the challenges relating to maintenance and repair of infrastructure located at an elevation of 9,000-10,000'. Pavement and drainage failure is caused by a number of variables including, water intrusion, stress from heavy vehicles, traffic, expansion and contraction from seasonal temperature changes, and sun exposure.

Concrete Deterioration



Expansion Crack Failure



Asphalt Decline



Storm Drainage Erosion



February 2020
19" in 24 hours. Plowed non-stop 5:00 a.m.–3:00 a.m.



Storm Drainage Erosion



Aging Infrastructure Challenges

BMMD has over 10 miles of water main pipe ranging in age from 40-50 years old. Most of these main pipes are buried nine feet underground and run under our streets through a complex network including other utilities. Main breaks are unpredictable, but when they happen BMMD considers it our top priority to restore service. BMMD continues infrastructure replacement projects on an annual basis and will continue to plan for needed repairs.

Main Valve Replacement & Old Line Abandonment



Exterior Corrosion



Exterior & Interior Corrosion



Emergency Main Line Repair



Emergency Main Line Repair



Sewer Manhole Replacement



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Water and Sewer
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For immediate assistance with BMMD water or sewer emergencies please contact Water Solutions at (970) 262-0217 or call BMMD Manager Cell at (970) 409-0270.

Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District

Providing Water/Sewer/Road & Covenant services to the Wilderdest Community for over 50 years

Project Updates

New Water Tank, Piping & Pump Station

The new water tank, piping and pump station project is nearing completion after two years of construction. The start-up testing procedures begin in early October with restoration of tank site, roadway, drainage ditch & path to follow. We sincerely thank the community for your patience during the water outages and traffic detours. We especially appreciate the immediate neighbors who have shown resiliency during the overall disturbance caused by this project.

Sewer Main Line & Manhole Replacement

The project is currently underway to mitigate problems caused by water inflow, tree root infiltration, freeze/thaw stress, and aging main pipes. Replacement of approximately 2035 linear feet of 8" sewer main pipe and 7 manholes is expected to be completed by October 30th.

Storm Drainage Improvements

The drainage improvement project is scheduled to begin at the end of September through end of October at the top of Ryan Gulch Road to mitigate year-round roadside water and Spring runoff flows. Project will include underground culvert, retention pond, curb and gutter.

Long-Range Asset Management Planning

BMMD continues to manage its resources and plan for future asset replacements. This long-range plan will help guide decisions related to our water and sewer system over the next 25 to 50 years. Service and sustainability is our top priority.

2021 Proposed 3% Rate Increase

Much of Wilderdest's water and sewer infrastructure was built 30 to 50 years ago. Due to age and growth, the District must make needed improvements and will continue infrastructure replacement projects on an annual basis. These projects come at a cost which must be passed along to the owners of the system – all Wilderdest property owners. Small annual increases will cover rising operating, maintenance, fuel, and equipment costs. BMMD will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed increase on October 20, 2020, 5:00 p.m., at the District office located at 106 Adams Ave., in Silverthorne (across from Ford Dealer) or remotely via Zoom. Contact the District to be emailed a meeting link to join the discussion.

Winter Is Coming

Snow removal is a top priority for BMMD in winter. Our snow plow staff is dedicated to keeping Wilderdest roads clear and safe as possible. Residents of Wilderdest must also do their part by storing snow on personal property and out of the roadway and PLEASE do not park in the street!

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of driveway culverts. Keep culverts clear of rocks and debris before winter. If your culvert is clogged and water is diverted from the drainage ditch to neighboring properties, you will be responsible for the damage.