

Buffalo Mountain Metropolitan District "BMMD"

Serving the Wilderdest Community For Over 53 Years

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Water & Sewer Infrastructure Update

2022 Capital Project Planning & Rate Study *Public Meetings Scheduled to Discuss Future Rate Increases*

For the past ten years, BMMD has worked hard to address numerous aging infrastructure problems. High elevation and extreme climates are tough on water and sewer infrastructure causing deterioration at a much faster pace. BMMD is actively addressing aging infrastructure by planning and executing improvement projects to the water, sewer, drainage and roads throughout the Wilderdest community on an annual basis. However, more work is needed to sustain functionality and promote longevity.



In 2021, BMMD hired engineering firm SGM, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive water and sewer service long-range asset management plan and service rate study. It is a process that evaluates existing system conditions, maintenance demands, infrastructure repair and replacement needs, and ways in which to fund the needed updates over the next twenty+ years.

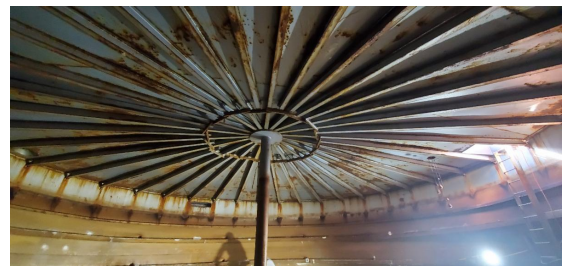


The long-range plan is now complete and ready for public review and discussion. Click the following links to view the specific details of the report.

[Click Here - Rate Study Report](#)

Public Meetings

Wilderdest property owners are invited to a public meeting to discuss the capital plan and rate study.



Saturday, October 8, 2022

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Frisco Senior Center

83 Nancy's Place, Frisco, CO

[Click Here to Join 10/8/22 Zoom Meeting](#)

or Call into the meeting

+1 720 707 2699, Meeting ID: 886 5597 1464

[Click Here For Other Rate Discussion Meetings](#)



BMMD Receives \$25,000 Grant From Colorado River District

BMMD's 50-year-old water storage tank #3 has undergone extensive rehabilitation work over the past eighteen months to repair exterior and interior corrosion and structural deficiencies. By conducting the needed repairs, the useful life has been extended without having to completely replace the tank. BMMD reached out to the Colorado River District and applied for a Community Partnership Program grant. BMMD is proud to be awarded a \$25,000 grant to help offset the cost of the project. [Click Here To Read More](#)



Protect Your Drinking Water!

BMMD strives to produce the best drinking water quality possible. In doing so, all multi-family condos (HOA's), must test and submit backflow reports to BMMD annually! Per the rules and regulations, all annual reports must be submitted by September 30th. Make sure your property manager is aware. Click the following link for more information.

[Click Here - BMMD Backflow Regulations](#)

The Cost of Water Is Rising - Fix Those Leaks!

The on-going drought affecting Colorado residents and States across the West is critical. BMMD's Automated Meter Reading (AMR) technology allows the District to read water meters remotely and conduct leak detection on a daily basis. Since the fall of 2018, BMMD has saved over 220 million gallons of water by notifying customers of leaks showing non-stop water consumption. The #1 cause of high usage is running toilets. Please check your plumbing and fix those leaks! We must all do our part to save water.

BMMD must implement a more restrictive tiered water rate structure to encourage conservation and pay for the rising costs of maintenance, operations, treatment and delivery of fresh drinking water. Recent water main breaks, coupled with higher demands are adding stress to the aging water infrastructure. Click on the link above for more information about the rate study and list of needed capital projects.

Water Quality Update

BMMD prides itself on providing quality drinking water to the residents of the Wilderndest community and consistently meets State and Federal water quality guideline requirements. You may have heard recently about an emerging contaminant throughout the United States called PFAS or PFOS caused by industrial facilities or firefighting accelerants.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently developing guidelines to determine how to test, monitor and treat this contaminant should it exist in a public water supply. The EPA is expected to publish its draft PFAS rule in December 2022. This will trigger a public comment period when water systems, States and the general public can comment on it. Then EPA plans to finalize the rule by December 2023. BMMD will continue to monitor the situation closely and publish information on the website once more information and/or regulation standards become available.

Protective Covenant Enforcement

BEARS IN WILDERNEST Trash Rules & Regulations

All trash containers shall be placed outside enclosed structures only on the appointed day for trash pickup, and shall be returned to enclosures no later than 24 hours after pickup. The District may require



bear/animal proof containers if a property is cited more than two (2) times for not properly securing trash.

[Click Here - Protective Covenants](#)

Architectural Review Authority *BMMD Must Approve Exterior Projects*

Prior to any alterations to the outside of a property, including but not limited to: remodels, re-painting, re-roofing, residing, deck modifications, driveway alterations, windows, doors, etc., you must submit a BMMD Review Application. Failure to submit may cause costly changes and/or fines to be assessed.

[Click Here to Download the Architectural Guidelines](#)

[Click Here to Download the Review Application](#)

Eradicate Noxious Weeds

There is no one best way to get rid of noxious weeds. Weeds, like all plants, vary in how they reproduce, have varying root structures (extensive root systems or a single taproot), and how they respond to herbicides.

Summit County is conducting weed control along the roads and right-of-way in Wildernest and has completed one application spray this summer. Pursuant to the Covenants, each property owner is responsible for removing noxious weeds on personal property.

BMMD will soon be reaching out to notify property owners to remove dead, dying, diseased, or insect-infested landscape materials, including all noxious weeds, as soon as possible, or within thirty (30) days of a written request notice from BMMD.

Click the following link for more information pertaining to the administration and enforcement of the Colorado Noxious Weed Act. [CO State Noxious Weed Program](#)



Parking Regulations In Wildernest

Wildernest is a densely populated community. Each property has designated parking spaces that were approved by the County and take into account lot size, drainage, snow storage, setbacks, and utility easements. With more full-time residents and short-term visitors in Wildernest, parking availability is limited causing people to park on County roads and/or make-up illegal parking spaces on their property.

No Parking on County Roads

It is illegal to park any vehicle on a Wildernest roadway. The right-of-way typically extends 15 feet from the edge of the asphalt on both sides of public roads in Wildernest and you may not park or place any objects in the right-of-way. Cars will be subject to ticketing and towing.

Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, RV, Boats

BMMD Protective Covenants do not allow trailers, boats, utility trailers or recreational vehicles to be stored or parked longer than 24 hours in any front yard or driveway. Exceptions include multi-family properties with more than five (5) units that have County approved parking spaces.

Dedicated Parking Spaces

Each property in Wildernest has designated parking spaces approved by Summit County. Parking off the

dedicated spaces and using portions of the yard for parking is a violation of the County Code and BMMD Covenants. Corrective actions may include restoring the area back to its original condition.

Staffing Changes at BMMD

District Manager, Will Yates

In May of 2022, the BMMD Board of Directors announced the promotion of District Operations Manager Will Yates, to BMMD District Manager. Will stepped into the role of District Manager when Shellie Duplan announced her move earlier this year to Ridgway, CO.

Will's extensive background in water and sewer system management along with his current license status in water treatment and distribution, including wastewater collections brings an experienced skillset needed to support and manage BMMD's aging infrastructure.

With a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies & Earth Science, Will has brought needed construction project management and long-range infrastructure asset planning skills to the District in order to maintain the critical balance between financial stability, reliable operations, and delivering services to customers at the best value.

District Administrator, Julie Ring

BMMD also welcomes the addition of Julie Ring to our talented staff roster as District Administrator. Julie brings a wealth of experience working in office management, operations department support and overall customer support services. Julie is responsible for enforcing and administering District regulations, policies, utility billing, customer service, communications, and overall office management. She is a talented and energetic individual with a lifetime of experience in the administrative profession. Welcome to the team Julie!