**Colorado City Happenings**

**November 2024, and fall is here!**

As usual we generally get our first freeze in October and this year was no exception. All though we had a nice warm October, mother nature reminded us winter is on the way right at the end. This cold weather should remind us to winterize our boats, camp trailers, yard sprinklers and anything else that freezes.

**Election Time**

It is election time and things are heating up figuratively. We live in the greatest nation on Earth and get to pick the people that represent us for the next two to four years. I encourage everybody to get out and VOTE!

**Signs in Greenbelts and Street Right of Ways**

With election time come all kinds of signs of various shapes, sizes, and messages. These signs should only be put on private property and not in street right of ways which is 10ft from edge of road. There should be no signs posted on green belts, state or county land. You can read the county regs regarding this in Title 17 chapter 17.116.010. The County and State does drive around and remove signs that have been posted illegally and disposes of them. Also please remove your signs after the election so they don’t get blown all over Colorado City we already have enough trash to contend with, without adding to it.

**Water Well Update**

We are in good shape on the water level in Lake Beckwith. The wells that are online have only been used a few times to supplement the creek water going into the lake and to verify recent repairs. We are still waiting on estimates for two of our wells that are in need of repair.

**Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades**

We are still plugging along on the Dam and water plant upgrade. These are both huge projects that require a lot of money, engineering and building time. We are trying to get grants from several different sources so it will end up costing Colorado City residents as little as possible. So far things are looking good but it wouldn’t hurt to put a prayer in now and then for help. If everything works out, we should have an upgraded and safer Dam and some much-improved water quality to our houses.

**Valley First Cleanup Day**

There was a fantastic turn out for the Cleanup day on October 26. We had several couches, mattresses, chairs, toys, and other old or broken things. Collected over 100 tires, a dumpster of metal, and 200 gallons of used oil, would like to thank Valley First for organizing and volunteer to assist with project, along with the crew from the District, Rye Café for pizzas (lunch),Mountain disposal, Shawn Davis with Highline, Dionisio Metal & Iron, San Isabel Electric Association (for mulching of branches), Geocycle (tire recycler),and Janus Enterprises (oil recyclers). This helps keep our community clean and allows trash from being dumped on empty lots and county roads. We will try and do this again in spring, if we can continue to get the support of all involved and anyone that is interested in helping.

**New Baseball Field, Walking Trail and Restrooms**

On October 16, 2024, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the new construction of a youth baseball field with the addition of restrooms and walking trail in Greenhorn Park. This is being paid for with grants, donations, CCMD and most of all the help of Valley First heading the project. Misty Sprague has worked hard to get this project funded and on the path to completion. Big Thanks to Valley First Board members.

**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 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)