**Colorado City Happenings**

 **February 2025**

**Brrrrr!**

It’s been COLD! There’s been many reports of various different low temp readings. All of them simply meant “It’s cold”. Kinda like many, many years ago when I was a kid and had to brave the -30 cold, barefoot walking uphill both ways to school carrying my sister! But hey… It’s winter! Hopefully the pundits are correct and Mother Nature will start giving us back our beautiful Greenhorn Valley pleasant weather days.

Thanks to all the Metro crew for the extra hours fixing broken water lines, frozen meters, and plowing snow. It seems most system repairs have to be accomplished at the most inconvenient and unpleasant times.

**New Water Processing Plant and Lake Beckwith Dam**

Both projects are continuing to move forward. Because of the size of the projects and the many different agencies involved in approval and funding it seems painfully slow but we are moving forward. Required archeological inspections have been completed and we expect engineering to be completed in the near future. Inspections are done daily/weekly to assure that both the water and the dam are safe.

**Street Access Permit**

Vehicle access (driveway) to Colorado City streets now requires a permit and construction guidelines. After a public hearing we adopted a set of requirements for installing an access from any lot to a Colorado City street. The main focus is to control erosion and manage the maintenance of our streets. More information and permit forms are available at the CCMD office.

**Colorado City Architectural Control Committee**

We are still struggling with the implementation and correctness of enforcing covenants. More vigorous discussion will take place as to how to reasonably, fairly, and legally deal with antiquated covenants that the CCACC does not have the authority to change.

A reminder: Covenants are a contract between neighbors in a Unit and any property owner, if inclined to do so, can take civil legal action to address a covenant complaint. Complaints of suspected violations of a Pueblo County regulation can, and should, be filed (and followed) with the appropriate agency of Pueblo County.

**After Hours Contact for CCMD**

There has been questions about how to contact someone for afterhours issues and emergencies that pertain to CCMD.

The main CCMD phone number (**719-676-3396**) is always active and will be forwarded to the on-call person. The on-call person will forward the issue to the appropriate staff member for resolution. Please understand if it is not an emergency it will likely be the following business day before a response is received.

**Election in May**

We will be having an election in May for 2 Colorado City Metro District Board members. Anyone that has an interest in helping govern the operations of Colorado City for the best of all of our residents please pick up a self-nomination form at the Metro office and return it by the end of February. You must be a legally designated voter of Colorado City Metropolitan District to be a Board member and one of the following (A resident of the District, or area to be included in the district :or The owner (or spouse/civil union partner or owner) of Taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the District; Spouse’s Name, if property is in spouse’s name; or A person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District ) .

**Drop Box**

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 by phone (719-676-3396) or online at [www.coloradocitymd.colorado.gov](http://www.coloradocitymd.colorado.gov) Don’t use any punctuation when you enter your account number. (for example, 1234.56 should be entered as 123456).

Please don’t wait for us to call you to pay your bill. Reminders take valuable office time.

**“Disposable” or “Flushable” wipes**

DO NOT flush “disposable” or “flushable” wipes down the toilet! They don’t break down and create blockages that cause significant damage. For disgusting images and information google “fatbergs”. Remember, our sewer system is not your garbage can and should only be used for the “3 P’s” (Pee, Poop, Paper)

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