**Colorado City Happenings**

**April 2025**

**Illegal Camping and Land use issues**

On Tuesday March 3rd, CCMD Board members Neil Elliot, Ray Davis and Clint Gross, along with Metro District Manager Jim Eccher met with representatives of Pueblo County to discuss ongoing illegal camping and land use issues.

Representing Pueblo County were all three Commissioners, Paula McPheeters, Zach Swearingen and Miles Lucero, as well as Assistant County Attorney Marcy Day and members of Pueblo County Planning and Development. The meeting served as a “kickoff” discussion to address the pressing concerns surrounding illegal camping in Colorado City.

Primary concerns raised by the CCMD representatives included sanitation, fire hazards, and safety issues poised by these encampments. Additionally, discussions highlighted the lack of enforcement regarding Pueblo County zoning and building regulations by county officials and the Sheriff’s Department.

A follow-up meeting is tentatively planned for June, with the hope that representatives from the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Dept., Pueblo County Building Dept., and Rye Fire Protection District will attend. The goal is to develop a clear and actionable enforcement plan.

For more details, you can watch the hour- long meeting on the Pueblo County Commissioners Facebook page.

**CCMD Board Approves Contract with Grant Writer**

On the March 11th CCMD Board meeting, the board approved a contract with professional grant writer Stephanie Reyes from Longmont, Colorado.

Ms. Reyes has previously worked with the towns of Buena Vista, Salida, and Ponca Springs on water conservation projects. She also has experience collaborating with Lauren Duncan, the Arkansas River Basin representative of the Colorado Conservation Board.

Her initial focus will be securing funding to repair or replace the irrigation system on the front nine holes of the Hollydot Golf Course. Since this project has a clearly defined scope, including known water loss amounts, cost estimates, and location details, it meets the requirements for a water conservation grant.

Future projects may be assigned to Ms. Reyes pending a complete water audit of Colorado City.

**“Disposable” or “flushable” wipes**

CCMD continues to have issues with blocked sewer lines and one of the primary causes of the blockages are so called “disposable” or “flushable” wipes. Despite manufacturer claims, these wipes do not break down like toilet paper and continue to cause issues within our sewer lines.

To help prevent costly damage and service interruptions, please dispose of these wipes in the trash. Additionally, please do not put grease or oil down drains. Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down toilets.

**Secure Drop Box**

For your convenance, a secure 24/7 drop-box is located on the north side of the CCMD office for bill payments. You can also pay by phone (719-676-3396) or online at [www.ccmd.specialdistrict.org](http://www.ccmd.specialdistrict.org) or [www.coloradocitymd.org](http://www.coloradocitymd.org)

When entering your account number online, please omit any punctuation (e.g., 1234.56 should be entered as 123456).

**Hollydot Golf Course**

Spring conditions on the golf course are improving daily! Weather permitting, the golf course is open year-round. Contact the Pro Shop at 719-676-3341 or visit the website at [www.Hollydotgolf.com](http://www.Hollydotgolf.com) for daily updates and to schedule a tee time!

**Architectural Control Committee Reminder**

As noted in the previous newsletter, the board is still working on fine tuning the specifics of enforcing the covenants in units 1-45 in Colorado City. Please review the covenants in your unit before construction or placement of accessory buildings (e.g., sheds or storage containers), as specific requirements apply.

Covenants are available on the CCMD website or by contacting the CCMD office. If you have questions, you can also e-mail [colocityccaac@ghvalley.net](mailto:colocityccaac@ghvalley.net).

Reminder: Suspected health and zoning violations should be reported to appropriate Pueblo County Agency for enforcement.

**Street Access Permit**

Any new driveway connecting to a Colorado City road requires a Street Access Permit from CCMD. Pueblo County roads have separate permits. Permit forms and additional information are available at Colorado City Metro Office.

**Greg Bailey Retirement**

The entire board would like to congratulate Mr. Greg Bailey who is retiring this September after 38 years with the district! Greg started his career with the Metro on April 1st, 1988. That’s a lot of years working in the middle of the night and in some terrible weather conditions! So, if you see Greg give him a shout out and maybe buy him a beer, he deserves it!