

# EB MD 2 NEWSLETTER

EAGLE BEND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 2



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The new year is here and the Eagle Bend Metropolitan District #2 Board is prepared for what we expect to be an eventful year.

On May 6, the District will conduct a mail ballot election to fill three positions on the District Board of Directors. Qualified electors wishing to run for one of those positions must file a self-nomination document with the designated election officer before February 28th. Incumbent directors George Arellano, Richard Rexroat and Larry Geiger have all indicated they will be candidates for re-election. Details will be posted on the District website by February 1.

The new Emergency Room at Dry Creek and Gartrell Road has provided some great information about their new facility on page two. I recommend dropping in and checking it about before visiting with an emergency. It is great to have this type of 24 hour medical facility in our backyards.

The District's 2014 budget was approved in December. Even though we are projecting a

decline in tax revenues, the Board has a plan to maintain our current levels of service as well as partner with District homeowner associations desiring to do xeriscape projects. Treasurer Coker has provided an explanation of our financial plans for the year on page 3.

Diana Denwood from Aurora Water has some advice on winter care of your trees and lawn on page 4. Director Rexroat has summarized last year's water operations on page 5. Water sales to Heritage Eagle Bend were the lowest in the past four years.

E-470 has provided us some good advice on winter driving and preparing your vehicle for the season on page 6.

One of the longtime vendors at the EagleBend Market Place is Subway. Page 7 highlights the fresh ingredients and healthy choices available from that business.

As always, future Board meeting schedules are published on the back page of this newsletter. Your Board encourages you to join us at our meetings to learn what your District is about.

Larry Geiger, President



# Medical Emergency? What you need to know about the Saddle Rock ER BEFORE an emergency!

**Where is the ER located?** Saddle Rock ER sits on the southwest corner of South Gartrell Rd. and East Dry Creek Rd., near E-470. The address is 22500 E. Dry Creek Road, Aurora, CO 80016.

**Who's on staff at 2:00 a.m. on a Sunday?** Accidents happen and chest pain can't wait so the Saddle Rock ER is staffed 24/7 by board certified emergency medicine physicians and specially trained ER nurses unlike an urgent care center. These specially trained care providers supply first class treatment of acute illnesses or injuries without a trip to a hospital.

**Can I walk into the ER?** What about arriving by ambulance? Whether you arrive by ambulance or walk-in, care providers are ready to serve you.



What services are available? Saddle Rock ER offers a full service emergency room complete with 10 patient beds and a designated trauma room. This facility houses a full service laboratory, blood bank, in-house digital radiology and CT scanning. With a full spectrum of emergency diagnostic services available; the physicians and nurses are able to provide the care you need.



**Can I see a specialist?** Saddle Rock ER has 24/7 access to an extensive network of stroke and behavioral health experts through the telemedicine program. Neurologists are also available for evaluation and diagnosis of stroke victims using a telemedicine camera and monitoring system.

**What if I need to be admitted to a hospital?** If hospital admission is necessary, Saddle Rock ER patients can receive rapid ground or air transport to The Medical Center of Aurora.

**What is the connection between the Saddle Rock ER, Medical Center of Aurora and HealthONE?**

The Medical Center of Aurora is comprised of 4 campuses in Aurora and Centennial:



1.) Main Campus, located at I-225 and Mississippi, 2.) North Campus Behavioral Health facility, 3.) Centennial Medical Plaza and 4.) **Saddle Rock ER**. The Medical Center of Aurora and its affiliated campuses are part of the HealthONE System of Excellence. The Medical Center of Aurora was recognized as the #4 hospital in the Denver metro area and the #4 hospital in Colorado by U.S. News & World Report (2012), and was one of only nine hospitals in the country to receive the Lantern Award for Excellence in Emergency Room Care by the Emergency Nurses Association (2013).

**Author:** Bailey Hulslander Marketing & PR, The Medical Center of Aurora [www.SaddleRockER.com](http://www.SaddleRockER.com)

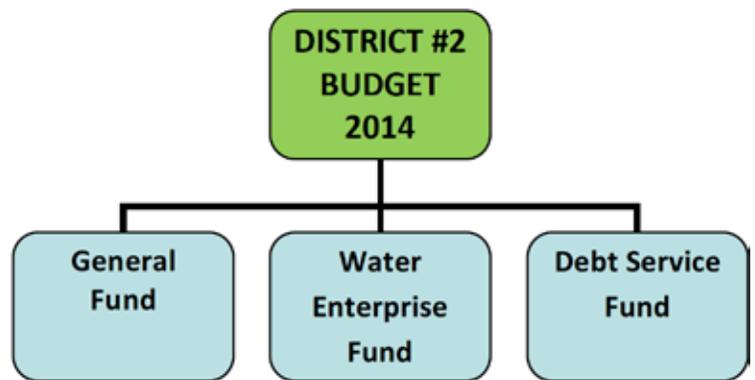
## Let's Review the EB Metro District #2 Financial Structure

**Budget 2014:** Your District is comprised of three major funds: 1.) General Fund which contains the governmental operations, 2.) Water Enterprise Fund which is the business providing irrigation water to customers and 3.) Debt Service Fund. As a result of the biennial property reappraisal process mandated by Colorado statutes, the assessed valuation of the property in the District continues to drop from the 2010 level of \$64,888,350 to a value of \$56,040,280 for tax collections starting in 2014. With no change in the proposed tax rates for the District, that decrease will result in an estimated drop in tax collections by the District of \$400,000 a year, until either the property values rebound on one of the future biennial reappraisals or some of the commercial property within the District becomes developed.

**General Fund:** To operate the government side of the District's activities, we anticipate tax revenue of \$719,692 from our 12 mill operating levy and our share of Arapahoe County motor vehicle taxes. That forecast is in line with the revenue received from 2012, due to the stable property value appraisals from the county assessor's office received in late 2011. Operating costs are anticipated to be \$177,237 for the governmental costs of the District, \$185,000 for landscaping maintenance of center medians and green belts within the District, \$700,000 for matching fund projects with the three Homeowner Associations in the District and \$300,000 working capital fund to span the timing difference from the District's cash expenditure requirements and the cash flows from tax collections.

**Water Enterprise Fund:** The District will maintain the two tiered rate used on water sales in 2013.

The District charges Heritage Eagle Bend a \$22,000 monthly service fee in March through October inclusive and a \$2.58 per thousand gallon consumption fee for water provided from its deep wells on the east side of HEB or the East Cherry Creek Valley (ECCV) pipe line running along the south side of E-470. This rate structure insures the taxpayers that the District recovers its fixed operating costs while providing HEB the lowest possible variable cost for water in drought years. City water is also available at \$6.58 per thousand. The District continues exploring other moderately priced water sources and maintaining contact with other area water providers.



**Debt Service Fund:** The District will enter 2014 with an estimated \$35,290,000 in general obligation debt. The proceeds of this debt were used by the District to fund infrastructure construction during the development of the Eagle Bend area. The debt service mill levy of 37 mills and special ownership tax is anticipated to raise \$2,218,634 which along with some existing reserves, will be used for interest payments of \$1,454,686 and principal reductions of \$950,000 for 2014. Interest rates on the bonds which are not callable at this time, range from 2.00% to 5.25%. For more financial information visit our website [www.eaglebendmetro.com](http://www.eaglebendmetro.com).

**Author:** Tom Coker, Eagle Bend Metro District #2 Treasurer



## Keep Your Plants Healthy This Winter

It's been very cold and dark, with barely a green thing in sight this winter. Gardening may be the last thing on your mind at this time of year, but be aware that your yard may need your attention. There are plenty of things to do to ensure that your plants will be healthy come spring time.

1. **Mulching** protects plants from the intense cold, keeps moisture in the soil, and adds vital nutrients. Add bark mulch to a depth of 3" to all of your flower beds. The City of Aurora provides FREE mulch! The mulch pile is located outside the Griswold Water Treatment Facility, north of the intersection of Hampden Avenue and Dawson Street.

2. Protect **newly-planted trees** with **stakes and tree wraps**. Stake each tree on opposite sides to prevent wind damage. Wrap your tree(s) beginning at their base and continue all the way up to the first branch. Wrapping ensures healthy and hardy trees come spring.

3. Don't forget your **winter watering**. During dry spells, water trees and shrubs if the soil isn't frozen. Always water along the dripline (the outer edge of the canopy) to a depth of 12" so the water gets to the roots. Check soil saturation with a soil probe or trowel.

4. **Clean your tools** to remove/prevent rust and keep them sharp. A clean, sharp pruning blade is healthier for your plants. To clean metal tools, first remove all dirt. If using water to wash away the dirt, make sure to dry thoroughly. Coat the metal parts with boiled linseed oil and brush it using steel wool or a wire brush. Wipe away rust residue with a soft cloth and wash with warm soapy water. Dry thoroughly. If needed, lightly sand wooden handles with fine sandpaper and then rub with linseed oil to prevent the wood from drying out.



5. All this information may get your appetite whetted for spring planting. And sure enough, winter is a great time to plan next year's xeriscape! Aurora Water has lots of information and classes available to those customers who want to add beautiful, water-wise xeriscape to their yard. We even offer free xeriscape design assistance.

**Author:** Diana Denwood, Senior Water Conservation Specialist for Aurora Water

### Water Conservation Classes 2014

Registration is required for all classes.

**Core Classes:** Xeriscape Basics, Xeriscape Start to Finish, Design Consultation Prep, and Irrigation 101. Six new classes added!

#### LEARN:

- How to increase water efficiency and find ways to convert your yard into a beautiful, low water landscape without breaking the bank.
- How to fix your irrigation system. Tune up your irrigation system for maximum efficiency. Demystify your irrigation clock by getting to know your system components.

Mark your calendar  
for a special class to  
be held at EB  
Demonstration  
Garden!

Saturday, June 21,  
9:30 am

Topic: "Xeriscape  
Start to Finish"

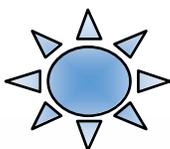
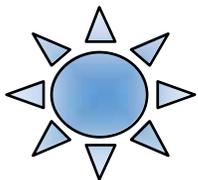
Call 720-859 to register or visit  
[www.aurorawater.org](http://www.aurorawater.org).

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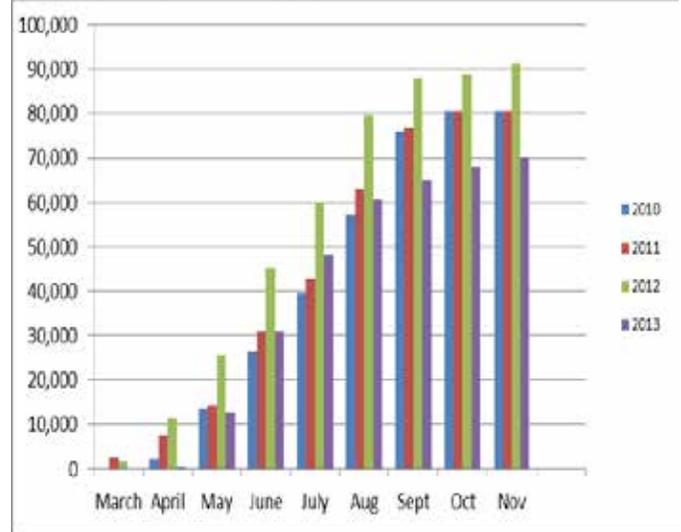
This past year was extremely busy. One of the District's first projects was to completely re-furbish the North well. It was a complex process which required pulling the pipe down to 1800 feet, cleaning out the bottom, replacing the necessary pipes or pumps and then restoring everything to depth. In April the wells and the East Cherry Creek Valley (ECCV) pipeline were turned on and tested for spring/summer. Also, in that same month the District tested the emergency water irrigation supply tap. This is known as the Buchannan Tap. Fortunately, everything worked great and there were no major issues.

During the summer months, the District was involved with the HEB North/Filing 9 underground drainage project. The District installed a monitoring system for the sump pump which was required for the Filing 9 project. The software for the monitoring system was field tested to make sure the system worked as planned. After a successful test run, the system and all warranties were turned over to the HEB Master Association (HEBMA). The HEBMA is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the system. This project was completed August 2013.

Water use for 2013 totaled approximately 70 million gallons. This amount is 86% of that used in 2010 and 2011 and only 76% of water used in 2012. The spring and late summer rain fall certainly made a major impact on irrigation water use.



## Monthly Irrigation Supply Calendar 2013



We would like to thank Roe Sherbert and his staff at HEB for all of their help and assistance to make 2013 a good year for water!

## Water Enterprise Plans for 2014

For 2014, the District will be conducting maintenance on the both wells and the microwave system. This wi-fi system is used to monitor the wells and the ECCV pipeline. In addition, the fences surrounding the wells will be stained again. We want to ensure the area around the wells meets our community's high standards.

Every year the District researches two scenarios: 1.) should a water well wall(s) collapse what would be the cost be to re-drill and/or repair the well; and 2.) what would it cost to drill a new water well. The cost for drilling, equipping and maintaining a well has increased significantly over the last five years. The current estimate for a drilling a new well into the 1,800-foot deep Arapahoe aquifer (HEB location) is approximately \$1 million. Drilling and development estimates total \$700,000.00 and \$250,000.00 is required for equipment. As you can see, maintenance, replacing or drilling wells is a costly endeavor. **Author:** Rex Rexroat, Vice President of Water Operations



## Are you prepared for winter driving? Tips from E-470

The best advice for winter driving is to avoid it if possible. If you must drive in snowy conditions make sure your car is prepared and you know how to handle the snowy conditions.

### WINTER PROOFING YOUR CAR 101

- Inspect and clean off your car.
- If your car needs regular service, get it done now. Check the cooling system.
- Keep your gas tank close to full or full.
- Check the tread on your tires.
- Purchase good tires and check tire pressures. In the winter it's best to have your tire tread depth as close to 3mm as possible.
- Make sure your windshield is in good condition.
- Visibility can be reduced due to glare from frost, so keeping your windshield clean and free of scratches and smears can greatly increase visibility.
- Also, make sure your windshield wipers are in good shape.
- Fill your windshield washer reservoir.
- Last but not least, check to see that your window defrosters work.

### DRIVING TIPS 101

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first.
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- **When driving in the snow, do everything SLOWLY!**

### STOCKING YOUR VEHICLE

Do you have the following in your car?

- Snowbrush and ice scraper
- Windshield washer fluid
- Properly inflated spare tire
- Wheel wrench and appropriate jack
- Shovel
- Jumper cables
- Tow and tire chains
- Bag of salt, cat litter, or sand
- Tool Kit



## “Eat Fresh” with SUBWAY®

You remember Jared, right? Jared is the famous “Subway Guy” who lost 245 lbs. with his own SUBWAY diet. Every day, he ate a 6 inch SUBWAY® turkey sub for lunch and a foot-long Veggie Delite® sub for dinner. Twelve months later Jared was a new man! SUBWAY® is thoroughly committed to offering a variety of fresh and nutritious products.

Every day, at the **EB Marketplace SUBWAY®** Diedre Wilson, Manager, and her team prepare 8 different fresh vegetables. In addition, they bake 85-140 pieces of bread. The jalapeno and cheese breads are the best sellers. If you’re counting calories, order the Italian white bread because it has the fewest number of calories (200). Who knew?!

When it’s snowy outside Diedre knows you’ll want something warm, so the team prepares delicious beef chili with beans and one additional soup giving you two delectable choices. Who doesn’t love warm chili or soup on a cold, snowy day? Daily baking also includes cookies. You might be tempted by a white chip macadamia nut, chocolate chip, or peanut butter cookie. They’re small in size so don’t worry, smaller size means fewer calories!

Don’t forget about breakfast. SUBWAY® now serves breakfast all day and coffee until 11:00 am (free refills). The breakfast menu includes 6 choices such as: bacon, egg, cheese melt, or the Sunrise SUBWAY® melt. Diedre stated SUBWAY® will be expanding their breakfast offerings, so stay tuned for more yummy choices.

SUBWAY® is the first fast food restaurant to earn the American Heart Association Heart Check for heart healthy meals. SUBWAY® FRESH FIT Meals & Chopped Salads

are identified by a red heart ❤️. These meals have 700 or less calories per meal, just add fresh apple slices or low fat yogurt for a delicious side. Did you know SUBWAY® offers 10 regular 6” subs with 400 calories or less? Instead of drinking a soda which is chocked full of sugar have a glass of green tea with honey or unsweetened tea which are brewed daily. While you’re waiting, pick up the SUBWAY® Nutrition Guide which is jam-packed with detailed nutrition information about every product and ingredient on the SUBWAY menu.



Diedre Wilson, Manager



Diedre created the “Hidden Discount” game for her EB customers. The last week of every month she posts a “Hidden Discount” which can be exchanged the following month for a free product or discount if you correctly answer the prompt. This month’s “Hidden Discount” is: 1.) wear a New Year’s party hat into the restaurant and you’ll receive a FREE soda; or 2.) use the word fantastic while ordering and you’ll receive 10% off your order. After visiting the **EB Marketplace SUBWAY®**, keep your receipt and take the 1-minute survey at [www.tellsubway.com](http://www.tellsubway.com). Bring the receipt back with the survey code and receive a free cookie.

**A Fresh Future** Today, the SUBWAY® brand is the world’s largest submarine sandwich chain with 41,086 restaurants in 105 countries. They’ve become a leading choice for people seeking quick, nutritious meals the whole family can enjoy. Stop in to see Deidre and her team at 22775 E. Aurora Parkway, Unit #5 – between Parkway Grill and EB Chiropractic.

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### Eagle Bend Metropolitan District #2

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Held at Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse

23568 E.Heritage Parkway | Aurora, CO 80016

- Board meeting January 23 at 10:00 AM
- Board meeting February 27 at 10:00 AM
- Board meeting March 27 at 10:00 AM
- Board meeting April 24 at 10:00 AM
- Board meeting May 22 at 10:00 AM

Xeriscape Class at Demonstration Garden June 21  
at 9:30AM. Conducted by City of Aurora Water  
Conservation Department.

Board meeting June 26 at 10:00 AM

NOTE: The above constitutes NOTICE to all property owners within EAGLE BEND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2 of the meetings scheduled

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