



BOARD LETTER
June 19, 2023

BOARD AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

METRO DISTRICT
OPERATIONS UPDATE

Tree Removal Guidelines on Metro District Property

Proprietary Members (PMs) should contact the Chair of the Stewardship Committee, currently Rod Vaughn, with regard to removal of trees. This action is required for trees located on land owned by the Metro District (MVCC Corporation bylaws Section 5.6). The Chair will evaluate the request and make a recommendation to the MVCC Board of Directors (BOD) as to whether removal of the tree is appropriate. The Board will render a decision which will be communicated to the PM. The following factors, in no particular order, will be considered in the evaluation of a request:

- a) Does(do) the tree(s), whether through proximity, health, species or other factors, pose a threat to the safety of the homeowner?
- b) Is(are) the tree(s) a “legacy” tree?
- c) How does the proposed removal plan relate to the overall fire mitigation plan of MVCC?
- d) Is the PM in “good standing”
- e) Does(do) the tree(s) have a 30 inch or greater circumference measured 4.5 feet (standard) from the ground?
- f) Does the removal plan adequately address the disposal of the slash generated by the removal(s)?

Helpful Background Regarding Legacy Trees

Old Trees (Legacy Trees) were historically an integral part of the montane forest in Colorado’s Front Range mountains. These large trees, both Ponderosa and Douglas Fir, are relatively scarce now primarily due to

logging operations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Surviving trees are now stressed by competition from dense stands or younger trees resulting from modern day fire suppression practices.

Every effort should be made to protect these older trees including removal of competing trees and ladder fuels.

Our forest structure today differs from that during pre-Euro-American settlement in that the forest were dominated by old ponderosa pines in a more “park like” setting. This natural structure was created through low intensity fires which periodically burned, removing younger pines and less fire tolerant – Douglas Fir and juniper. The older ponderosa pines survived these fires due to their thicker bark and their ability to self-prune their lower branches as the trees aged. In a fire regime, old ponderosa pines are your most fire-resistant species and therefore should be protected.

As a result of fire suppression, our forest has become overgrown and unhealthy making it more susceptible to catastrophic crown fires and beetle infestations. Taking measures to improve forest health and restoring the forest to resemble pre-Euro-American settlement, i.e., a landscape dominated by old pines through managed thinning operations, is a best practice.

Legacy trees are easily identified due to their large size and girth. Old ponderosa pines typically exhibit smooth orange bark and flattened sparse tops.

Fire Mitigation in Easement

The District has agreed with a buyer on the price for the sale of the tax credits generated by the conservation easement and are just waiting on the buyer to finalize the documents. There will be an update for

the community when the sale actually closes. As the board stated at the semi-annual meeting, after paying the costs of the conservation easement transaction and paying for the remainder of the wildfire mitigation work and other expected expenses, the board will consider carefully how the remaining proceeds should be used.

The professional forester last Friday marked the trees in our work area for the wildfire mitigation work. Any tree with an orange spot on its base is to be saved. And we'll be saving some of the smaller trees as a means of achieving age diversity in the forest. Almost all of the really large trees are being saved. The boundaries of the work area are marked with orange tape. Residents can get to the work area by taking the trail that leaves the augmentation road just before it turns to the north; this is the trail that goes past the ruins of the spring cabin and eventually runs into the unimproved road that heads west under the high-tension power line. The other way to get to the work area is through Columbine Glen.

The contractor is lined up to begin work on or about July 8. It will take about 3 to 4 weeks. During much of this period, there will be signs that ask people not to use the trails in the work area.

CLUBHOUSE/RECREATION OPERATIONS UPDATE

The Centennial Celebration is coming up on August 12th of this year. The last day to purchase early bird-priced tickets for the Centennial Celebration is Friday, 6/23. Early bird tickets are priced at just \$23 + tax and service charge.

- The clubhouse was net profitable in May.
- Year-to-date clubhouse net profits exceed the budget by 51%.
- 110 weddings are booked for 2023, exceeding the prior year's 107.
- We have a 19-person waitlist for aquatics and sports memberships.
- Dues and Initiation revenues exceed budget by 3.4% and the prior year by 7.4%.
- Summer Experience (aka kids camp) had 56 campers this week compared to 44 the prior year.

COMMUNITY SUMMER CLEANUP

A roll-off trash container will be delivered to the GS shop (25191 Aspen Way) on June 24 for residents to use for disposing of larger trash items. It will be available for 10 days or until it is full.

Please use your normal SSP Waste trash pickups for smaller items and household garbage.

The following items are **NOT ACCEPTED**:

Tires, Yard Trash, Wet Paint, Batteries, any type of Chemicals or Electronics, Appliances, Light Bulbs, Refrigerators or anything containing a **Refrigerant** such as a window air conditioner.

We will receive an expensive back charge and possibly a refusal for future service if we put in any non-compliant items.

Please put everything inside and do not leave anything on the ground outside. If the container is full, check back later as we will be packing it down with the backhoe several times to create more room inside. Please be respectful of these rules so we will be able to enjoy this community benefit in the future.

If you have any questions about what can be placed inside please email dshaw@mvccmetro.org.

GS is working on a plan to collect and dispose of bagged pine needles. If you accumulate more than Shirley will take, please advise dshaw@mvccmetro.org about the location and number of bags in the next two weeks. Pickup will be arranged.

The volunteer tree thinning and slash collection and clean-up will return in mid-July. When a date is set an announcement will be made.

Residents can continue to drop off slash in the designated area inside the horse pasture and tree sections in the designated area to the west of the GS building.

TREE SPRAYING FOR PINE BARK BEETLE

McGarva Tree is scheduled to spray trees in Mount Vernon for pine bark beetles on June 29 and 30. If you want to have trees treated, please notify Gail McGowan at gmcgowan@mvccmetro.org no later than Thursday, June 22, providing your name, membership number, address, contact phone and email information, and the number of trees you want treated. The cost will be \$15 per tree. Flagging tape is available at the Clubhouse reception desk.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAVE THE DATE: Summer Progressive Dinner

August 26th is our summer Progressive event - Cocktails, Cocktails, and Dessert. More info will be sent later but for now, save the date!

Fourth of July Celebration

Please join us for the annual July 4th parade and picnic! Gather in the Ralston School parking lot at 11:40 am for the Parade (starts at Noon!) from Ralston to 5 Points picnic area. MVCC provides burgers, hot dogs, chicken, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteers are needed for setup at 5 Points at 10:00 am and cleanup after picnic. Questions? Contact Karen Stringer (Karen.Stringer@comcast.net).

2023 BOARD MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the new time of 6:00 p.m.

The following tentative dates have been set for the remaining 2023 Board meetings, with a new time of 6:00 p.m.:

August 24 (note that this is a date change),
September 21, October 19,
November 16, and December 7

Any changes to dates, times, or meeting format will be announced before the meetings.

Meetings of the Board are public, open meetings and all are welcome to attend at any time. If you wish to submit an agenda item for the Board's consideration, please submit the topic title, a written summary of the issue and any background information, and expected board action (i.e. discussion, decision or resolution) to Secretary Jon Hassinger (jhassinger@mvccmetro.org).

Board meeting notices and agendas are posted on the MVCC Proprietary Member website, on the Metro District public website, and at the Clubhouse. In addition, agendas are provided to residents by email no later than 24 hours before each meeting. Minutes of Board and Proprietary Member meetings are posted to the Proprietary Member and Metro District websites following the meeting at which they are approved by the Board (usually the next Board meeting).

GENERAL SERVICES

SAFETY AND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Safety and Security Committee has established an email the community can use to email questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Safetysecurity@mvccmetro.org

We are excited to offer this as a resource but please remember it's not meant to report anything that should

go to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, which as a reminder their non-emergency number is (303) 271-0211. If an emergency, call 911.

We have been asked by the board to make some recommendations regarding trespassing not only on our roads by bikers/hikers, but also to coordinate with other committee members regarding the use of our private trails.

In addition, the Safety and Security committee will be sending out a community wide short survey so look forward to this communication in the near future!

Warm regards and stay safe, remain vigilant and protect our own beautiful resource - our community.

SLASH COLLECTION

If you drop off slash, please follow these requirements:

1- Close the horse pasture gate immediately after passing through going and coming. Please assume that horses may be in this pasture.

2- Limbs and slash less than 6" diameter only. Otherwise, the chipper cannot handle it and the cost to remove non-compliant materials will be billed to your account.

3- Only slash is allowed. No plastic bags, no yard trash, nothing else. This is not a dump site. Shirley Trash will pick up 5 bags of yard trash on non-recycle weeks.

4- Deposit slash on the south side of the berm from the road and not from the top of the berm. Please be careful not block the road with slash. Do not drive on top of the berm.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dick Shaw: dshaw@mvccmetro.org or 303-902-3472.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT G.S. EMPLOYEES DIRECTLY TO PERFORM NEEDED SERVICES.

The General Services Service Request Form on the Proprietary Member website should be used for all non-emergency requests for service to be performed by GS staff or personnel, or for reporting maintenance needs you observe and would like to bring to the attention of GS.

Trash/Recycling

If you experience any issues with trash/recycling services, please report them directly to SSP Waste by texting 303-990-3463, phoning 303-838-6033, or emailing info@sspwaste.com. Board Member Bill McFarlane has offered to serve as our Metro District

liaison with SSP, but should be contacted only after all else has failed to resolve issues.

Remember:

SSP's pickup times are somewhat erratic, so be sure that you have your trash/recycling out by 7:00 a.m.

Up to 5 additional bags of yard waste may be put out for collection on NON-RECYCLING WEEKS ONLY. If put out on recycling weeks, they will not be picked up.

ACCESSING THE PROPRIETARY MEMBER WEBSITE

Proprietary Members may access their secure site:

*Go to the Club website, mountvernoncc.com;

*Click on "Member Login" at the upper right corner (or on the secondary "Member Login" at the bottom of the Home Page);

1) Enter your Username (your 6-digit member number, including as many zeroes before your member number necessary to make it a 6-digit number);

2) Enter your password (until you change it, the default password will be your last name, all lower case; make any password changes, save changes and log in);

*Go to the *Club Resources* navigation button on the top, to the right of the MVCC logo, and scroll down to *Proprietary Community*;

*Select and click on the folder, then document you want.

*Log out when finished, at the top right corner.

In addition, the official governmental website for Mount Vernon CC Metropolitan District can be accessed at <https://mvccmd.colorado.gov/>.

**MOUNT VERNON COUNTRY CLUB METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
FINANCIAL SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)
MAY 31, 2023**

A brief summary of each of the District's six financial statements are provided below.

GENERAL FUND

2023 YTD Revenues: \$269,919

Primary revenue sources include property taxes, homeowner fees, corral, trash fees, rental income and interest income. As of May 31, 2023, the District has collected 59% of its budgeted revenues, including property taxes of \$137,797.

2023 YTD Expenditures: \$145,516

General Fund expenditures include general and administrative expenses as well as operations and maintenance (corral, trash, roads, ditch, culverts, snow plowing, equipment maintenance, district property repairs and utilities). As of May 31, 2023, the District has expended 34% of its budgeted expenditures.

From the District's fund balance, transfers were made to the Conservation Easement of \$49,441.

The Ending Fund Balance at May 31, 2023 is \$1,118,511.

WATER FUND

2023 YTD Revenues: \$145,571

Primary revenue sources include water service fees, homeowner fees and interest income. As of May 31, 2023, the District has collected 42% of its budgeted revenues.

2023 YTD Expenditures: \$212,163

Primary expenditures include the Ridge Way water line capital project (\$169,409), water line repairs, water operator and consultants, utilities and repair and maintenance. As of May 31, 2023, the District has expended 77% of its budgeted expenditures.

The Ending Fund Balance at May 31, 2023 is \$88,068.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

2023 YTD Revenues: \$65,145

Primary revenue sources include PM transportation fees, the transportation reserve 2% sales tax and interest income. As of May 31, 2023, the District has collected 68% of its budgeted revenues.

2023 YTD Expenditures: \$ 00

Primary expenditures are for road repairs. As of May 31, 2023, the District has expended 0% of its budgeted expenditures.

The Ending Fund Balance at May 31, 2023 is \$330,619.

FIRE MITIGATION FUND

2023 YTD Revenues: \$35,125

Primary revenue sources include PM fire mitigation fees, grant funds and interest income. As of May 31, 2023, the District has collected 67% of its budgeted revenues.

2023 YTD Expenditures: \$15,890

Primary expenditures were for fire mitigation efforts related to water-line installations in the 5-Points area. As of May 31, 2023, the District has expended 15% of its budgeted expenditures.

The Ending Fund Balance at May 31, 2023 is \$104,503.

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

As of May 31, 2023, the CTF has a Fund Balance of \$0. CTF funds may be used for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements or maintenance for recreational purposes on any public site.

RECREATIONAL CLUBHOUSE FACILITY – PROPRIETARY FUND

2023 YTD Revenues: \$1,564,675

Primary revenue sources include fees from activities and recreation, food and beverage sales, social dues and fees, pool, racquets and wellness fees. As of May 31, 2023, the District has collected 34% of its budgeted revenues.

2023 YTD Expenditures: \$1,484,601

Expenditures were for the operation of the Club and additional capital expenditures of \$40,088. As of May 31, 2023, the District has expended 33% of its budgeted expenditures.

The Ending Fund Balance at May 31, 2023 is \$125,453.

DEBT SERVICE

Expenditures consist of the principal and interest payments on the District’s Series 2020A and 2020B bonds; bank and Jeffco fees.

The Ending Fund Balance as of May 31, 2023 is \$35,138

SUMMARY (ALL FUNDS)

The ending fund balance for all funds as of May 31, 2023 is \$1,767,154

2023 YTD Revenues \$2,180,435

2023 YTD Expenditures \$1,858,170