

ASPEN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2021

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE INFORMATION

As many of you may know, Aspen Village needs a new wastewater treatment facility. This is the top priority for the Metro District and one of the biggest issues facing our neighborhood.

The State of Colorado is requiring that we replace the aging lagoon system currently used to treat Aspen Village's waste water. While the State has not confirmed an exact date for when the lagoons must be replaced, it is anticipated it will be in the next three to five years.

The Metro District Board of Directors has engaged Merrick Engineering on this project and reviewed a Preliminary Engineering Report at the District's meeting on July 27. A copy of the Preliminary Engineering Report is available upon request.

It is estimated that the cost for the new treatment plan will be between \$3 and 4 million, depending on labor and materials. Construction could begin as early as June 2022 provided funding is in place.

So, the question remains: how to fund this necessary project?

The Metro District has options available to fund projects like the new waste water treatment plant. They include:

- Increasing the mil levy charged to Aspen Village homeowners
- Applying for grants and loans from local, state and federal government
- Installing water meters at each home and charging for water usage

The Aspen Village Homeowners' Association also has options to generate revenue, including special assessments and selling the nine undeveloped lots located in the neighborhood.

The Metro District is in conversation with the Aspen Village Homeowners' Association Board of Directors and will work in partnership with them to tap into all appropriate funding mechanisms for this project.

The new waste water treatment plant is critical to keeping our neighborhood healthy and safe and to ensuring its livability for decades to come. The Metro District Board of Directors welcomes your questions and thoughts on this project. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 6:30PM, to be held in the Community Clubhouse.



WILDLIFE

Please be aware recently there has been a BEAR and COYOTE activity within the Aspen Village Community.

To stay safe and discourage wildlife activity:

DO NOT PUT ANY FOOD IN THE COMMON AREA PARKS

and make sure your trash containers are secured and stored in a location not accessible for the bears.

DO NOT PUT OUT YOUR TRASH UNTIL THE MORNING OF TRASH PICK UP DAY (Friday).

**KEEP THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOMES FREE OF ANY FOOD
SOURCE (bird food, pet food etc.)**

**Please call 970-945-7228 (Wildlife Officer) if you notice anyone putting
food out in the common areas.**

COMPOSTING: Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plant growth. Food scraps and yard waste together currently make up more than 30% of what we throw away, and could be composted instead. Several years ago the Metro District Board decided to add composting containers for the community. There are 2 bear proof composting containers located by the maintenance shop at the entrance to the storage lot. EverGreen Zero Waste collects the compost materials two times weekly.



Please **CLICK HERE** for more information on the compost program with EverGreen Zero Waste and contact information to receive a free countertop bin or a 6 gallon container for collecting your compostable waste. We are encouraging Aspen Village residents to participate in this program. Through composting and recycling households may see 70% of their waste diverted from the landfill.



DOGS IN ASPEN VILLAGE: Per the Aspen Village PUD approval back in 1996, dogs are prohibited in Aspen Village. If you own a support animal in Aspen Village, per the Metro District rules and regulations, you must provide a Pitkin County Attorney's Office approval letter and copy of your dog(s) annual license with Pitkin County Animal Control. These 2 documents need to be sent to Management to have as record.

REMINDER:

**ALL DOG MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES IN THE VILLAGE AND CAN
NOT RUN OFF-LEASH IN THE OPEN SPACE FIELD, POCKET PARKS OR
ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY!**

**\$100 FINE WILL OCCUR IF YOU DO NOT PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG OR
VIOLATE THE RULES.**

CLICK HERE to View Aspen Village ESA / Service Animal Rules

Contact Information for both Pitkin County entities:

Pitkin County Attorney's Office: Richard Neiley, Assistant County Attorney
430 E. Main Street, Suite 301, Aspen, CO 81611
970-920-5190 or email: richard.neiley@pitkincounty.com

Pitkin County Animal Control:
530 E. Main Street, Suite 103, Aspen, CO 81611
970-920-5310 or email: tara.alibrandi@pitkinsheriff.com

PARKING ENFORCMENT: Parking Rules and Regulations

- Orange Hang Tag provided to each address (LOT#)
MUST be displayed in the vehicle and hung from the rearview mirror, when parked in the designated 72 hour parking areas throughout the community between the hours of Midnight to 6:00AM.
- Vehicles parked longer than 72 hours in a spot are in violation of the rules and will be ticketed.
- After 2 unpaid tickets, vehicles will be towed on the 3rd offense at owners expense, with no further notice given to the owner.
- First ticket is \$30 fine, 2nd ticket is \$60 fine.
- Storage Lot stickers are ONLY for items registered and stored in the storage lot and not to be used for parking in 72 hour parking spots.
- If it is noticed a owner is using another Lot's "Orange Hang Tag" other then their own Lot's number, a violation will be given.
- NO vehicle parking allowed on any street from Midnight to 6:00AM daily.
- **Temporary Parking Passes are available by contacting The Romero Group at 970-273-3100 or vloughman@romero-group.com** if you have a family member or guest visiting. Please plan accordingly if a temporary pass is needed for a weekend. The Romero Group office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM.



Please be aware these Rules and Regulations are put in place to maintain property values by upholding community standards.

STORAGE LOT USAGE: Recently a notice was sent to all storage lot users requesting a copy of the vehicle / items current Colorado registration. This is a requirement for using the storage lot.

Please make sure if you are a Storage Lot user you provide a copy of your current Colorado vehicle registration to management!

Also mentioned in the correspondence was there is NO materials, debris, tires, etc. to be stored on, under or around your vehicle. Anyone storing such things need to remove these items before April 30, 2021 or management will be removing and the owner will be responsible for costs incurred for the labor time and landfill costs resulting in the clean up.

Storage Lot Rules and Regulations:

- Each LOT is allowed one (1) vehicle, trailer, camper, RV, snowmobile or boat to be stored in the lot fee of charge. More than one (1) item will be charged \$20 per month, per extra item with invoices sent quarterly.
- All items must be OPERABLE, NO FLAT TIRES, BROKEN WINDOW, ETC.
- Items must have current Colorado registration to an Aspen Village residence.
- All items must have a Aspen Village Storage Lot sticker displayed and visible to view when inventory is taken.
- Contact The Romero Group at 970-273-3100 or email vloughman@romero-group.com, if you need a registration form. Once a storage lot form is received, along with a copy of your items current CO registration, you will receive a Orange Storage Lot sticker to place on your item(s) being stored.
- Remember to notify / send The Romero Group updated vehicle registration or if removing / putting back in an item(s). This will help to keep records correct for billing.
- Expired plates are subject to towing.
- Owner is responsible to keep the storage lot space neat and orderly.
- NO ITEMS can be stored outside the of the vehicle being stored.
- Items will be towed after providing a warning.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM(S) IN THE STORAGE LOT AND HAVE NOT CHECKED ON THEM FOR SOMETIME, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

THERE ARE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AND A WARNING NOTICE WAS PLACED ON THE VEHICLE / ITEM. IF MANAGEMENT IS NOT MADE AWARE OF THE TAGGED ITEMS BY APRIL 30TH, THE ITEM WILL BE TOWED!!!! OWNER OF THE ITEM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCURRED EXPENSES.

[CLICK HERE FOR STORAGE LOT FORM](#)



**NO SPEEDING AND
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD! SLOW
DOWN**

**YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO
HAVE AN ACCIDENT OR HARM
A CHILD PLAYING**

WHAT ARE THE ASPEN VILLAGE METRO DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Metro District is responsible for the roads and management of the water system.

Under the roads umbrella, the Manager is responsible for parking enforcement, storage lot management, and tree trimming along the roadways. We also manage the water system including the waste water treatment plant as well as the water filtration system. The Manager also handles anything concerning the Clubhouse and Pool.

METRO DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

Valerie Carlin - President / valreecarlin@comcast.net

Jorgen (Jay) Dewire - Vice President / aspenviking@gmail.com

Jeffrey Pogliano - Secretary/Treasurer / jpogliano@comcast.com

Erik Sweet - Director / erik@patagoniawoodworks.com

Jenny MacArthur - Director / jennyjmac@comcast.net

The Romero Group Management Team:

Jerome Simecek, V.P. Operations / jsimecek@romero-group.com

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The Romero Group Office: 970-273-310

(Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM)

After Hours and Emergencies - 970-273-3100

-----Follow the prompts to reach the ON-CALL person.

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