

# Hamilton Creek Metropolitan District

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**Tree Cutting and Spraying.** Pine beetle tree removal is underway by A Cut Above Forestry. Approximately 110 trees will be removed. During the cleanup day some owners will work on slash, small tree removal and forest cleanup. A Cut Above Forestry will be removing slash piles on June 18th and June 25<sup>th</sup>. **THERE WILL BE NO SLASH REMOVAL BY THE METRO DISTRICT AFTER JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>.** The pine beetle trees will be removed by a logger as whole trees. The timing of the removal is not known at this time.

Cut Above will be spraying 1,000 trees in the common areas to provide another layer of defense against further infestation. Homeowners can have A Cut Above Forestry spray trees on their property at a cost of \$10 per tree. The spraying will start the first part of June and will be completed by early July. Homeowners interested in spraying by A Cut Above should indicate this to the Metro District (Bob Polich 970 668-5500 Ext 12 or [admin@hamiltoncreek.org](mailto:admin@hamiltoncreek.org)) by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. You will be contacted and your property examined by A Cut Above Forestry to determine which trees they would recommend to be sprayed. The cost of the individual spraying will be billed by the Metro District to the owners requesting spraying. Spraying by A Cut Above Forestry is not the only choice available to homeowners. Tree spraying is also available from Preventive Tree Spraying. They have done spraying for individual owners the last two years at a cost of \$11 per tree. Owners can arrange individually with Preventive Tree Spraying at (970) 468-1254 should they desire for them to do the spraying on their property.

**Water Quality** The winter snow fall and the spring moisture continue to improve the District water source outlook. However, this will be the first time since the change over to the new surface water system that the District will face a typical spring run off. The run off has been delayed by the cooler weather, but as temperatures increase it should continue into June. High water creates problems for water quality as there are more contaminants flowing into the stream that require treatment. The new system continues to handle the filtration perfectly and is operated at specific times (late at night) to take advantage of the lowest period of the Creek flow. Most surface water systems in our area have a problem in the spring with discolored water. The color comes from the organics (leaves, etc) on the stream banks picked up by the higher flows. While the color does not pose any safety or health concerns, it can be a surprise to residents. We have not seen the color in the water yet, but it is possible that it will occur before the runoff ends. Generally the color seen is yellowish or light brown.

**Please use the following outside water usage guideline from May through September.**

## **VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS**

- Do not use spray irrigation from 10 AM to 6 PM.
- Do not use any spray irrigation on Mondays or Thursdays.
- Drip irrigation systems or hand watering with a hose equipped with a shut off nozzle can be done at any time.

## **Association News.**

### **Cleanup Day - Saturday June 18, 2005**

9 AM followed by lunch at noon.

The meeting location and hosts are Rob and Linda Hess at 470 Lakeview Circle. Coordinating the work crews will be Kolbjorn Tenfjord.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Saturday June 25, 2005**

Location: Blackmun's home  
106 Hamilton Creek Trail (Benches)

Time: 4:30 PM meeting  
6:30 PM dinner and entertainment

The catered dinner, beverages and entertainment are all provided by the Association.

The annual meeting has traditionally been a successful and well attended event. There is an exciting change this year that will only increase its status as not only a source for information on the Metro District and Association, but as a place to meet new and old neighbors.

Sharon and Larry Blackmun are graciously providing the use of their home on 160 Hamilton Creek Trail in the Benches for the meeting. The new start time is 4:30 PM followed by a catered dinner at 6:30 PM with entertainment provided by local favorite Doo Wop Denny. More information will be provided in the official notice around the first of June.

**Septic Pumping.** The District arranges for pumping of your septic tank. Cost of the pumping is part of your quarterly user fees. Most tanks are pumped every third year. Per Summit County code and to assist in pumping, your tank lids must be accessible. The pumping this year is scheduled for June. If your tank is on the pumping list, you will have a separate notice in this mailing. Add on costs of pumping include locating the tank, uncovering the lids, and boost costs due to tank location is not covered by the District and is billed to owners. The pumping this year will be by Black Cat Pumping. While the company name is new, the personnel doing the pumping have been involved with the pumping in Hamilton Creek for many years.