

# Hamilton Creek Metropolitan District

Fall 2008

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**FOREST MAINTENANCE** The enclosed billing includes the cost of protective tree spraying for individual owners that requested this from the District. The spraying was done in late May at a cost of \$10 per tree. Trees sprayed were marked with a pink dot at the base of the tree. If you had trees die that were sprayed this year, please deduct the \$10 per tree from your payment. A Cut Above Forestry has agreed to credit the cost of any 2008 spraying on trees that have died.

The forest work for 2008 has been completed. The trees on the roadways are to be removed by a logger as soon as possible. Substantial money is saved by having a logger get the trees instead of having them chipped. The forest work in Hamilton Creek was inspected this year by the Colorado State Forestry Service and Summit County Fire Mitigation. The inspections are to confirm how the grants provided were used for fire mitigation purposes. The efforts of individual homeowners to remove dead trees from their property and the surrounding common areas are instrumental in improving the forest health. Thank you to the homeowners for your work and financial commitment to improving the appearance of the Hamilton Creek.

The final work this year was along portions of Hamilton Creek Road that was not for fire mitigation, but to help improve the appearance of the roadside areas. Fire mitigation and forest work will continue next year throughout the District and particularly in the water tank area.

Owners are reminded that the logs staged for removal are not slash piles. Please do not add anything to the storage areas as the District will not have any means of chipping or removing slash.

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The next **Homeowners Association Board of Directors** meeting will be November 20th at 7 PM at 220 Lakeview Circle. The next **Metro District Board of Directors** meeting is November 20th at 2 PM in the Blue River Room of the Silverthorne Library.

**Snow Removal** The District has contracted with Helton Backhoe Services, Inc for snow removal during the 2008/2009 season. Mark Helton and his father Bob Helton have been involved in snow removal in Summit County for over 20 years. With two long-term employees, Nick and Bob, they will utilize two loaders, a sander and a plow truck for Hamilton Creek. Bids were obtained from several excellent contractors with Helton selected based on a history of quality service at a favorable price.

The plowing standards will be the same as prior years including access plowing of your driveway if requested. The driveway plowing will be based on the list from last year updated with any recent requests. A change from prior years is the snow removal from driveways will be by a plow truck (pickup) rather than a loader. This may reduce surface and landscape damage. It is also anticipated that Helton will be starting earlier on the main roads than in the past.

Helton has indicated they are available to expand the "access" plow offered by the District to a full driveway snow removal at an additional cost paid for by the owner. Please contact the District if you are interested in expanding driveway plowing and we will have Helton contact you for arrangements.

Owners are reminded that driveway boundaries, objects and landscape areas should be marked for the snow removal. Particularly this year with a new plow company, the marking of hidden objects is necessary to minimize damage. Helton has toured the District in preparation for the winter. However, as the first new plow operator in many years at Hamilton Creek it likely will take some time for Helton to become familiar with all of the specific road and driveway issues. Please contact the District with any snow plow problems as Helton indicates they will respond immediately to address them.

**WATER METER REPLACEMENT.** The water meter replacement will still occur, but has been delayed. The provider of the equipment is involved with the replacements in several major cities / states and the new equipment is in short supply. Owners will be notified when the installation time is known. Once the installation date ranges are established, owners will be sent information regarding how to schedule the meter installation. The \$300 meter replacement fee will be on a future billing from the Metro District.