

Hamilton Creek Metropolitan District

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TREE SPRAYING The Metro District will NOT be coordinating any preventive tree spraying in 2009. While preventive spraying remains a viable tool to extend the life of lodgepole trees, the Metro District has decided the benefits to the common area no longer warrants the expense.

Homeowners may continue to arrange individually for spraying of trees they wish to protect. A homeowner may spray trees in the common area near their property if desired. Some companies have worked with pheromones in the last year as a protection that may be of interest to homeowners. There are numerous forestry companies in Summit County that provide spraying. Three that the Metro District has worked with in the past are:

A Cut Above Forestry	(970) 453-9154
Preventive Tree Spraying	(970) 468-1254
Alpine Tree Services	(970) 389-4964

FOREST MAINTENANCE The Metro District will continue with forest maintenance projects in 2009. The primary scope for fire mitigation this year will be the water tank area above Lakeview Circle. As funding allows dead trees will be removed throughout the area. The District anticipates working with several contractors this year. At this time the tree removal costs are much lower than in prior years with proposals ranging from \$39 to \$50 per tree for cutting and removing. Trees in difficult areas are more expensive.

The Homeowners Association encourages owners with dead trees on their property to arrange to have them removed this year. A list of tree removal contractors from Summit County Wildfire Mitigation is available at:

www.co.summit.co.us/WildfireMitigation/index.html.

Once the Metro District determines the contractors it will be working with this year, we can assist homeowners in coordinating with them for tree removal on your property.

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SEPTIC PUMPING. Your septic tank is pumped every third year by the District. If you are scheduled for this year, a pumping list is included with the quarterly billing. Pumping should begin in May and be completed by the end of June. The cost of pumping is included in the quarterly Metro fee. Extra costs including uncovering lids, pumping boost and/or extended distances for difficult to access systems are billed to owners. If you are on the list you will need to do the following:

- All septic tank lids need to be exposed. If they are only covered by a small amount of dirt or stones, the contractor will uncover them at no additional cost. The contractor is already familiar with the location of the tanks.
- If you would like to be present for the pumping, please contact the District and the contractor will be requested to contact you to schedule the pumping. You will be contacted if there is any problem with your system.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT. The Metro District Board of Directors has approved the replacement of the water meters in each home at a cost of \$300 per home. Pending installation of the necessary reading equipment, installation of the meters should begin in the next few months. Homeowners will be contacted regarding arranging for the installation. **The July 2009 billing from the Metro District will include the \$300 meter replacement fee.** The Board felt the upgrade of meters was important to protect the water source of the District and also provided a benefit to homeowners. The meters will help in the notification to owners of any unintended water usage for leaking toilets and defective irrigation systems. Overall, the meters provide the Metro District with safeguards to protect the limited water supply.

CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH - 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Lunch at noon hosted by Toni & Lowell Graves at 38 Blue Moon Trail. This is also (Crescent Moon Trail circle) the morning gathering location.

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH - 10 AM

Crescent Moon Trail circle – Lunch will be provided following the meeting.

The next **Homeowners Association** meeting will be April 28th at 7 PM at 2191 Hamilton Creek Road. The next **Metro District** meeting is June 11th at 2 PM in the Blue River Room of the Silverthorne Library.