

# Hamilton Creek Metropolitan District

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**Tree Cutting and Spraying.** Pine beetle tree removal is underway by A Cut Above Forestry. Trees identified last fall and this spring as infected are being removed. The current work should be completed by the first part of June. A Cut Above will return for the clean up date for one final wood pickup.

A Cut Above has begun 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 on private property will be done around mid-June.. 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 **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of the individual spraying will be billed by the Metro District to the owners requesting spraying.

**Slash Removal.** A Cut Above Forestry will be working with the Metro District during the cleanup day to removal all tree and slash piles. They are scheduled to have a large crew on hand to removal all wood that day. **There will be no wood removal after June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Water Usage** Substantial early winter snow, followed by limited spring snows resulted in pretty close to an average snow pack year. While run off right now is heavy, the District expects it will begin to decrease soon. The current long-term forecast is for a hot, dry summer. The current high level of water availability can quickly change as the summer progresses. So please follow the outside water usage guidelines below.

High water creates problems for water quality as there are more contaminants flowing into the stream that require treatment. 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. The Hamilton Creek water has a slight yellowish tint during the runoff season..

**Please use the following outside water usage guidelines 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 17, 2006**

8:30 AM followed by lunch at noon.

The meeting location and hosts are John and Sara Almond at 731 Lakeview Circle. Coordinating the work crews will be Kolbjorn Tenfjord. This year Kolbjorn is scheduling volunteer wood cutters to work the week prior to the cleanup day so most large tree cutting would be done in a safer manner. If interested in helping with the chain saw cutting contact Kolbjorn at [kitenfjord@yahoo.com](mailto:kitenfjord@yahoo.com).

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Saturday June 24, 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. **Doo Wop Denny** will return for the after dinner entertainment. Additional information and the formal meeting announcement will be mailed to you early in June.

**Design Guidelines Update.** The Association Board has updated the Design Guidelines. On the reverse side of this newsletter is a summary of the major changes. The proposed Guidelines can be downloaded from [www.hamiltoncreek.org](http://www.hamiltoncreek.org). If you have any question, concerns or objections to any of the Guideline changes please contact Niel Christensen at [nielc@aol.com](mailto:nielc@aol.com) or Rob Hess at [rob\\_hess@comcast.net](mailto:rob_hess@comcast.net) no later than June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Black Cat Pumping, who did the work last year, will again be providing the pumping services. They have extensive experience with the Hamilton Creek systems. The pumping will begin early in June and should be finished by the end of June.