

Newsletter

Paint Brush Hills
Metropolitan District

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Noxious vs Native Weeds

By Ray Standing – Landscaping Supervisor

A serious and growing problem in our district is the invasion of aggressive, non-native plant species, commonly called noxious weeds. Noxious refers to the species' aggressive behavior, which damages native plant communities. Noxious weed infestations degrade native plant communities and contribute to a loss of agricultural productivity.

Noxious weed types include Canada Thistle, Diffuse Knapweed, Yellow Toadflax

Native weed types include Bluestem grass, Indian paintbrush, sand dune wallflower

With just a little help from everyone to deter the growth of the noxious weeds and promote the growth of our native ones, the district can be just a little closer to its original state.

Indian Paintbrush



Canada Thistle



Community Outreach

Do you have a community event that you would like to advertise? We would love to help you with that! As we get our newsletter started once again, we would like to reach out to our community for input. We would love to have community involvement by having you send in photos, events, or mini articles to put into the newsletter. Reach out to Erin at erin@pbhmd.com to discuss being in our next issue.

Please note that not all advertisements, articles or photos sent in will be published. There is a word and content restriction of 300 words to keep our newsletter accessible to everyone.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Erin.





Opportunity

By Christopher Olney – PBHMD Director

Opportunity is a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. As members of the Paint Brush Hills Metro District, we have an opportunity to keep our community safe and sound for others. We can take responsibility for or ensure the welfare of someone or something. Those someone's are our neighbors and friends. That something is the environment we all call home. Look for opportunities to help a neighbor or an opportunity to keep our community clean. The small acts of compassion and thoughtfulness build a community everyone can be proud of.

“A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.”
— Francis Bacon

District Projects

By Robert Guevara – District Manager

Hello all, I hope everyone had a great summer and looking forward to Fall. I wanted to update everyone on the projects we have accomplished this year and what we are planning for next year.

This year accomplishments:

- Repaired a slight dip in the sewer line on Allendale Dr. The sewer line had settled over the years, therefore it needed to be raised, relevelled, and reenforced the foundation to prevent this from reoccurring. This project come in under budget and on scheduled.
- Repaired the sprinkler systems in South Manchester Park. The system was in disrepair and had to replace the entire system. Instead of paying 15K for a contractor the work was completed by our team cutting the cost in half.
- The lift station located near the open space and Stapleton was upgraded with an emergency bypass (Pictured enclosed). The cost to this project also came in underbudget but we did have some delay caused by Covid-19. The emergency bypass is designed to allow the district to handle any emergency situations instead of outsourcing.
- Finally, for this year, Pump house 3, located off of Londonderry, is being upgraded and both wells 3 & 4 were rehabilitated. This is still in progress and should be completed by the end of the year.

Scheduled for next year;

- Rehabilitation of Well 7, a new water booster station and the installation of pressure regulating valves (PRVs).
- Due to ongoing construction of filing 14 to ensure that water pressure is maintained throughout the community. The new booster station with stronger pumps will increase overall pressure to 85-100 PSI and the PRVs will ensure we deliver a constant pressure of 65 PSI to all homes.



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Covered Shut off Valves

By Steve Knepper – O.R.C.

Passing through our District, you can see a lot of different types of beautifully landscaped yards. From a multitiered rock xeriscape to lush new green grass, they make our neighborhoods look great. However, a problem we are finding especially in the newer parts of our District, is that the landscape contractors are covering over the shutoff valves known as curb stops. Also, the pits where the meters reside are being buried using boulders, mulch, and grass. This poses a problem for multiple reasons:

- 1) We can't get to the meter when they need to be maintained or serviced.
- 2) The radio network has a harder time receiving the appropriate signal for billing and alerts.
- 3) In the event of an emergency your valves are not accessible.
- 4) It is against District Rules and Regulations.

We here at the District ask homeowners to be mindful when contractors are putting in new landscaping and that they please do not bury our utilities. As always, locates should be called in to 811 beforehand so a technician can come out and mark where those appurtenances are. Thanks, and keep up the good work!



Friendly Reminders!

Board Meetings will be on October 15th and November 19th. Any changes will be announced on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#).

Our office will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observation of Thanksgiving.

Please note that the drainage ponds are not for swimming!

If you have any questions regarding your bills, please call our office.



Unleashed Dogs

We have seen complaints regarding unleashed dogs, and we would like to remind everyone that under the covenants, there are leash restrictions. We wish to keep our community safe for everyone to enjoy and that includes our four-legged residents. Please review the leash restrictions for your filing to continue to promote a welcoming environment for everyone.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your covenant control for clarification. You can find covenant information on our website under [Covenants and Design Review](#). If you are curious which filing you are in, check the assessor's website or give us a call!

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Kid's Corner

Halloween during Covid

By Erin Dillon - Editor

2020 has been a tough year for everyone, especially our children. Many of the activities or plans have either been heavily altered or cancelled. So as Halloween is just around the corner, it might be wise to start planning what our children can do safely this year. The CDC and our state have issued restrictions and it is smart to maintain their suggestions to keep everyone safe. So, it's time to get creative with how to be safe for ourselves and others but still have fun.

If your children will be trick or treating, it is important to remember that a Halloween mask is not a substitute for a mask. Perhaps, yourself and your children can sit down and come up with fun costumes that may include the mask if they are of the age group to wear one. If you will be handing out candy, now is the time to come up with fun and spooky ways to safely give out candy. Like the candy chute from the gentleman in Ohio. For those who are looking for pumpkin patches or haunted houses, there are several in the Springs that are open, but be sure to check their guidelines before you go! Let's have a great Halloween!



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Frozen Pumpkin Mousse Pie

Crust

1 ½ cups Graham cracker crumbs
¼ packed brown sugar
6 tablespoons butter, melted

Filling

1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow crème
14 cup packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping,
thawed, divided

Instructions

1. In a bowl, combine the cracker crumbs, brown sugar, and butter. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of a greased 9-in. deep-dish pie plate. Bake at 350° for 7-9 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely on a wire rack.
2. For filling, in a large bowl, whisk the pumpkin, marshmallow creme, brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Fold in 3-1/2 cups whipped topping. Spoon into prepared crust. Cover and freeze for at least 4 hours or until firm. Garnish with remaining whipped topping.

Credit - <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/frozen-pumpkin-mousse-pie/>