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The Board of Directors and staff of the Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District hope you enjoy this edition of the *Newsletter*.

Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District Measure 5B

The Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District (the "District") placed Measure 5B (the "Measure") on the November 8, 2016 El Paso County General Election ballot to utilize the revenue, if retained by the District, to provide essential District services to its residents and property owners (sometimes referred to as *de-TABORing* or *de-Brucing*). Colorado law, specifically TABOR and the statutory 5.5% limitation, place strict revenue constraints on the District. In light of the current fiscal constraints of the District, voters are being asked to consider whether the amount over the

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Board of Directors Meeting

October 18, 2016 Special Board Meeting

The Board of Directors scheduled a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 7:00 PM in the District Office, 9830 Liberty Grove Drive, Falcon, Colorado. The October 20, 2016 Regular Meeting has been cancelled. All meetings are open to the public.



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revenue limits should be retained to continue essential District services.

The District is **not** asking to increase the District mill levy.

Please [click here](#) to see the Summary of the Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District Measure 5B.

Storm Water Drainage Projects



District team member, Calvin Lindt, operates excavator to clear storm water drainage channel.

The first of several storm water drainage remediation projects will start on the week of October 3, 2016. The District's Engineer has identified approximately \$2 million of needed repairs and rebuilding of the District storm water facilities.

Phase 1 of the project will be completed in Filing 7 Tract C located near Allendale Drive and Litchfield Drive. This phase includes the clearing and rebuilding of the storm water channel, erosion mitigation, and re-establishing the vegetation along the banks of the channel. The engineer's cost estimate for this phase was \$67,332 if the project was outsourced. The District chose to have District employees perform the work with rented equipment at an estimated cost of \$32,487.

Contractor Selected for Office & Shop Construction



West elevation of the future District Office & Shop

The District's Board of Directors selected Copestone General Contractors of Colorado Springs to build the new District Office and Shop Building. Copestone's bid amount of \$1,028,563 was the lowest among the five bids

Paying Your Bill

You have several options to pay your PBHMD bill

- By Mail** Paint Brush Hills
Metro District
9830 Liberty Grove Drive
Falcon, CO 80831
- Drop-Off Location** Paint Brush Hills
Metro District Office
Payment Drop Box
9830 Liberty Grove Drive
Falcon, CO
*Payments placed in the drop box after noon on the last business day of the month may incur a late charge.
- ACH** An Automatic Payment Plan (monthly electronic bank draft for your bill amount) is also available. Please complete the [Automatic Payment \(ACH\) form](#) and email it to pbhmd@pbhmd.com.
- Online Payment** Payments may be made online by [clicking here](#).
*There are fees that apply to this payment method.

Submit Your Billing Preferences Questionnaire

Please complete the online [Billing Preferences Questionnaire](#). We will update your billing information so that you can take advantage of the new features when they become available.

How to Read Your Meter

If your water bill suddenly increases, but you haven't changed the way you use water, chances are you've sprung a leak. If you can not identify visible leaks, **read your water meter**. [Read more.](#)

considered during the August 18, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. Building construction will begin following the issuance of the building permit and is expected to take six months to complete.

The new District Office and Shop will be built at 9985 Towner Avenue near the District's water storage tanks. Once completed, the new building will replace the presently rented District Office location, and serve as the District's maintenance facility.

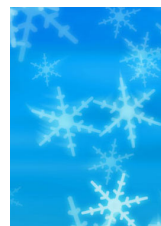
District's Team Participates in Teambuilding Workshops

The District's team participated in three workshops conducted by Laura Benjamin with Communicate Colorado. The workshops, customized specifically for the District's employees, included interactive training on communication skills, handling conflict, personality and work styles, and listening skills along with the completion of several online profiles.



PBHMD Team (L -R): Calvin Lindt, Field Maintenance Technician; Kelcey Riggs, Office Administrator; Leon Gomes, District Manager; Steve Knepper, Water/Wastewater Operations Manager (Photo courtesy of Communicate Colorado)

Be Ready for Freezing Temperatures



The American Red Cross has some suggestions to prevent your pipes from freezing Winter, along with its freezing temperatures, will be here before we know it. There are some steps you can take to prevent the pipes in your home from freezing. Check out

the American Red Cross website on [Preventing and Thawing Frozen Pipes](#).

Every Winter, the District receives calls from residents whose neighbors' homes show signs of a water leak due to frozen pipes. If a leak is confirmed by District staff and there is no one home, the water service to the property will be

Checking for Water Leaks

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water. Then identify the source of the leak.

[Read more.](#)

shut off at the curb stop. This will result in a \$25 charge to the property owner for the shut off and an additional \$25 charge to restore water service.

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and found that it contained helpful information and links. What do you think? [Send us your feedback.](#)

Sincerely,
The Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District

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