## Newsletter Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District

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#### **New Fees**

Effective August 1st

An additional late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed, if a shut off notice is posted at your residence.

The street lighting fee for filings 13B, C & D, will increase from \$2.00 per month to \$2.75 to ensure enough is collected to pay the invoice.

A \$125.00 fully refundable deposit will be required for new water accounts to be paid by the incoming resident(s).

#### **Meet Our New District Manager**

By Robert Guevara

I am a U.S. Navy Veteran of 22 years and retired as a Machinist Mate Chief Petty Officer. During my career, I was the Commands Water Manager, Maintenance Manager and over saw the construction of an aircraft carrier. After I retired, I worked with a truck leasing company functioning as a Service Manager, Finance Manager, and trained in Process and Project Management. During my time in the service, I received my BA in Business.

I am from Wisconsin (Go Pack Go), but recently lived in Texas before moving here to be closer to family. I started with Paint Brush Hills in February. My goal while managing the district is to lead with common sense, support the board and their decisions, be a good steward of the districts' funds and take care of the residents as much as my authority will allow. I am happy to call Falcon my home and look forward to meeting more of you.

#### 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.





#### Reminder about the "Open Spaces"

We have had reports of residents digging in the open spaces. The open spaces are there to enjoy but must be kept intact. The spaces are not there for a resource of dirt. The banning of motorized vehicles is to preserve the open spaces. Dirt bikes, go-carts, etc. would cause damage. Any damage to the landscaping, grass or native plants must be repair. Please ensure that we are taking care of these spaces and not abusing them. If needed, access for motor craft can be granted at the district office for a fee of \$25.00. Even if there is no fence around an open space, permission still needs to be given to use the space.

#### Do's and Don'ts

Do use it for walking, jogging, playing with your dog, bicycling, frisbee, etc.

Don't use dirt bikes, as a dirt supply, dig or make dirt piles

#### Billing

By Kelcey DeGeorge

I have lived in Falcon since 2008 and attended both Falcon Middle and High School. During the summer months and upon graduating, I worked for Meridian Service Metropolitan District. I received the opportunity to work for Paint Brush Hills in December 2013.

As a friendly reminder, the District's Board changed the billing due date to the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please remember to pay your bill so no late fee is added to your account. If your monthly bill seems higher than previous months, please reach out to me as soon as possible. We can go over your prior statements and investigate your meter to make sure no leaks or breaks are happening.

As we approach the opening of the school district, please be on the lookout for any kids possibly crossing the street or waiting for the buses.



#### Friendly Reminders!

Keep an eye out for children going to and from school! Be aware of the speed limits so we can continue to keep everyone safe. Please note that our parking lot is not to be used for pick up or drop off for students.

Board Meetings will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. Any changes will be announced on Facebook and our website.

When it comes to landscaping, please do NOT cover up the water valve. We need access to the valves in case of emergency water shut offs.

Our office will be closed on September 7<sup>th</sup> in observation of Labor Day.

Our District Office is located at: 9985 Towner Ave Falcon, CO 80831

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#### **Water Management**

By Steve Knepper

It certainly has been a real dry summer this year! Even with a torrential hailstorm leaving streets full of runoff debris, it still hasn't brought about much relief to our vegetation. Around 75% of water distributed in Paint Brush Hills in the summers are due to irrigation. This year we have already seen some record monthly pumping numbers and anticipate more as the summer continues.

Most folks might be tempted to use much more water irrigating their landscapes than necessary. Here are some water wise tips you may want to consider before getting a shock to your water bill.

- Water only between 6:00 pm and 10:00 am.
- Don't divide times into morning and evening cycles as this promotes shorter root growth.
- Use the "Cycle and Soak" method, which means break the total run time into 2 or 3 segments. Wait an hour between each segment to allow the water to soak into the soil and establish deeper roots.

As of right now, water restrictions are not in place, but we are asking residents to adhere to the following guidelines for watering days:

**Odd-numbered street addresses:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

**Even-numbered street addresses:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

For more information, please visit our Water Demand Management Strategy page found here: pbhmd.colorado.gov/information/waterdemand-management-strategy

Thanks and enjoy the wonderful Colorado summer!

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#### **Community**

By Christopher Olney – PBHMD Director

We've all heard the slogan "Make America Great Again", but I believe we have always been great. Great because of the small diverse communities that make up this wonderful nation. Communities that support the notion of friendship, neighbors, kindness, and support of others.

The Paint Brush Hills community is a developing community, part country slow and part city new. As our community grows, let's remember what makes us great and welcome the new neighbors to our great community.

"It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility, and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children's future." – **Robert F. Kennedy** 

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If your home sits with an open space behind it, you cannot use the open space as a dumping zone. Dumping anything within that space is illegal and can carry a fine.

With all the new construction in our community, the builders have a few dumpsters they use while building new homes. These are not for the community to use for their personal belongings. Additively, you cannot dump within the new construction zones. Please take care of your garbage no matter how big or small so we can continue to maintain a pleasant view within our community.



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### Kid's Corner

#### Going back to School

As our students get ready to head back to school, it is important to speak with them about keeping safe and practicing healthy habits. With COVID-19 still going on across the United States, it has become even more important to talk with our children about healthy hand washing habits.

- 1. Wet hands with warm water
- 2. Lather and scrub all portions of your hands and in between fingers for 20 seconds.
- 3. Rinse with water.
- 4. Properly dry hands with paper towel.

If there is hand sanitizer, that can also be used until you can wash your hands. When using hand sanitizer, it is important to rub all portions of your hands for 20 seconds to make sure that they have been properly sanitized.

Let's make sure to keep everyone in our community, both inside and outside of school, safe and healthy by doing our part to avoid spreading germs.



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#### **Quick Dinner for a Busy Family!**

Chicken & Broccoli Shells and Cheese

#### Ingredients

8 ounces medium shell pasta

3 cups broccoli, chopped into florets

2 chicken breasts, cooked and diced

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

¼ cup all-purpose flour

1 cup milk

1 cup chicken broth

¼ teaspoon garlic powder

¼ teaspoon pepper

¼ teaspoon salt

2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

#### **Instructions**

- In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package directions. Add broccoli during last 2-3 minutes of cook time. Drain and set aside.
- Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add flour while stirring, for 1 minute. Slowly whisk in milk and chicken broth and season with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is bubbling and thickened. Remove from heat and add cheddar cheese. Stir until melted.
- 3. Add the drained pasta, broccoli, and chicken and stir to combine. If sauce becomes too thick, add milk as needed to thin.

**Credit** - https://lovegrowswild.com/2015/05/chicken-and-broccoli-shells-and-cheese/