

Newsletter

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A Question for the PBHMD Customers

As a district, we are trying to come up with a xeriscape program for the community. We are already contacting the builders in the district to try to increase xeriscaping and decrease the amount of sod they put in. What we are trying to accomplish is to reduce the amount of water consumption district wide. We know that many of our customers have already done all that is possible in their own home. To this, the district says thank you. What we are looking for is some ideas such as discounts, rewards, or out of the box ideas that might help us as a district to reduce water consumption. Please keep in mind that new building is not going to stop. Any discounts or rewards must be limited due to the fact the district does function on those bills. That is why we are asking for your help.

We are sure that there are some ideas that will work for all of us out there. Please send suggestions and ideas to pbhmd@pbhmd.com.

Billing Reminders and Updates

By Kelcey DeGeorge – Billing Administrator

Many may have noticed the 3rd party processing fee for card payments has gone down. Paint Brush Hills worked hard to get a better processing fee from the 3rd party company. We were able to get the fee from \$3.95 or 3.95% down to \$2.50 or 2.5% whichever is greater.

As a reminder, PBHMD billing day is the 3rd, and your payment due date is the 28th of every month. If your account is past due, there is a \$15.00 penalty fee assessed to your account. If your account is still outstanding on the 18th of the month, PBHMD staff will post shut off notices on properties and assess an additional \$15.00 penalty fee to your account. If you need an arrangement, please call our office, we are more than happy to help.

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.





Community Dumpster

Tax Day Weekend, do you feel all dirty paying your taxes? Do you just want to throw something away? Here is your chance! We will be staging 3-4 community dumpsters on Friday, April 16th and picking them up on Monday the 19th. They will be next to our Pump House 3 off of Londonderry, just east of the power lines. Please use these dumpsters and, remember the construction dumpsters are for the builders, do not use those. If this is widely used, we will do this every 3-6 months. Let's keep our community beautiful and not just dump items in an open field.

Items that are **not** allowed are:

1. Any Hazardous material
2. No liquids
3. No paint
4. No oil or coolant
5. No tires
6. No concrete, dirt, or rock
7. No TVs or appliances
8. No car batteries
9. No mattresses

A Note from Our District Manager

By Robert Guevara – District Manager

I hope everyone is staying warm. Just a short note this month, please understand that our team here at the water district feels like we are part of the community and not just a utility. We take pride in the way the community looks and the way everything is working. I am currently working with the builders to get the trash under control. Ray and Calvin are looking for ways to save money and to ensure our landscaping looks the best that it can. Linda, Kelcey and Erin are always trying to ensure that our customers are taken care of. We do not want to be just that utility that says you missed a payment yesterday and you will be fined. I feel we go above and beyond to help the community. With that said, please let us know what we can do to help, improve, and just make our community better. If you see anything, please email or call us and at the very least, we will let you know the status of your concern.

Stay warm and happy snow days.



Friendly Reminders!

Board Meetings will be on March 18th and April 15th. Any changes will be announced on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#). Our Board Meetings now start at 5:30 PM and go until 8:00 PM.

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.

A reminder for our residents, it is against Colorado law to shovel your snow into the street.

For our residents to note, motorized vehicles are not allowed to be driven within the District's open spaces. A note for parents, under Colorado State Law, any resident under 16 must have supervisor by a licensed adult in order to drive any off-highway vehicle.

Our district office is located at:
9985 Towner Ave
Falcon, CO 80831

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CLIMATE COMMUNITY

By Christopher Olney – Board Director

The examples of climate change can be seen all over from wildfires here in Colorado to record-breaking temps in the Arctic. This might seem like a problem for scientists and governments to solve, but climate change can put serious strains on local resources and impact the lives of small communities.

Saving water reduces carbon pollution. That's because it takes a lot of energy to pump and treat your water. You can have a positive impact by taking shorter showers, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, and switching to WaterSense-labeled fixtures and appliances. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that if just one out of every 100 American homes were retrofitted with water-efficient fixtures, about 100 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year would be saved, avoiding 80,000 tons of global warming pollution (<https://www.epa.gov/>).

We all have the opportunity to contribute to reducing negative impacts to our environment in our community. Learn more about your carbon emissions. There is much more you can do to reduce your household carbon emissions and water usage.

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New Dog Stations

By Ray Stranding – Landscaping Supervisor

In an effort to help keep our neighborhood cleaner, several new dog stations have been placed around the district for your convenience.

These new stations are up along Londonderry and on Towner! To make sure these stations are used for their primary purpose, we ask that the stations are only used for dog poop and no other litter.

If anyone has any suggestions for further locations that could use them, let us know and we will consider adding more in the future.

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Kid's Corner

Having A Little Fun on April 1st

By Erin Dillon - Editor

April Fool's Day has always been a day that people both fear and look forward to. Pranksters are able to test out new ideas and tried-and-true pranks make a resurgence. With many activities still in the air, it might be fun to play some innocent, harmless pranks around the house to boost everyone's spirits. It's important to remember that every family is different and has different boundaries.

But here are a few suggestions of pranks that may be fun to play either on your children or each other. If your children have sugary cereal in the morning, why not switch it out with another cereal, so they get a portion of bran flakes instead of what they were hoping for? If you have a little more time on your hands, you could always make Jello in their juice cups. Put a straw in it and see how long it takes for them to figure it out that their juice happens to be a bit more solid today. If your mornings are a bit more rushed, an easy prank can be to stuff their shoes with toilet paper. Make sure to shove it in enough that they wouldn't suspect a thing and suddenly, their feet grew overnight.



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One Pan Honey Lemon Chicken with Asparagus

- Olive oil cooking spray
- 4 chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
- Salt, to season
- 1/3 cup lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon low sodium soy sauce (optional)
- 1 tablespoon garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, fresh chopped, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper, to taste
- 4 bunches asparagus (37-40 spears), woody ends removed
- 1 lemon, sliced to garnish

Instructions

Arrange oven shelf to the middle of your oven. Preheat oven 400°F. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking oil spray. Arrange chicken on the sheet and season with salt; set aside.

Combine together the lemon juice, honey, soy sauce, garlic, half of the parsley, salt and pepper. Pour three quarters of the honey lemon mixture over the chicken. Arrange the lemon slices over the top. Season with extra salt and pepper, if desired.

Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through. Uncover, arrange the asparagus around the chicken. Pour the remaining honey lemon mixture over the asparagus; season the asparagus with salt and pepper. Return to the oven to grill or broil until the chicken is golden and the asparagus is cooked. Garnish with the remaining parsley.

Serve with a side of rice or potatoes.

Credit –<https://cafedelites.com/one-pan-honey-lemon-chicken-asparagus/>