

ASPEN SPRINGS METRO DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Buttercup Water Depot

The water fill station is located on the second block from Hwy 160 on Buttercup Drive in unit two. Access is good and there are no hills to battle if you're approaching from the highway. It has now been a little over two years since we've had our new water station up and running. It has proven to be a wonderful asset to our community. However, all in all, it has been great to save time and fuel to haul our water locally, rather than have to drive to town.

The water is regularly tested to ensure that it meets State drinking water standards. It's palatable and free of the sulfur which plagues many local wells. We are currently looking into a simple filtration system at the station to eliminate any sediment that may be present.

When the well system was first planned out, the intent was not to make a profit, but to have it pay for itself. We can happily report that to date, the well is now operating in the black.

Election 2016

The Metro District was created as a special district with the District Plan to include, road maintenance, water, and parks and recreation. The Board is made up of five directors, each holding a responsibility for the five positions; chair, treasurer, secretary, budget officer and public works. Per statute and the by-laws, the Directors shall be electors of the District, terms are determined by relevant statutory provisions with elections held in even numbered years and conducted in the manner prescribed in the Colorado Revised Statutes CRS. Articles 1-13, Title 1 and Part 8, Article 1 Title 32. This year an election will be held by Mail-in Ballot, May 3, 2016. There are three seats (four-year terms) up for election. Information on the candidates is included in this newsletter. Ballots will be mailed out by April 18, 2016.

ASMD vs Stephen Keno Regarding Livestock Grazing Rights

For those of you who are following the ongoing events on the lawsuit, following is a link which provides you details of the case. <http://www.cobar.org/opinions/opinion.cfm?opinionid=9860&courtid=1> For those of you who prefer not to read in legal "mumbo-jumbo", a summary of the time events (as well as the financial spending on the ongoing lawsuit) is available on the District's website. Information on the latest recent decision from the Colorado Supreme Court can also be obtained on our website.

The ASMD plans to send regular newsletters, however the expense of printing and postage is restrictive. If you wish to receive newsletters via email which helps in these expenses, please provide your email to: **Newsletter@aspenspringsmetro.org** with subject "**please email**" or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list please let us know.

Year end Treasurer's Report for 2015

All financial information for the district can be found on our website at www.aspenspringsmetro.org.

If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to call us at 970-731-5656 and leave a message with your full name and address requesting such information and we'll be sure to drop a report in the mail for you.

The Crew

We are saddened to see one of our long time employees retire this year. Roy Stevens has been with the district grading, plowing, and maintaining our roads along with our road Manager, Carey Brown, since April 1, 1990. You may, however, see him out on a piece of equipment periodically as he will still be available for some part-time help for Carey in a crunch. Roy, thank you for your twenty-six years of loyalty and hard work; you are appreciated by many.

The Park

The park and gazebo was built in 2011 for community use. As time goes on, we are seeing more and more enjoyment of this facility. We also provide a porta-potty and the grass is to be mowed during the spring and summer months for your convenience.

There have been many birthday gatherings, weddings, weekend get-togethers, people playing Frisbee (at our Frisbee golf course at the park), volleyball, throwing horseshoes, and during the summer months, our local Pastor Mark and the Amazing Grace Church have frequently provided free lunches there to any and all who wished to attend. It is good to see our friends and neighbors enjoying themselves in our community.

Living in Aspen Springs

Living in Aspen Springs has all sorts of advantages. For all of you hikers and horseback riders, we have direct access to our public forests which are home to hundreds of trails overlooking the most majestic mountain range in Colorado. This is one of the main reasons many of us moved to this area; to enjoy our surroundings in its natural and tranquil state.

Along with this privilege, comes responsibility. To everyone out there enjoying our forests and trails, please pick up after yourselves by hauling out any trash you arrived with. In addition, a note to the motorists: please remember that not all horses are calm around vehicles (off-road vehicles included) and extreme caution and respect is appreciated when approaching these wonderful creatures. Keeping our

neighborhood safe and clean is our priority.

2016 Election Candidates

Jame Venturini

I'm Jame Venturini. I have been a full time resident of Aspen Springs since I bought my property almost sixteen years ago. I have worked for large corporations in the past, but have worked for the same locally owned company in Pagosa for the last ten years.

A lot of things have changed in Aspen Springs and Archuleta County in the last sixteen years, but one thing has remained the same; Aspen Springs has had, and still has, the best roads in the County. I hope to help keep that "tradition" alive.

Like all of us in Aspen Springs, I work hard so I can play hard. I love the outdoors and I love my lifestyle. I feel that the role of the ASMD is to take care of the roads and public lands of Aspen Springs and not to involve itself with the residents' individual lifestyles. If you agree, vote for me.
[970-946-5189](tel:970-946-5189)

Patrick John Burschinger

My name is Patrick Burschinger. I am a 52+ year old single male who decided to buy land in the Aspens in order to provide for a "Better Life" for both my dogs and myself. I searched for years and thought I had found "the Perfect Place". Well you all know the saying "Look Before you leap". Well I wish I had in this case. I have decided to run for a seat on the "Special District" my community Metro Board.

My varied background and scope of knowledge has led me to a long and varied career in many different jobs in both the film and entertainment industries. I made sure that both my employers and employees were first "safe" and provided with both info and safety equipment as needed, as well as treated with "Respect" at "All Times".

I hope to properly "Represent" and "Respect" my community members and property owners in order to provide for the "Best Life" possible in this Great Community. I hope to fix and measure 100% of the roads and properly survey and mark the metro "Community" owned properties.
"Peace. God Bless"
cabindog9@outlook.com;
[970-317-4995](tel:970-317-4995)

George David Lyle

I am George Lyle, I have owned property in Aspen Springs since 1998. I moved into the area in 2000, and have since made many investments in this subdivision. I own a construction company and work with many contractors/subcontractors that live in our community. I am proud of our roads and want to continue to maintain and plan for the future.

I have great respect for the current board, they do a lot of work for sometimes little gratitude. They have managed to carefully make sure that all residents have equal rights and access to our greenbelt. I was appointed to the board last year. I am very fiscal responsible and feel we need to be very frugal with taxpayer's money. I can only hope to help continue with the positive direction and high standard the board has now achieved. Please feel free to call me anytime [970-731-4266](tel:970-731-4266).

Pam Wallis

I am currently on the board and have been for the last several years. I am running for one of the open positions because I want to continue to help to do what's right for the community. I've been in Aspen Springs for many years and love the fact that the people out here help each other. I've seen many different interests from individuals towards our district and I want people to know that we, as the board that is representing all of you, are trying our best to keep our roads, parks and water system in top shape. Also, I like the fact that most people want to be a part of the community and have good things come about here locally.

If you have any questions about me for this election, please feel free to contact me. BPDwallis@aol.com

All information about the election candidates were obtained from the candidates, directly, in their own words.

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**Building and maintaining Aspen Springs
Roads since 1980**

Have you checked out our website?
Aspenspringsmetro.org is a great way to keep up with what's happening. The website provides general information on the District as well as area history and wild land fire mitigation tips. The site also has copies of budgets, monthly financial reports and meeting minutes.

ELECTION INFORMATION www.Aspenspringsmetro.org

Contact information for the Designated Election Official (DEO) responsible for all aspects of the Special District election:

- Kelly Evans, PO Box 488, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 970-903-7915 email: PagosaEvans@gmail.com

Date of the Election: May 3, 2016 ("Election") **Type of Election:** Regular special district election

Citation of the statute authorizing election: Title 32, Article 1, C.R.S.; Title 1, Article 13.5, C.R.S.; [and Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution] ("Election Laws"). The political subdivision will conduct the Election according to all relevant provisions of the statutes authorizing the Election.

Eligible electors and timing for mailing ballots:

- There are approximately 1200 eligible electors.
- No later than 40 days prior to the Election (March 25, 2016), the DEO shall request a list of the registered electors residing within the District from the County Clerk for each county in which the District is located. The DEO shall also request a list of the owners of all taxable real and personal property with the District from the County Assessor for each county in which the District is located. Such initial lists shall be received no later than 30 days prior to the Election (April 3, 2016), and the supplemental lists received no later than 20 days prior to the Election (April 13, 2016). Sections 1-13.5-203(1), 1-13.5-204(1) and (2), and 1-13.5-1105(2)(a) and (b), C.R.S.
- **Overseas Active Duty. Letter from Archuleta Clerk**
- The DEO or election judges will mail ballots to each active eligible elector of the District no later than April 18, 2016 per Section 1-13.5-1105(4)(a), C.R.S.
- **BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 7:00 P.M. ELECTION DAY** in order for your ballot to be counted. Ballots received after 7:00 pm. on Election Day will not be counted.

Total number of drop-off/walk-in locations:

- Ballots can be mailed to the District's DEO at PO BOX 488, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-2155.
- There will be one (1) place of deposit, which will be with the DEO contact 970-903-7915. For security reasons, there will be no unmonitored freestanding drop-off locations.
- Contact Kelly Evans (970-903-7915) to obtain new or replacement ballots and to drop off voted ballots. She will be available via appointment Monday through Friday, beginning at least 22 days prior to the Election (April 11, 2016), and on the day of the Election (May 3, 2016) at the Metro Building at 216 Metro Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Section 1-13.5-1105(4)(d), C.R.S.