

ASPEN TRAILS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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Aspen Trails Metro District (or ATMD), #1 Trew Creek Dr, Aspen Trails; Durango, CO 81301

ATMD PURPOSE

To maintain and improve roads making them safer & more accessible; and to provide limited parks & recreation services

WEBSITE

www.aspentrailsmd.com

Facebook- become a fan of ATMD to receive updates on road maintenance and happenings

ROADWORK UPDATE

Further Roadwork with our contractor is scheduled for the latter part of August, 2011. This is to repair the washer-board and water damage to areas of Sierra Drive and Trew Creek Rd. Our contractor is Ron Cleve of Ron Cleve Construction. He is interested in doing private work for residents and can be reached at: (970) 382-9303

ANNUAL ROADWORK PRIORITIES

- Provide basic maintenance, grading, ditching, and snow plowing of primary & secondary roads.
- Preserve improved roads by addressing drainage issues & gradually adding roadbase.
- Review roads for improvement work as funds allow, focusing on road sections which will provide greatest cost benefit for maintenance.
- Monitor /resolve hazardous road situations

ROAD GUIDELINES

ATMD is investing a lot of your money into our roads for maintenance and improvements. With that in mind, the following Guidelines were adopted in 2005.

- **Speed limit on all roads is 15 mph**
- **No parking on roadways at any time**
- **No plowing snow or dirt across road**
- **Driveways must have proper drainage**

Property owners will be held liable for damage incurred to ATMD roads. Contact ATMD prior to any work on your property that may impact the district roads, including, but not limited to: installation of culverts, utility lines & driveway construction.

HELP TO SAVE THE ROAD (AND MONEY)

- If your driveway culvert becomes blocked, please clean it out and survey the ditches along your property line for debris blocking drainage.
- Please slow down and use a lower gear while driving in the subdivision, this will help you to climb the hills with more control, better traction and less tire spinning causing less damage to the road.
- Driving slowly (speed limit is 15 mph) helps to reduce the washboard on the road.
- If you have tires with poor tread, consider investing in new ones.

WINTER DRIVING

ATMD would like to remind you of the following when winter approaches:

- Make plans to have 4 wheel drive, good snow tires, and/or chains during the winter months. Carry a tow strap (just in case).
- Driveway plowing is the property owner's responsibility. Plan ahead and make your arrangements. Check the bulletin board for contractors interested in plowing driveways.
- Clearly mark obstacles (marker 8' tall) along your drive-way and road right of way for snow removal. Unmarked items may be damaged during a large snow storm. ATMD is not responsible for damages.
- Vehicles parked on the roadway or mailbox area may be towed at owner's expense. Make sure vehicles are parked in your driveway, not partially blocking the road. Heavy snowfall

conditions make it very difficult for drivers to see unexpected obstacles in the roadway.

FEES

Help offset administrative costs of the district, they include: Transfer of ownership fee \$50 per lot, Returned check fee \$50, Document Request fee \$1.25 per page, Late payment fee 12% per year accruing monthly, Collection Charge for lien proceedings \$50.

ROAD ASSESSMENTS 2011

A \$300 road maintenance assessment was billed for the 2011 fiscal year. **Assessments were due July 31.** Uncollected assessments present a cash flow problem for the district limiting the amount of roadwork that can take place each year. Properties still owing for 2010 past due assessments have had liens placed against them. Past due assessments accumulate finance charges at 1% per month. Please call if you need to make payment arrangements.

MAIL & PACKAGE INFORMATION

Misdirected mail - If you receive mail that is not yours, please write "misdirected" on the envelope and place it in the back of your mail box. Please do not leave mail attached to the bulletin board or laying on top of the mail boxes.

Packages - Generally US Mail packages will go into the numbered parcel boxes or a note will be in your box with instructions. UPS and FedEx packages are placed in the big unlocked package box near the mailboxes; they're not usually delivered to your door (especially in bad weather. If you are expecting a package, track it closely with your shipper, especially if you are new to the area.

INTERNET ACCESS / DSL

Is now available in Aspen Trails. If you are interested in setting up DSL please contact Mydurango.net at 385-2500. The service includes local, long distance calling, and DSL at a flat rate.

TRASH

Please don't be a litter bug!

Dumpsters are for paying customers of WCS. The cost is about \$19 per month. If you use them without paying you are cheating your neighbors. When there is no room inside the dumpster take your trash home and wait for the bins to be emptied (Mon / Wed/ Fri). Trash piled on top of, or next to the dumpster is an unwanted invitation to wildlife and a littering nightmare. **Please Note** - Dumpsters are for household waste only, not for remodel jobs, disposal of old furniture, water heaters, hot tubs, mattresses, etc. Large items of this type must be taken to the landfill or the transfer station (located in the Durango Tech Center) instead.

FIRE MITIGATION GRANT

The Upper Pine River fire protection district has received a grant to help homeowners with fire threat reduction via removal of undergrowth. For details, please contact Travis Wright, Fuel Mitigation and Prescribed Fire Specialist with the Upper Pine Fire Protection District a 970-884-9508 or twright@upperpinefpd.org.

FIRE MITIGATION TAX CREDIT

As authorized by §39-22-104(4)(n), the State of Colorado, for income tax years 2009 through 2013 will allow individuals, estates and trusts to subtract from federal taxable income 50% of the costs incurred in performing wildfire mitigation measures that meet the following qualifications and limitations:

- The taxpayer must own the property upon which the wildfire mitigation measures are performed.
- The property upon which the wildfire mitigation measures are performed must be located in Colorado.
- The property upon which the wildfire mitigation measures are performed must be located in a wild land-urban interface area.
- The wildfire mitigation measures must be authorized by a community wildfire protection plan adopted by a local government within the interface area.
- The total amount of the subtraction may not exceed \$2,500.

To learn more, contact the state department of revenue, or check out www.colorado.gov.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Notices for meetings will be posted 3 days prior to the meeting at the ATMD mailboxes, Old Helen's Store, and the La Plata County Court House. Time, place and agenda items will be posted on the notice. The 2010 meeting schedule is the second Wednesday of every odd month. ATMD board meetings are open to the public. *You are welcome to attend!*

VOLUNTEER TO BE A DIRECTOR

Become a part of the Aspen Trails solution! Qualifications for board members are as follows:

- A resident of the District for not less than 30 days
- Must be the owner (or spouse of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the District, or a person obligated to

pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property,

- Registered to vote in Colorado
- No felony convictions.

ADVISORY BOARD

Seasonal residents have voiced concerns about taxation without representation. We would love to ask for seasonal volunteers or your attendance at board meetings to help make your voices heard. Contact a board member if you are interested.

WEBSITE - www.aspentrailsmd.com

Work is being done to update the website with meeting minutes and this newsletter. Stay tuned!

FACEBOOK

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