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KEEP COPPER OUT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S SEWER

The Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (District), who provides sewer treatment for all of Colorado Centre's sewer effluent, must comply with strict discharge limits from the treatment plant for copper in the treated wastewater. There can be many different sources of copper in wastewater, but one that has been identified is copper dissolving or leaching from copper plumbing materials, possibly the water pipes in your house. We ask that any plumbing that you have done in your house or other property be done WITHOUT the use of copper tubing or piping. There are other non-metallic piping materials that perform well and conform to the plumbing code, some of which may be already in use on your property. The District's treatment plant is permitted to discharge only very low concentrations of copper after the wastewater is treated. The required concentration is less than 10 parts per BILLION. Colorado Centre's effluent is measuring at about 200 parts per billion. One identified source in domestic wastewater is the use of chemicals to control roots in sewer service lines. PLEASE, do NOT permit the use of such chemicals containing copper sulfate to be discharged down any plumbing fixture in your house or property. Brand names under which the products may be sold and/or manufacturers that may distribute copper sulfate include, but are not limited to Roebic Laboratories K-77 Root Killer; Copper Sulfate fine granular crystals: Zep Root Kill II, Root Clear; Drain Out Root Clear; Chem One LTD; Triangle Brand. If you have any specific questions, please call the Colorado Centre's Manager.

2017 BOARD MEETINGS!!

The 2017 Board Meetings schedule was approved at the December 9, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. (except where noted) and take place at the Fire Station.

<u>Thursday, May 25, 2017 (Change)</u>	Thursday, September 21, 2017
<u>Friday, June 16, 2017 (Change)</u>	Thursday, October 19, 2017
Thursday, July 20, 2017	Thursday, November 16, 2017
Thursday, August 17, 2017	Friday, December 8, 2017(5:00 pm)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Cantin	393-0780
Joan Lucia-Treese	660-6022
Shawn Eccles	338-1601
Jackie McClintock	231-0335
Floyd Edwards	310-9182

Are You Interested In Open Storage?

The Directors of the District would like to get feedback from the community about interest in a "vehicle, boat, RV, etc." Open Storage Facility. The idea would be to develop one using a remote parcel owned by the District about 1 mile east of Horizonview on the north side of Drennan Road and under the power lines, or, a portion of a commercial parcel located adjacent to Bradley Rd. Before the Directors continue exploring the idea, it is important to know if there's interest in this and, if so, what kind of a monthly rental fee would the users of such facility would be willing to pay. Payment would be based on the square footage used by a renter of course. Also, the storage would be at the renters' risk as there's no personnel planned to be at the facility.

- I am interested in Open Storage for Vehicles, Boats, RVs, etc.: Yes No
- I would be willing to pay a monthly fee per rental space of: \$ _____
- I live at _____

Please return this survey to the District's office at the Fire Station, 4770 Horizonview Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80925 or respond by e-mail. Thank you. sandy.goad@coloradocentre.org

From the Office of Fire Chief Josh Winter:

Spring time in Colorado Springs can be unpredictable but one thing that can be counted on is that this is a great time for spring cleaning! As you are cleaning out this spring, don't forget about fire safety.

- *Test your smoke alarms. Replace any alarms that are 10 years old and older.
- *Test your carbon monoxide alarms, and replace any alarms that are 7 years old or older.
- *Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- *Clean clutter inside and outside your home.
- *Check the cords on your appliances.
- *If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.
- *Practice your home escape plan.
- *Last but not least, Mitigate, Mitigate, Mitigate! Josh Winter, Fire Chief

Please read this link from the El Paso County Health Department about feeding squirrels:

<http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/plague>. I know folks feed the squirrels with the best of intentions. But it's not safe for our communities and family pets. I constantly find peanut shells in my backyard which is a common "treat" to feed squirrels. Besides the obvious mess, my dog has become ill from eating peanut shells in the yard. Luckily, she just threw up and it was nothing serious. Please take care of each other and our pets. Thanks!

Joan Lucia-Treese, Director

Taryn Bailey, MS - Youth Substance Use Prevention Planner Communities That Care Facilitator - El Paso County Health Department - Ms. Bailey will be attending the May 25th Regular Board Meeting. Please Plan to Attend!!!

Ms. Taryn Bailey writes: "In July 2016, EPCPH was awarded a 5-year grant from CDPHE to implement Communities That Care (CTC), in El Paso County. CTC is a public health model that guides communities, increases resiliency in youth, and helps prevent problems before they develop. These strategies focus on creating a stronger sense of connectedness to families, community and society. Scientific studies have shown young people from CTC communities are 25 percent to 33 percent less likely to have health and behavior problems, such as binge drinking, smoking, and engaging in crime. Funding for CTC comes from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, and the primary goal is to reduce youth substance use (alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs) by addressing common risk factors and improving protective factors in a community. Local public health agencies in Colorado were eligible to apply if they had identified mental health and/or substance use as one of their priorities; El Paso County has identified both in their Community Health Improvement Plan. In late 2016, Fountain Valley (FV) was chosen as the first community in the county to implement CTC. FV was not selected because they have the highest youth substance use. They were selected because they had key characteristics needed to be successful, such as previous collaboration with Public Health to pass tobacco retailer licensing policies to reduce youth use of tobacco; the school district's efforts to survey youth on health and well-being, as well as school district coordination with local mental health agencies; and an overall commitment by local organizations to serve the community".

FENCE ENCROACHMENT!!!

Residents east of Horizonview Drive please be aware that your fences are encroaching onto the CCMD open space along Horizonview Drive and impeding watering and maintenance. Please make the necessary repairs/adjustments. Thank you!