

# HARRIS PARK HAPPENINGS

## NEWSLETTER 2017/2018

As in the last couple of years, dam rehabilitation and water rights will continue to dominate the bulk of the business of Harris Park Metropolitan District. Dam #2 was rehabilitated during late summer and fall and we are awaiting the final approval of the dam completion report. I would like to thank Steve and Daria Eddleman, Rick Francoeur, Ken Hoehner and Brian Curtis for their devotion, dedication and service in seeing the Dam #2 rehabilitation project to fruition. Without their steadfast commitment this project would not have been completed.

Along with the rehabilitation of Dam #2, we are also under order from the division engineer of the Colorado Division of Water resources to place measuring and recording devices at each dam and pond. In furtherance of the order Harris Park has contracted with Ecological Resource Consultants Inc. from Evergreen to develop a project plan that meets the approval of the division engineer. We hope to have an approved plan before the end of March and will be moving forward with meeting the requirement of the revised order from the Department of Water Resources. This project will need to be completed before we can refill the Lake #2.

We have started a monthly community breakfast. The breakfast is the last Saturday of the month and all proceeds from the breakfast will go to making repairs and improvements to the community center. This breakfast will also provide you a time to meet and talk with directors of the board that are attending the breakfast, as well as meeting other community members.

In other news, I want to bring to your attention that in 2018 there will be a change in the current residential assessment rate from 7.95 percent to 6.56 percent. This will result in a lower tax assessment on property in Harris Park and decreased property tax revenues for Harris Park Metropolitan District. This decrease in revenue will be around 7 percent. This projected decrease in revenue will present challenges for Harris Park in funding projects and the Board of Directors will need to be diligent in preparation of the 2018 budget.

**Steve Murphy**  
President HPMD

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank You Tax Payers of Harris Park Metro District!!

We're in the process of working on repairing the dams, so money is extremely tight. Along with dam Repairs, upgrades have been completed on the Community well & hydrant. The Community Center building badly needs upgrades & repairs; as well as other items in the Community that need attention. We are looking for Fund raising ideas and volunteers to help with these projects.

**Water/Sanitation Account: \$ 13,272**

**Recreation Account: \$ 13,169**

**Conservation Trust Account: \$ 8,032**

#### COMBINED CASH TOTALS

(as of February 28, 2017) \$ 34,473

(Buddy Kasulke)  
Secretary/Treasurer HPMD

### THANK YOU HARRIS PARK RESIDENTS

I wanted to take this time to say how excited I am to serve this community and how blessed I feel with this opportunity. The Board has been through some changes over the last year and I am energized to work with my counter parts on the completion of the Dam No. 2 project and embark on the Dam No. 1 project.

Our little community has grown so much with many new families moving here and to them I say "Welcome Home". To the long time residents, I say "Thank You" for being the backbone of this community. We are such a unique community nestled among the pine trees and National Forest with fishing, hunting, 4 wheeling, and many other activities available in our own back yards. I am hopeful that our little community can design more activities that will bring us closer together and provide for our children; I look forward to working with you on those. As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, as a Board member, I am accountable to you the taxpayer.

Thank you for this opportunity.

**Liz Biggs**  
Vice-President HPMD

### A "LIL" RAY OF SUNSHINE

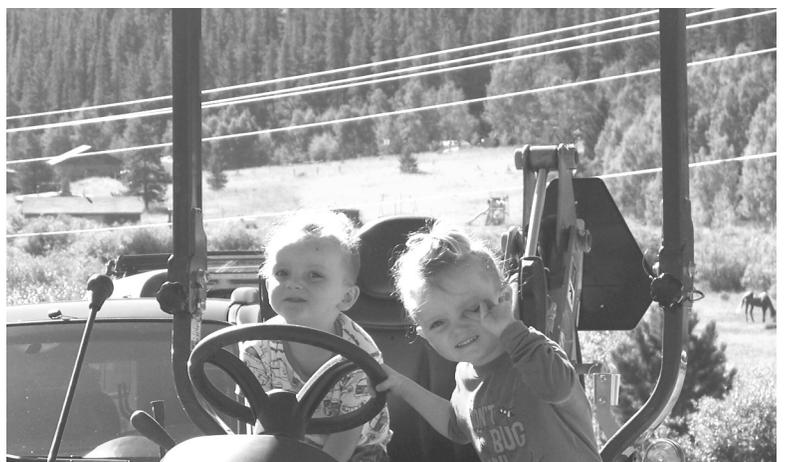
**Community:** A social unit, a group of people who have something in common, such as "norms," identity and values.

I am beginning this with the definition of the word Community, for I believe we all must remember we are all in this "community" together. This word, community is derived from Latin, and meant "Public Spirit." If we all say it, "Public Spirit" – it is energizing, isn't it?

I feel we all possess public spirit here in Harris Park. Looking back at our events in 2016, Huck Finn is a great example of the community coming together. We had a stellar turn out! Our events during 2016 – Halloween Party, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Party, and other events – were all well attended and memories were made by all. Our "fish rescue" at Lake #2, headed up by a community member, John Porter, was a great accomplishment, with the community coming together, having fun as well. John also organized our very successful Clean Up Day. We have been busy!! I wish to thank everyone for all of their hard work. We need each other to make these events work.

So on that note, we are looking forward to a great 2017 with more community interactions, functions, fund raising etc. We as a board always welcome any feedback, help, ideas, and suggestions you may have. In closing, whatever the need, our "Public Spirit" (Community) is forever around.

**Daria Eddleman—Director HPMD**



### Dam #1 Update on Emergency Situation

On September 6, 2016, the water level of Dam #1 was reported to be lowering. Upon investigation there was a consensus that the outlet did appear to be passing more water than when inspected a couple weeks prior. Upon further inspection, it appeared the gate may have been tampered with, but there was no specific evidence to support this suspicion and was dismissed. When an initial attempt to operate the mechanism failed to close the gate, further efforts were immediately abandoned. A neighborhood watch was implemented and reported, the morning to the State Dam Engineer and District Water Commissioner, our engineer, our contractor on Dam #2 and HPMD board of directors. The report was that Lake #1 had a gate problem and was discharging water. Based on the rate of flow and that the lake had dropped 12" in 12 hours over night. The situation was deemed to be non-threatening by State Dam Engineer, but deserved immediate attention. At the advice of professionals, contact was made with Dive Solution a local professional dive/construction company. Their team would arrive on 9/8/17 by noon, equipped to fix whatever the problem was. Later that evening on 9/7/17 at approximately 8:00 PM an inspection of Lake #1 was conducted and it was found to have dropped and additional 36 - 48 inches in the past 12 hours during the day. We now had an **"Emergency Situation"** with potential downstream flooding and possible breaching the dam due to the tremendous force of water being discharged. The underwater gauge at the outlet appeared to be wide open. We expedited the Dive Solution Team to be on site by 1:00 AM on the morning of 9/8/17. Following preliminary evaluation of the site, the diver, equipped with audio, video and lights was sent into the lake to investigate. The gate was found to be completely open, but no blockage. Further top side investigation revealed the problem was with the operator and supporting bulkhead structure, not the gate. The gate operator was then removed and the gate was driven shut by force of a young man with a very large rock. This solved the problem of letting too much water out Lake #1, the gate was closed, but we had a new problem. We were not letting any water out. We were told by the State Water Commissioner we must pass water or be subject to significant consequences.

Once again our community came together and derived a siphon system, supplemented with a gas pump, which satisfied the mandate and fended off the authorities for an interim. Another contractor was brought in to repair the gate assembly. We are all anxiously looking forward to exercising the gate device ASAP, when the ice starts to melt a bit, in order to satisfy a mandate by the Dept of Dam Safety. The dam device must work by opening and closing and do so on demand, and not otherwise. The sooner we prove the gate will operate as intended the better we can rest assured we still have Lake #1.

**HPMD Dam Committee: Daria Eddleman, Ken Hoehner,  
Rick Francoeur & Steve Eddleman**



### Harris Park Metro District (HPMD) Dam #2 Repairs Completed

HPMD Dam #2 reservoir was drained in August of 2016. HPMD commenced drawdown operations on August 6<sup>th</sup>, following guidance provided by Colorado Dam Safety and Applegate Group. The release was coordinated with the District 80 Water Commissioner, Tim Buckley, so downstream water users could be notified. Straw bale check dams were installed in the receiving channel prior to drawdown to minimize downstream erosion and sediment deposits. HPMD supervised all drawdown operations, and closely monitored discharge for signs of internal erosion to guard against potential piping failure. Reservoir drawdown was completed August 21, 2016. During the period of September 15<sup>th</sup> through approximately December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Applegate Group, Inc. assisted the HPMD with construction observation for rehabilitation of the Dam. The intent of the rehab is to address dam safety issues identified by the Colorado Division of Water Resources, State Engineer's Office, Dam Safety Branch. Prior to construction, seepage was observed at the existing outlet discharge point, and also along the downstream toe of the existing dam embankment. Rehabilitation involved slip lining the existing outlet pipe, installation of a filter diaphragm around the lined outlet, and construction of a new toe drain system. The project also involved installation of a new slide gate and control, including a new staff gauge. The project has been completed with general conformance to the approved plans and specifications. Dam #2 reservoir remains empty pending approval of this completion report by Dam Safety, and coordination with the District 80 Water Commissioner.

The new slide gate remains open as reservoir inflows continue to be bypassed through the slip lined outlet. Based on construction observation, testing, and visual inspection following completion, rehabilitation of Dam #2 was a success. Harris Park has received a mandate from The District 80 Water Commissioner, Mr. Tim Buckley that HPMD Dams #1 & #2 reservoirs are to have a means of measuring flow in place and operable before the Lake #2 will be allowed to be refilled. If HPMD fails to comply, Lake #2 will remain empty until the requirements have been satisfied.

**HPMD Dam Committee: Daria Eddleman, Ken Hoehner,  
Rick Francoeur & Steve Eddleman**



## **2017-18 HARRIS PARK METRO DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

***DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!! CALL MYSTIQUE 303 384-1107***

***\*\*\*THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING IS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTY RENTALS\*\*\*  
(PLEASE REFER TO AGREEMENT ON OUR WEBSITE-[WWW.HARRISPARKMETRODISTRICT.COM](http://WWW.HARRISPARKMETRODISTRICT.COM))  
(HARRIS PARK MEMBERS—\$50/DAY, NON-MEMBERS-\$100/DAY)***

**FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH OCTOBER-APRIL - 5:30P-7:30P  
POTLUCK AND GAMES, FREE TO ALL!**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 8:00A  
HARRIS PARK BOARD MEETINGS**

**4TH SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH— 8:-10A  
HARRIS PARK COMMUNITY BREAKFAST DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

**JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2017 - 2P-5P                   HOT COCOA & CONVERSATION!!  
GAMES, SNACKS, HOT DRINKS, AND CRAFTS. (MAKE A SCRAPBOOK FOR THIS YEAR!)  
FREE EVENT, ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2017 - 2P-5P               CREATIVITY DAY!!  
SNACKS, DRINKS AND CRAFTS! (CREATE SOMETHING WITH PLASTIC CANVAS OR POPSICLE  
STICKS AND LEARN HOW TO SEW!)   FREE EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> 2017 - 2P-5P               ACTIVITY TIME!!  
SNACKS, DRINKS AND BUILD A FORT!! ALSO JOIN US TO SEE WHO CAN MAKE THE BEST  
PAPER AIRPLANE!           FREE EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 2017 - 2P-5P               HOBBY DAY!!  
SNACKS, DRINKS, BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY! LEARN TO CROCHET AND PLANT A SEED  
AND TAKE THEM HOME!       FREE EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> -                                       2017-18 FISHING SEASON BEGINS  
(CONTINUES UNTIL APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> OF FOLLOWING YEAR)**

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> - 5:30P           POTLUCK DINNER - BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH  
6:30P                                       BINGO!! - CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE**

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>                                       HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY & FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC**

8:00A	REGISTRATION/CHECK IN
8:30-9:45A	FISHING FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 6 YEARS
10:00-11:30A	FISHING FOR AGE 7-12 YEARS
11:00-1P	COMMUNITY PICNIC
NOON	AWARDS AND PRIZES

**OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2017 - 6P-8P           HALLOWEEN PARTY  
JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE, HAY RIDE, FACE-PAINTING, TRUNK OR  
TREATING (BRING A BAG OF CANDY), SNACKS AND DRINKS.  
FREE EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 5P-7P                   THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER  
HPMD WILL FURNISH TURKEY, HAM, STUFFING, GRAVY AND ROLLS. PLEASE BRING A  
POTLUCK SIDE DISH**

**DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2017 - 2P-5P       CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SANTA WILL BE HERE, PRESENTS, SNACKS, DRINKS, GAMES AND CRAFTS!! FREE EVENT  
AND ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**Harris Park (H.P.) Community Fees & Donations**

*Please mail this form and all community and fishing badge fees to the address below.  
Effective May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018*

**Make checks payable to Harris Park Metro District, 2154 Shelton Dr., Bailey, CO 80421**

**NOTE:** *Fishing may be done in Lake #1 and Flora Pond.  
There will be a delay in filling Lake #2.*

Name: *First* \_\_\_\_\_ *Spouse/Partner* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last* \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Number and Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_ HP Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(City, State and Zip Code)*

Harris Park Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Renter: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Street/Block &/or Lot(s))*

Name of Owner *(if renting)*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees:**

Community Fee: \_\_\_@ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ Fishing Badges \$30 ea      Need clips? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations**

Community Center \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ *(Specify)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I would be willing to Volunteer:** For these events/projects: \_\_\_\_\_

**During these times** \_\_\_\_\_ **Whenever needed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fishing License Letter of Understanding**

I have read and fully understand the HPMD Rules and Regulations, and the Responsibilities of the the privilege to have a Harris Park Fishing License and to fish in the Harris Park Lakes & Pond Violations and repeated offenses will result in the surrender of my fishing license to the Harris Park Metropolitan District. No refunds will be given. There is no selling fishing badges, no loaning fishing badges. I am also responsible to keep up to date on the Rules and Regulations changes by the HPMD by logging on to: [www.harrisparkmetrodistrict.com](http://www.harrisparkmetrodistrict.com) and/or Phone: 303-816-7259

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Printed Name/Date:



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