

**Conservatory Metropolitan District
Community Update
December, 2013**

As part of its ongoing effort to keep residents apprised of current matters before the Board of Directors of the Conservatory Metropolitan District, the Board intends to provide periodic updates to the community. The information contained here is only a brief summary, and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about matters firsthand. The Board meets regularly at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of every other month (odd numbered months), with the exception of the January meeting, due to the holiday, which will be held on the fourth Monday (on January 27th) at the Conservatory Clubhouse, 2665 S. Jebel Way. Minutes of recent meetings are posted to the District's website. For additional information please contact the District Manager at (303) 987-0835 or visit our website at www.yourcmd.org.

2014 Budget: The District's Board of Directors adopted the 2014 Budget at its budget hearing on November 18, 2013. We are pleased to announce that there will be no mill levy increase in 2014.

New Board Members: At the November 18, 2013, meeting three residents expressed an interest in filling two vacant positions. All three are excellent candidates; however, because there were more interested candidates than vacant seats, the Board had to make the difficult decision of appointing only two new Directors. We are pleased to welcome Birgit Baldwin and Pedro Moczo to the Board of Directors.

In May 2014, the District will have an additional vacancy and will hold an election, if necessary. At this time, if there are no other eligible electors interested in this position, the third candidate, if still interested, will be deemed elected. In the event there are more interested candidates than available seats the District will be required to hold an election. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact AJ Beckman, the District Manager, at the number referenced above.

Prairie Dogs: As you may have observed, the damage caused by Prairie Dogs migrating from the Plains Conservation Center (PCC) to the Conservatory has increased over the past few years despite increased control efforts on the part of the District. In response to this, the District's Board of Directors has researched options and will be moving forward with the installation of a prairie dog barrier. The barrier is essentially a solid, off white metal barrier extending 20 inches below ground and 20 inches above ground. The barrier will be installed on District property along the eastern boundary of the neighborhood. The installation of the fence will happen in phases. The first section will be installed in Tracts A and B, near the main entry at Hampden and Conservatory Parkway. The installation in Tracts A and B is expected to begin this fall with a projected completion date by the end of December. In addition, the District is working with the City of Aurora and the PCC in hopes of developing a cooperative control plan.

Metal Fencing: The District's Board of Directors has received bids for replacement of the metal fencing located in common areas. The Board is planning to move forward in phases over the next three to five years replacing the fencing in sections, addressing the worst areas first. The replacement plan is currently being developed. Residents with common metal fencing abutting their yards will be notified in advance of the scheduled replacement. Trimming back landscaping and salvaging wire mesh affixed to the fencing will be each homeowner's responsibility. The project is expected to kick off in 2014.