

**Conservatory Metropolitan District
Community Update
February 2022**

As part of its ongoing effort to keep residents apprised of current matters before the Board of Directors of the Conservatory Metropolitan District (the “District”), the Board intends to provide periodic updates to the community. The information contained herein is only a brief summary, and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about matters firsthand. With the exception of January, which is the fourth Monday, and special meetings, the Board meets regularly at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of March, May, June, July, August, September and October. Minutes of recent meetings are posted to the District’s website. For additional information please contact the District Manager at (720) 213-6621 or visit our website at www.yourcmd.org.

2022 Directors Election / Call for Nominations: Attention eligible electors of the Conservatory Metropolitan district, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the District will hold its 2022 election on May 3, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. At that time two (2) directors will be elected to serve until May 2025, and one (1) director will be elected to serve until May 2023. Eligible electors of the District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form from the Designated Election Official (“DEO”) at <https://whitebearankele.com>.

The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form is the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, February 25, 2022**. If the DEO determines a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form is not sufficient, the form may be amended prior to 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2022. Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing of an insufficient form after this date and time. An Affidavit of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate must be submitted to the office of the DEO by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, February 28, 2022**.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that information on obtaining an absentee ballot may be obtained from the DEO, and applications for an absentee ballot must be filed with the DEO no later than the close of business on **April 26, 2022**. You may contact the DEO’s office at (303) 858-1800.

Native Grass: As you know many areas in and around the District are planted with native grass which is a great source of natural beautification and erosion control, requiring little maintenance and minimal annual moisture. These important attributes make native grasses an economic and environmentally sustainable landscaping solution for many communities in Colorado. However, like any vegetation, native grass can become dry and combustible, especially in drought conditions which have become more prevalent in recent years. The recent fire in Boulder County raised concerns for many homeowners living in and near native areas. While there is no way to eliminate wildfire danger completely, the District does mow its native areas between one and three times per year, and cuts the native grass back from fences and trails on a monthly basis to maintain “beauty bands” which also serve to create a break from the standing grasses and the inhabited areas.

Xeric Landscaping and Water Management: This year the District will again focus its attention on managing irrigation water consumption which comprises the single greatest annual budgetary line item. The Board of Directors met with Ivy Street Designs in January to discuss options to strategically convert areas of turfgrass to other, more water-wise landscaping alternatives. Such options may include hybrid or native grasses or strategically placed ornamental beds to reduce the overall irrigated area. This, combined with a review of the overall irrigation system efficiency and ongoing oversight, should yield meaningful results for years to come.

Reserve Study: The District recently engaged Reserve Advisors, LLC to update the 2019 Reserve Study. The District’s Board and consultants regularly review the District’s overall financial health and reserves to plan for and fund future repairs and replacement.