

July 2023

Ventana Metropolitan District

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Professionally Managed by WSDM – District Managers; 614 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Landscape Clean-Up

The recent storms have left quite a mess and have forced the landscape maintenance off track. Weisburg Landscape will be working their way through to clean-up the washed out areas, trim down the overgrown areas, and address the weeds. We ask for your patience while this work progresses.

As we approach the 4th of July, we ask that you keep our native surroundings in mind. The open areas around Ventana contain abundance of fire fuel. **Preventing fire protects your home!**

4th of July at the Rec Center

We expect a high amount of traffic at the Rec Center over the long weekend. If you plan to join in, remember that there is no food or alcohol permitted in the pool area and only four guests are permitted per household.

Safe and Sane Fireworks

The Fountain City Council has approved safe and sane fireworks. This includes non-explosive which are not intended to leave the ground. Specifically, they are small firework devices that produce audible or visual effects through combustion and contain less than 50mg of explosive composition.

Additional information on permissible fireworks can be found on [the City of Fountain website](#).

Flying or exploding fireworks or firecrackers are illegal! Report violators the Fountain Police non-emergency line .

FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Eric Farrar
Vice President: Christina Sparks
Treasurer/Secretary: Michael Laurencelle
Assistant Secretary: Rich Vorwaller
Assistant Secretary: Leo Schuhmacher

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Monday, July 17th

The final agenda will be posted on the website. You may also obtain a copy by contacting Management.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

WSDM – OFFICE:
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DISTRICT MANAGER:
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Heather Smith
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
Phone: 719-447-4840

Always visit the website first:

- New Resident Service Requests
- Recreation Center Great Room Reservations
- Architectural Improvement Applications
- Automatic Payment Enrollment
- Key Fob Requests
- Governing Document Downloads
- Community Event Info & Updates

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Ventana Metropolitan District
c/o WSDM – District Managers
P.O. Box 91479
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

SECURITY CONCERNS:

Signal 88 Dispatch
719-960-6233

ANIMAL CONTROL:

El Paso County Humane Society
Phone: 719-473-1741

FOUNTAIN POST OFFICE:

Address: 101 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Phone: 719-382-4623

General Reminders

- ◆ WSDM—District Managers office is opened Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For after hours District maintenance issues, please call 719-447-1777 and follow the prompts to be connected with after-hours service. Please call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies.
- ◆ Trash Pick-Up Days—Thursdays, weekly.
In observation of the 4th of July, Trash pick-up will be delayed one day the week of July 4th.

Large items can be collected by HBS for an additional fee. To schedule removal of large items, please call HBS Directly at 720-547-8600. HBS will request payment over the phone prior to scheduling pick-up of a large item.
- ◆ Next Board Meeting—Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
*Virtual: <https://video.cloudoffice.avaya.com/join/728897121>
Phone: 213-463-4500 / Access Code: 728-897-121
In Person: Ventana Recreation Center—11007 Hidden Prairie Pkwy*

All meeting dates are subject to change. Contact Management or check the district website to confirm prior to each meeting.

SIGN UP FOR THE ACH PROGRAM

Save time and money and never miss a payment again! Sign up to have your payments automatically debited from your checking or savings account.

Visit <https://form.jotform.com/210387584903057> and click the green “Start Filling” button to submit an ACH application.

Contact Management with any questions regarding the ACH process.



A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don’t forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don’t forget the cake.
7. Find a location with a good view of a professional firework display.

Visit the following website to view a map of all the permitted professional firework displays available throughout Colorado this year.

[July 4, 2023 Colorado Firework Shows](#)

Celebrate our Nation’s 247th Birthday safely by joining in the fun at any of these public events.

