FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we wrap up 2012, it feels like a lot has transpired in the Eagle Bend Metro District #2 this year and your Board is actively planning for 2013. In this our last newsletter of the year we have a number of topics which we hope you will find informative.

On page 2, Tom Coker, our Board Vice President and a member of the City of Aurora Citizens Advisory Budget Committee writes about a couple of November ballot issues, one of which could have a significant impact on traffic flow and the convenience of Eagle Bend residents in reaching other parts of the metropolitan area.

Page 3 includes another introduction by Pat Goodman to a local business in the Eagle Bend Marketplace. Heritage Animal Hospital is located on the west end of the Safeway building and is a convenient location for your pet care needs.

Your District Board keeps its ear to the ground for the potential of additional commercial development within District boundaries to help share the tax burden with those of us already living in the District. The announcement of a new freestanding emergency medical facility at the SW corner of Dry Creek and Gartrell Road is on page 4. Also on page 4 is the announcement of the time and date of the annual public budget hearing for the District.

Bruce Simner discusses the wrap up of the landscape maintenance operations for the District on page 5 and also gives us a preview of what he will be working on in 2013. Bruce expects to have cost sharing funds available for next year.

On page 6 you will find information on an emergency preparedness program currently in existence at Heritage Eagle Bend which could be extended to Ridgeview Eagle Bend and Creekside Eagle Bend if an interest in participating exists in either of those communities.

On page 7, Rex Rexroat discusses the fascinating topic of why water costs what water costs and why it isn’t as simple as what the City bills us for what we use. Parts and electricity and reserves and consultants and managers all are necessary to get the liquid out of the ground and keep the system operating.

Larry Geiger, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Held at Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse
23568 E. Heritage Parkway  l  Aurora, CO  80016

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NOTE: The above constitutes NOTICE to all property owners within EAGLE BEND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2 of the meetings scheduled.

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Although personnel with the Master Homeowner’s Association operate and maintain the irrigation system for the golf course and other common landscaped areas across the community, the Eagle Bend Metropolitan District No. 2 is currently providing the irrigation water supply. The District, working in conjunction with Aurora Water, has developed four water sources: two wells into the Arapahoe Aquifer, a 6-inch connection to East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District’s (ECCV) western pipeline near E-470, and a 2-inch connection to the Aurora’s potable water system (which is available for emergency use). For the 2012 irrigation season, a total of about 88 million gallons was supplied. The balance of water obtained from each of the sources is shown on the following charts.

The District incurs different operating and maintenance expenses and charges for water obtained from each of the sources. Some of the major expenses incurred by the District to supply water so far this year are listed below:

- Aurora Water invoices $101,000
- Xcel electrical charges $70,000
- Replacement electrical equipment at South well $59,000
- Replacement flow meters at both wells $7,000
- Operating and maintenance personnel $9,000

As is the case with any mechanical equipment (think of your car), there are both routine maintenance expenses that can be scheduled and budgeted for, along with unanticipated expenses that must be paid for from reserves (since the District has historically chosen not to borrow money and incur interest expenses for operating and maintenance expenses). The District also funds a reserve account to pay for a replacement well pump and motor (about $100,000 every 6 to 10 years) and to drill a replacement well (about $400,000 every 20 to 30 years) as these components reach the end of their useful lives. Finally, the District is constantly on the lookout for additional sources of water in the event that a more cost effective and/or reliable supply becomes available to augment our existing sources.

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- Improvement of safety at the Heritage Parkway and Garratt Road intersection.
- Warning signs and entry way improvements along the S. Aurora Parkway and Eagle Bend corridor.
- The widening of Arapahoe Road to at least a four lanes from Himalaya to Waco St.
- The expansion of Gun Club Road/S. Aurora Parkway to at continued four lane road from Orchard Rd. to Quincy Ave.

The District is pleased that the City of Aurora (COA) has placed on the November Ballot, Aurora Ballot Question 2B. The measure extends a 2 mill property tax due to expire in 2014 to fund improvements in the citywide transportation system. The cost is $32.47 per year for every $200,000 of home value or $2.70 per month. The opponents of the issue point out that this is a tax increase because if the issue is not approved, the mill levy will be decreased by 2 mills.

**CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT PROPOSAL:**

There are a total of 21 projects that are part of the tax extension measure located throughout Aurora. A few of the more pertinent projects that might affect the District residents are:

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- Median development along South Aurora Parkway (near Library) from Smokey Hill to Arapahoe - .75 miles.
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- 6th Avenue Extension: SH30/Liverpool to E-470. Construct one half of a 6-lane arterial from Tower Road to E-470. Project includes land acquisition, environmental mitigation, roadway, and box culverts to cross Murphy Creek and Coal Creek tributary, etc. This project would link up with the 6th Ave. widening projects.
- Iliff LRT Station Structure Parking (900 Spaces). The City needs to participate with RTD and the station area developer in funding the construction of a parking structure to ensure that sufficient parking is provided and to ensure that sufficient land is provided for critical development. The cost is assumed to be split between Aurora, RTD, and the developer. Cost excludes possible parking fees. It is hoped that building this structure will take some pressure off of the RTD parking structure at Parker and I-225.

Much more detail on the 21 projects may be found on the COA website.

**AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-15-1 OF THE AURORA CITY CHARTER:**

This amendment is not a tax increase! The purpose of the amendment is to create a new Fire Department position called the "shift commander." The intent of the shift commander is to provide real time, direct oversight of the Fire Suppression Bureau which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The ballot vote is a requirement for any charter change and the charter states only through a ballot vote can the Aurora Fire and Police Departments create a new rank. The Police Department was successful in creating this rank in an earlier ballot vote.

Tom Coker serves on the Citizens Advisory Budget Committee for the COA, the Transportation and Governance Committee with COA Chamber of Commerce and the Campaign Committee supporting the passing of Aurora Ballot Question 2B. Tom has served on the Metro District Board for 9 years.

**HOW DO WE SET IRRIGATION WATER RATES?**

Although personnel with the Master Homeowner’s Association operate and maintain the irrigation system for the golf course and other common landscaped areas across the community, the Eagle Bend Metropolitan District No. 2 is currently providing the irrigation water supply. The District, working in conjunction with Aurora Water, has developed four water sources: two wells into the Arapahoe Aquifer, a 6-inch connection to East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District’s (ECCV) western pipeline near E-470, and a 2-inch connection to the Aurora’s potable water system (which is available for emergency use). For the 2012 irrigation season, a total of about 88 million gallons was supplied. The balance of water obtained from each of the sources is shown on the following charts.

The District incurs different operating and maintenance expenses and charges for water obtained from each of the sources. Some of the major expenses incurred by the District to supply water so far this year are listed below:

- Aurora Water invoices $101,000
- Xcel electrical charges $70,000
- Replacement electrical equipment at South well $59,000
- Replacement flow meters at both wells $7,000
- Operating and maintenance personnel $9,000

As is the case with any mechanical equipment (think of your car), there are both routine maintenance expenses that can be scheduled and budgeted for, along with unanticipated expenses that must be paid for from reserves (since the District has historically chosen not to borrow money and incur interest expenses for operating and maintenance expenses). The District also funds a reserve account to pay for a replacement well pump and motor (about $100,000 every 6 to 10 years) and to drill a replacement well (about $400,000 every 20 to 30 years) as these components reach the end of their useful lives. Finally, the District is constantly on the lookout for additional sources of water in the event that a more cost effective and/or reliable supply becomes available to augment our existing sources.

Each year the District reviews the charges from Aurora Water, historic operating and maintenance expenses, and long term capital investment needs and establishes a single flat rate that the HEBMA will be charged for the water. For the past two years, this rate has been $4.00 per thousand gallons. There are numerous other factors that the District considers when setting the rate; a process which is complicated by the terms and conditions of the various intergovernmental agreements between the District and Aurora Water and between Aurora Water and ECCV. One example of this is that a portion of the charges we pay to Aurora Water for ECCV water (about $5.50 per thousand gallons) is applied to repaying Aurora Water for their funding the construction of the ECCV water service pipeline back in 2009. Recognizing that Aurora’s reclaimed water and raw water systems are not accessible at Heritage/Eagle Bend, the cooperative agreements enable the District to provide a reliable irrigation water supply at a cost significantly below the standard Aurora Water charges for other irrigation customers.

Rex Rexroat, VP Water Operations
From the President

As we wrap up 2012, it feels like a lot has transpired in the Eagle Bend Metro District #2 this year and your Board is actively planning for 2013. In this our last newsletter of the year we have a number of topics which we hope you will find informative.

On page 2, Tom Coker, our Board Vice President and a member of the City of Aurora Citizens Advisory Budget Committee writes about a couple of November ballot issues, one of which could have a significant impact on traffic flow and the convenience of Eagle Bend residents in reaching other parts of the metropolitan area.

Page 3 includes another introduction by Pat Goodman to a local business in the Eagle Bend Market Place. Heritage Animal Hospital is located on the west end of the Safeway building and is a convenient location for your pet care needs.

Your District Board keeps its ear to the ground for the potential of additional commercial development within District boundaries to help share the tax burden with those of us already living in the District. The announcement of a new freestanding emergency medical facility at the SW corner of Dry Creek and Gartrell Road is on page 4. Also on page 4 is the announcement of the time and date of the annual public budget hearing for the District.

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On page 6 you will find information on an emergency preparedness program currently in existence at Heritage Eagle Bend which could be extended to Ridgeview Eagle Bend and Creekside Eagle Bend if an interest in participating exists in either of those communities.

Rex Rexroat discusses on page 7 the fascinating topic of why water costs what water costs and why it isn’t as simple as what the City bills us for what we use. Parts and electricity and reserves and consultants and managers all are necessary to get the liquid out of the ground and keep the system operating.

Bruce Simner discusses the wrap up of the landscape maintenance operations for the District on page 5 and also gives us a preview of what he will be working on in 2013. Bruce expects to have cost sharing funds available for next year.

Larry Geiger, President