District Office Receives Long Awaited Refresh

After months of renovations, District offices have an updated look and feel as new paint hit the walls, old carpet was removed and new hardwood flooring has been laid down. Countertops and tile in all the bathrooms was replaced and new furniture has been added to the lobby area for guests to enjoy.

Denver Metro Water Festival Celebrates Another Year of Water Learning for Students

The fourth annual Denver Metro Water Festival was held on May 17, 2017 at Auraria Campus in downtown Denver. The festival brings together over 1,300 sixth graders from Jefferson County Public Schools, Cherry Creek Public Schools, Douglas County Public Schools and Denver Public Schools.

The festival brought in over 75 presenters from 30 Colorado businesses and organizations to engage students in everything from the water cycle, water law and weather patterns to poetry, avalanche mitigation and water pollution.

For more information visit: denvermetrowaterfest.org

Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District’s original building was built in 1984 after employees spent years working from the pump station located on West Ken Caryl Avenue. As the District grew, more employees and equipment were needed to manage operations of the District’s systems, the Board decided to expand the office building. Thus, in 1999, Platte Canyon added additional garage space for vehicles and equipment, office space for employees and more parking for customers and guests.

Eighteen years later, the District office was in need of a few key updates. As such, the District contracted with interior design firm Genterro, LLC in October of 2016 to carry out $200,000 of necessary remodel work.
**Project Updates and News**

**Welcome, Cynthia Lane, Assistant Manager for Administration!**

The District would like to welcome its newest addition, Assistant Manager for Administration Cynthia Lane. Cynthia began on April 10th, 2017 bringing with her vast and varied experience in both the public and private sectors. Hailing from northern Maryland, Cynthia made the move west in 2011 when her position within the American Water Works Association offered an opportunity in Colorado. When the chance to join Platte Canyon presented itself, Cynthia jumped at the opportunity to work with the tight knit District and share her experience and unique combination of talents. Some of Cynthia’s duties for the District include contract administration, human resource management, and managing special projects as needed. When not performing these tasks Cynthia loves to travel to new and exotic locations as well as spending time outdoors skiing, riding her bike, hiking, and camping.

**New pumps, pipes, and control systems.**

- New pumps, pipes, and control systems.
- West Oregon Avenue, West Ontario Circle, and West Portland Drive are included.
- The reinstallation and rehabilitation of aging piping, pumps, and control systems at the Jand J Morse Water Pump Station is expected to move into the construction phase June 5.
- The Estates subdivision is expected to move connections throughout the Normandy and reestablishment of 145 service sewer-main piping, 39 concrete manholes.
- Extensive rehabilitation of 8,770 feet of all inlet and discharge piping should be complete.
- The pump station, it was determined that the replacement and rehabilitation of aging piping, pumps, and control systems at the Jand J Morse Water Pump Station was completed March 17th and all related services have been restored.
- Based on an engineering evaluation of the pump station, it was determined that all inlet and discharge piping should be replaced together with all pumps, motors, and electrical components.
- **Normandy Estates Sewer Main Rehabilitation**
  - Extensive rehabilitation of 8,770 feet of sewer-main piping, 39 concrete manholes and reestablishment of 145 service connections throughout the Normandy Estates subdivision is expected to move into the construction phase June 5. The areas included in this project are runs of pipe on:
    - South Depew Street,
    - West Ontario Avenue,
    - West Ontario Circle,
    - South Sheridan Boulevard,
    - West Plymoun Drive,
    - West Ottawa Drive,
    - South Gray Court,
    - West Portland Drive and West Quares Drive.

**South Morning Glory Lane Water Main Replacement**

The 1,946 foot run of six inch cast-iron pipe located on South Morning Glory Lane between Blue Sage Drive and West Berry Avenue will be replaced with PVC pipe. This project is in the design phase.

**Replacement of PRV at West Frost Drive & South Webster Street**

The replacement of the six inch pressure reducing valve (PRV) and piping within the District’s PRV vault located at the corner of West Frost Drive and South Webster Street is in the design phase.

For the most up to date information available on these projects, please visit our website at www.PlateCanyon.org.

**Funding Passes for Colorado Schools Water Safety Bill**

*Thankfully, the skies opened up often this year and the moisture we’ve seen in many places along the Front Range has given us a spring full of green and growth. Thus, we are not experiencing assigned watering schedules, although mandatory watering rules are still in effect. To avoid being fined for irresponsible watering practices, remember:*

- Water during cooler times of the day—lawn watering is not allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Water no more than three days per week.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.

The easiest way to follow these rules and still have a yard your neighbors will be jealous of is to follow a method called cycle and soak. Watering areas in increments allows the soil time to soak up the water it needs and reach the roots, creating a healthier lawn. The scheduling feature on your irrigation controller can allow you to break up the start times and reduce the watering time for individual zones and cycles. Manual sprinklers and hand watering are also options you may consider and the cycle and soak method still applies. Typically an hour between cycles gives the soil enough time to absorb the water deep into the roots.

**Sumertime Watering Tips to Help keep your Lawn and Wallet Green**

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