

A thank you, an Open House & Two Tuesdays with Travis

Infrastructure investments pay immediate & obvious dividends.

Many thanks to the several dozen homeowners who joined me for one of five guided tours of our newly renovated water treatment plant. By all accounts, the tours were fantastic. Check out the feedback and photos on pages three through six below. We are eager to schedule additional tours. Interested homeowners and HOAs should contact our communications director, Ken Smith, at ken@cpnmd.org.

We've invested roughly \$3 million in our water treatment plant this year. With the board's blessing, I anticipate investing another \$7 million in water-infrastructure upgrades in 2023. Cost figures for the infrastructure improvements and system upgrades we executed over the last ten months are about seventeen percent less than the projected costs identified in the Parker Water & Sanitation District Inclusion condition assessment, even as we make capital investments beyond those identified.

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Invitation #1: Open House

Please join us for an **Open House** at our \$12 million InterConnect Pump Station & Pipeline, conduits for our community's 1,006 acre-feet of renewable water stored in Chatfield Reservoir.

Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Location: CPNMD's InterConnect Pump Station

Directions: Located adjacent to Highlands Ranch, roughly two blocks south of

Rocky Heights Middle School, on the west side of north Monarch Blvd. Turn left/west onto an obscure dirt road we will mark with balloons,

signage, and a greeter that morning.

RSVP: Because the InterConnect Pump Station & Pipeline are critical

infrastructure, we require RSVPs. Please RSVP via our web-based form

no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 27, 2022.

Invitation #2: Two Tuesdays with Travis

Please join me for **Two Tuesdays with Travis** — a twice-monthly series of informal discussions about any CPNMD-specific topic on your mind.

Dates: Tuesday, November 1 & 8, and the first two Tuesdays each month after

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Location: Castle Pines North Metro District

Address: 7404 Yorkshire Drive, Castle Pines, 80108

We will provide morning refreshments. RSVPs are unnecessary. **Simply show up with a neighbor and your coffee mugs, and let's catch up!** (We will remind you as we get closer to the two Tuesdays each month.)



Here's what your neighbors say about their experiences touring our water treatment plant...

"Thanks so much for coordinating the tour of the Water Treatment Plant. It was very enjoyable and educational. Most impressive is the extent of knowledge and expertise Ken and Nathan exhibit. There was no hesitation from Nathan on the most technical questions about plant operations or recent issues the District experienced. It's obvious Nathan is the logical choice as the District Manager for the District as there is no substitute for the "Tribal Knowledge," relationships, and skills he has developed over the years. Thanks again for taking the time to educate us. Keep the tours going as long as possible; they are an invaluable service to our community."



Scott & Susie Ellison

Royal Hill Neighborhood Homeowners since 1990



"What a great tour! We learned all kinds of information and have much greater respect for the amount and quality of work CPNMD's team does. The tour was interesting, informative, and enjoyable and gives us confidence in the services CPNMD provides and the resulting water quality for our community. Keep up the good work."

Steve & Donna Packard 5-Year Knights Bridge Neighborhood Homeowners





"I'm impressed! Before our tour, I frankly had some concerns and questions about our water treatment system and capacity. In the short term, I left the tour confident in our drinking water quality and supplies. In the longer term, I'm eager to see how CPNMD's Inclusion negotiations progress with our neighbor, the Centennial Water & Sanitation District. For those in our community wanting critical resource security and sustainability with lower water bills, rate increases, and cost trajectories in future years, I think integrating CPNMD's water and wastewater utilities with a larger water provider is probably the most responsible way to achieve that objective."



Nancy Pellegren

Castle Pines' Native & Buffalo Ridge Neighborhood Homeowner



"Our water plant tour was informative and well organized. It presented the in-depth details of the entire operation. As an engineer, I appreciated the nuts-to-bolts explanation of each step in the water-treatment process. Hats off to our metro district! I encourage fellow homeowners to check it out."

Steve Gransee 23-Year Noble Ridge Neighborhood Homeowner





I now understand that water is more than something we drink, bathe in, irrigate the yard, and flush down our toilets. Believe me, the tour was more than learning about where our water comes from — we also learned about the incredibly complex journey it takes as surface water or deep-well aquifer water to our taps.

"Under the guidance of the district's interim district manager, Nathan Travis — a man with more than a decade of service to our community and over twenty years of field experience — we embarked on a tour that none of us will soon forget. We entered a building filled with pipes, humming electric motors, computers, chemical injectors, generators, and a giant storage tank and learned that the treatment of safe-to-drink



water is a complex and highly technical operation. I came away thinking that potable drinking water is, in some respects, analogous to crude oil that comes into a refinery in a raw state and may leave as refined jet fuel. Both processes require knowledge, skill, diligence, and highly specialized 24/7 operations in modern, secure facilities.

"Admittedly, the early morning coffee and the yummy locally sourced Bundt cakes were a draw. Soon after our early morning meet-n-greet, we were shuttled to a clean, modern-looking plant. We were guided through the entire water treatment process and met various plant operators, who explained their respective jobs in detail. Nathan's technical expertise and knowledge of the plant's operation instilled in the dozen or so of us on the tour confidence that the metro district's water is consistently safe to drink and high-quality. He explained future plant improvements and the district's ongoing efforts to ensure reliable and sustainable sources of renewable water for the future of Castle Pines residents.

"Thanks for the great tour and the public outreach. When I got home from the tour, I had a big glass of water and really enjoyed it!"

Don Reese

20-year Brambleridge Neighborhood Homeowner





















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