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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Edwards Metropolitan District Residents,

Spring has arrived in Edwards, and this year it is bringing warmer and drier conditions earlier than usual. Like much of Eagle County and the Western Slope, our community is continuing to feel the effects of serious drought, with low snowpack and below-normal stream flows.

In this Spring edition of the Edwards Quarterly, we are pleased to share updates on EMD projects, water conservation, wildfire preparedness, sustainability efforts, community programs, and upcoming events.

As we head into the warmer months, programs like neighborhood chipping, wildfire assessments, recycling, and other community efforts will

continue to help support a safe and resilient Edwards.

The Board also recently completed a community-wide survey to better understand the priorities and interests of residents. Thank you to everyone who participated. A summary is included in this edition, and the full results are available on the District website.

We always appreciate hearing from members of the community. Whether you have a question, a concern, or an idea to share, we welcome your input. Monthly Board meetings are held at the Edwards Field House and via Zoom on the third Thursday of each month at noon.

Warm regards,
Edwards Metropolitan District
Board of Directors

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2025 Annual Audit Report

McMahan and Associates has completed the District's 2025 annual audit and issued an unqualified, or clean, opinion. This means the financial statements are fairly presented and free from material errors or omissions.

The audit also reflects the District's strong financial position, including no outstanding debt.

The full audit report is available on the District website [HERE](#).

Community Sentiment Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Community Sentiment Survey. We truly appreciate the time residents took to share their feedback. Your input provides valuable insight into the issues that matter most to the Edwards Metropolitan District community and the quality of services being provided.

So, what matters most to our residents? Based on 277 survey responses, several key priorities emerged:

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION:

Traffic, roads, and the need for additional transportation infrastructure were the most frequently mentioned concerns. Residents highlighted safety, congestion on Highway 6, and traffic bottlenecks at roundabouts as pressing issues.

GROWTH AND LAND USE / DEVELOPMENT:

The survey also revealed concerns about overdevelopment, high-density housing, and the preservation of natural areas and open spaces. Respondents noted the need for workforce housing and expressed concern that existing infrastructure is not keeping pace with growth.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Public safety was another top priority, particularly fire protection, wildfire mitigation, and evacuation planning. These were consistently identified as critical issues for the community.

TOP SIX ISSUES RANKED BY RESPONDENTS:

1. Wildfire preparedness
2. Street improvements

3. Parks and recreation
4. Pedestrian improvements
5. Support for regional transit activities
6. Landscaping and aesthetic improvements

These survey results provide essential insight into community priorities and will directly inform Board discussions, budgeting decisions, and service improvements. The Edwards Metropolitan District remains committed to transparency and responsiveness as we use this feedback to guide future planning and enhance the quality of services for all residents.

You can view the full presentation prepared by Magellan Strategies and survey results on the [HERE](#).

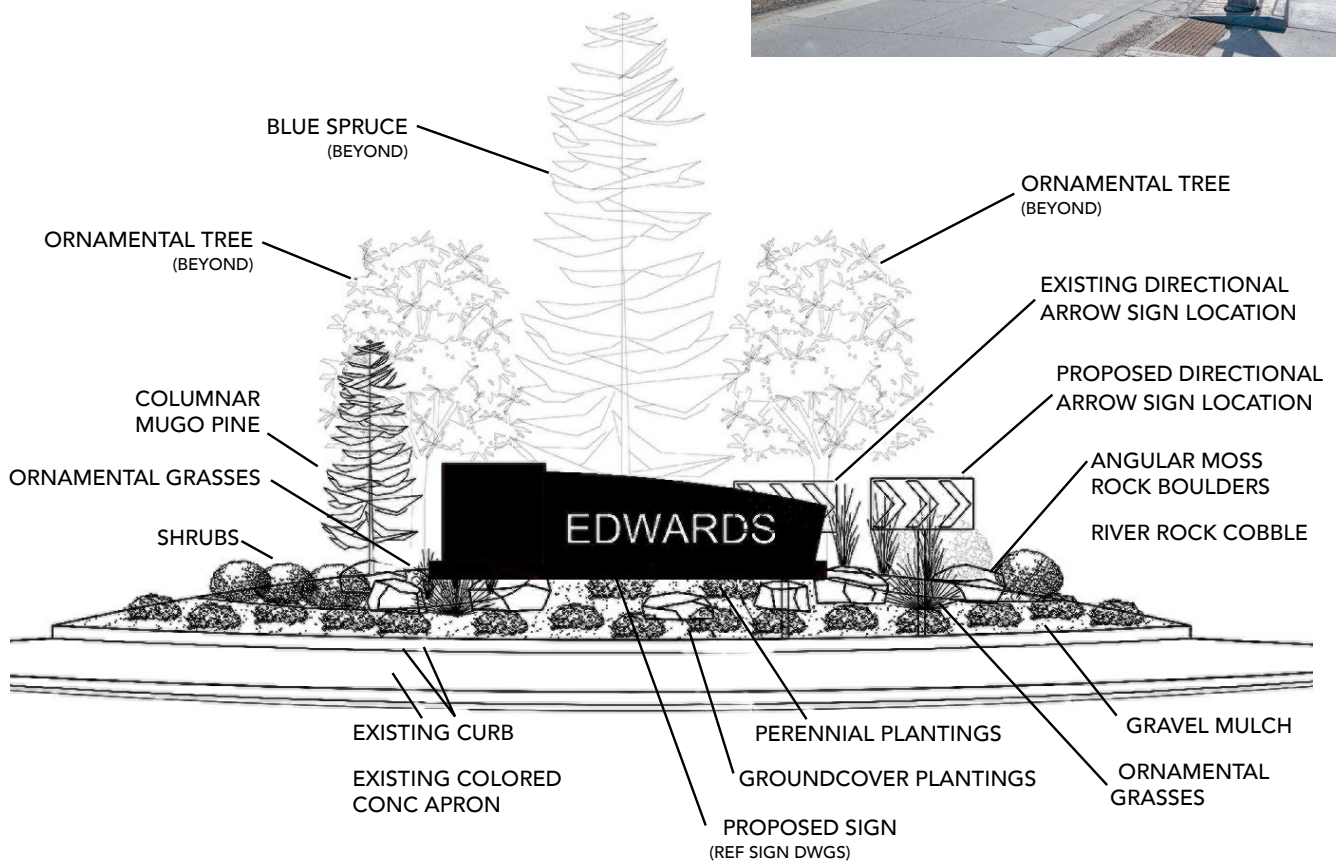


Mountain Recreation Survey

Mountain Recreation District is developing its first-ever Comprehensive Recreational Services Master Plan to guide facilities, programs and investments across the District. Your input is a critical part of this process and will help identify needs, service gaps and priorities for Mountain Recreation's future and the unique character of Eagle County. Take the survey [HERE](#).

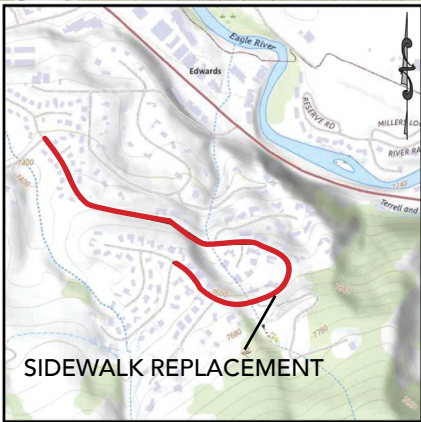
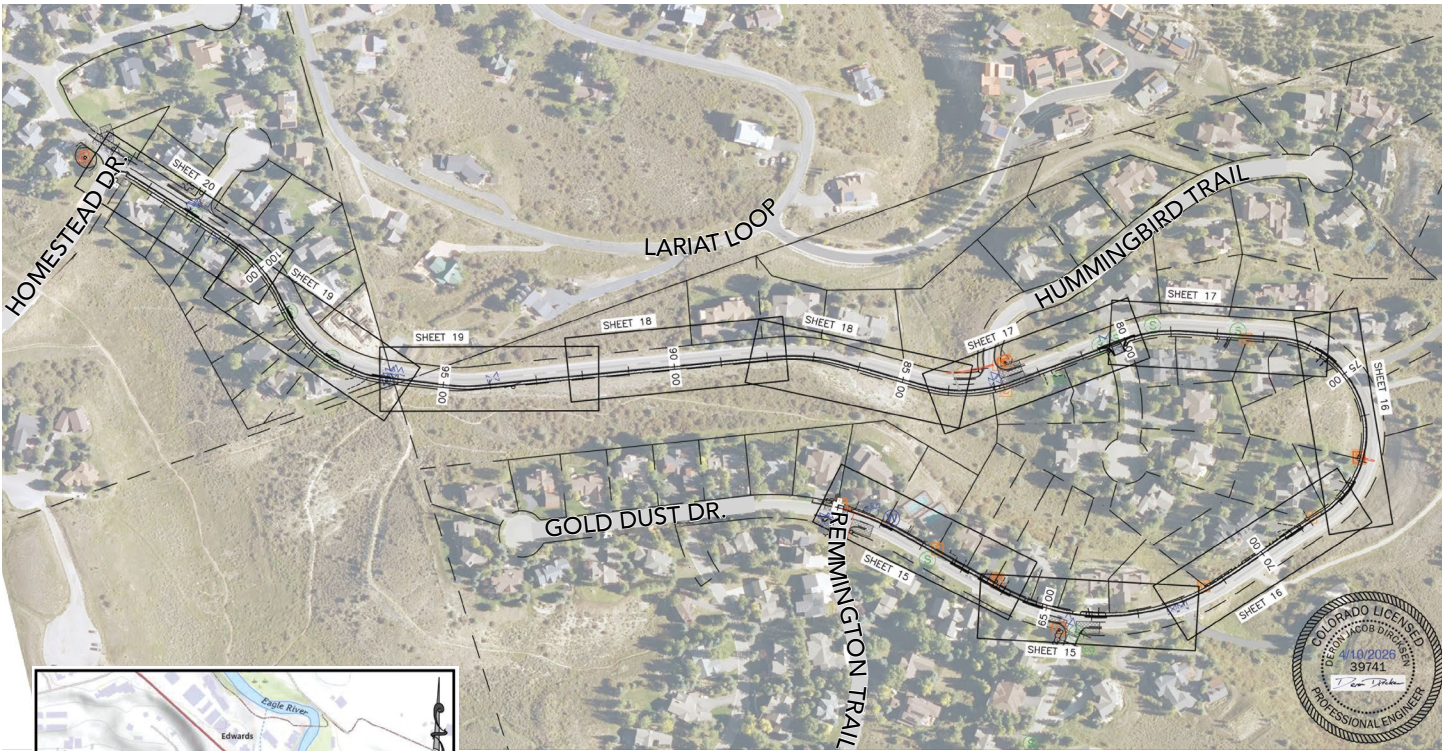
Hillcrest Roundabout Landscaping Enhancement

Following completion of the Hillcrest roundabout, postponed landscaping improvements from last year, together with a new entrance sign, will create a welcoming arrival feature for residents and visitors entering the west side of Edwards. The District has worked closely with Zehren & Associates to create a comprehensive drought tolerant planting guide. The landscape design planned for the center of the Hillcrest Drive roundabout is intended to complement the existing roundabouts along Edwards Access Road.



I-70 Underpass Pedestrian Rail Repairs and Repainting

Pedestrian railings will be repaired and repainted to improve safety, extend lifespan, and refresh appearance.



Gold Dust Drive Sidewalk Improvements - Homestead

Approximately 4,500 linear feet of sidewalk will be reconstructed to improve safety and walkability by addressing cracking, surface flaking, and uneven areas.



Old Edwards Estates Pond

EMD has engaged Zehren and Associates to assess the Old Edwards Estates pond. The next phase will focus on reviewing existing information and gathering additional data to help guide future decisions for the site.

EMD Curbside Woody Debris Pick-Up Dates

FOUR CURBSIDE WOODY DEBRIS PICK-UP DATES FOR 2026
MAY 17, JUNE 14, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 18

Please have your piles neatly stacked on these dates for pick-up in the days that follow. Mark your calendars, and watch for more details as the first May date approaches.

In 2026, the District is maintaining funding at \$100,000 (\$50,000 for the Chipping Program and \$50,000 for home assessments). Nearly 100 tons of burnable vegetation were removed from Edwards neighborhoods in 2025, and over 170 structure assessments were completed, helping homeowners reduce fire risks around their properties.



These programs not only assist in safeguarding residents and properties but also enhance eligibility for grants and may improve insurance rates.

Learn more about these programs including the schedule for EMD residents at Eagle Valley Wildland.

Homeowners can also take additional steps to protect their property by visiting: [Are You Wildfire Ready?](#)

Please stay informed about fire bans in Eagle County and the National Forest by checking [Eagle County Alerts](#) and [National Forest fire restriction](#) updates, and please follow all posted restrictions.

Hard-to-Recycle & Shredding Event

JUNE 19, 2026

Edwards Metro District is proud to partner with Berry Creek Metro District and Cordillera Metro District to host the annual Hard-to-Recycle & Shredding Event at the Edwards Field House, located at 450 Miller Ranch Road.

Shredding:

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Limit of 3 boxes per household

Hard-to-Recycle Collection:

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Batteries will be accepted this year! Please review event instructions and the full list of accepted items for details. Battery collection is limited to one barrel by the recycler, and it fills up quickly, so come early if you have a battery to recycle!



**All battery terminals must be taped in accordance with the Battery Handling Policy. Car Batteries are not accepted.*

Materials Not Accepted:

To review the materials not accepted list, please visit our website [HERE](#).

Accepted Materials

General mixed e-waste, including:

- Computer peripherals and business electronics
- Countertop appliances
- Audio/visual equipment
- Electric tools
- RC and electronic toys
- And more...
- Computers, including laptops, towers, servers, and all-in-one units
- Cell phones, tablets, and e-readers
- Flat-screen TVs and monitors
- Intact CRT ("tube") TVs and monitors
- Wires and cables
- Batteries

Shift Bike Returns for Another Season

MAY 1, 2026

EMD is proud to continue its partnership with the Town of Vail, EagleVail Metro District, the Town of Avon, Eagle County, and Shift Bike to provide convenient e-bike access from Edwards to Vail. Edwards Shift Bike stations are located at Freedom Park, Colorado Mountain College, Riverwalk at Edwards, Eagle River Village.

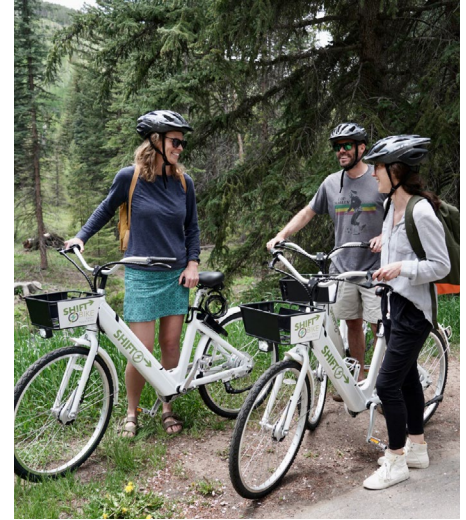
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Edwards Shift Bike stations are

located at Freedom Park, Colorado Mountain College, Riverwalk at Edwards, Eagle River Village Mobile Home Park, and Brett Ranch. Residents and visitors can rent and return bikes at any station between Edwards and Vail, making it an easy and eco-friendly way to get around.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Bike-to-Work Day on June 24, 2026.

To learn more or get started, download the Shift Bike app or visit the official [Shift e-bike webpage](#).



2026
*Community Pride
Highway Cleanup*
May 2, 2026

For more information, visit
[the Eagle River Coalition's
Community pride event](#)
The event is organized by the Eagle River Coalition

Wet Trails Closed Reminder

Please remember to incorporate good mud-season etiquette into your recreation plans. Muddy trails and roads are easily damaged by heavy foot, motor vehicle, bike and horse traffic. Stepping off-trail to avoid muddy or flooded areas can widen trails, damage surrounding plants and create further drainage issues on the trail itself.



Wet or muddy trails in Eagle County are considered closed to help prevent long-term damage. Visit the [Eagle County website](#) for more details.



Bearwise Program

Help prevent conflicts with bears by securing trash, removing bird feeders, and storing grills safely. Visit [Bearwise.org](#) for more information.



Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Colorado

MAY 9, 2026

Join the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Colorado at Freedom Park in Edwards for a colorful and family-friendly community event benefiting a great cause. Participants may run, walk, skip, or dance through a course featuring color stations, with a choice of either a 1-mile or 2.3-mile route.

Visit [Eagle County Color Torch Run](#) for more details.

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Special Olympics Colorado

EAGLE COUNTY COLOR TORCH RUN

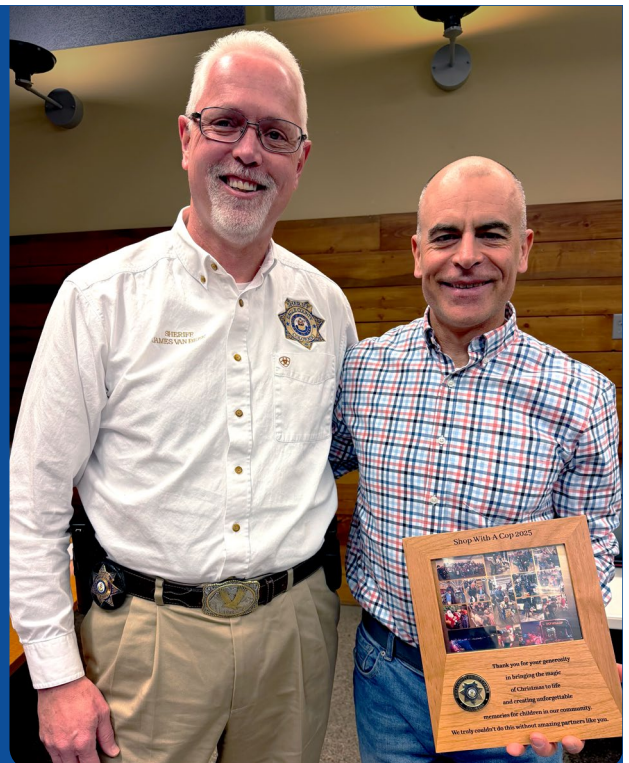
MAY 9, 2026 | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

FREEDOM PARK | EDWARDS, CO

Get ready to shine at the Eagle County Color Torch Run, Eagle's most exciting and colorful 5K!

Scan to Register

Eagle County Sheriff James Van Beek presented Mike Trueblood, President of the Edwards Metro District, with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the District's continued support and partnership with local public safety, including its support of the 2025 Shop with a Cop program.



How to Appeal Property Taxes - Property Tax Information

The current 2025/2026 property valuation is based on market data from June 30, 2024. If you wish to appeal your property

value or classification, objections may be submitted from May 1, 2026 through June 8, 2026.

For more information, please visit the [Eagle County Assessor's webpage](#).

2026 OUTDOOR WATER USE SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO OUTDOOR WATER USE	NO OUTDOOR WATER USE	EVEN	ODD	NO OUTDOOR WATER USE	EVEN	ODD

Outdoor water use may only occur from midnight to 8am or 8pm to midnight on your designated watering day.

Your watering schedule is determined by the last digit of your street address. **Due to the 2026 water shortage, each property has a maximum of two designated watering days.** These regulations are in effect year-round.

Effective Immediately

ERWSD is implementing a new two-day-per-week outdoor watering schedule.

Customers may water outdoors on the two designated days based on the number of their street address,

and watering is only allowed between midnight and 8 a.m. or 8 p.m. and midnight on those days. Customers are being asked to delay turning on sprinkler systems as long as possible despite the warm,

dry weather, and to wait until June.

Learn more about how the water shortage declaration may impact you and how you can help protect our community water supply [HERE](#).

Be Water and Fire Smart Town Hall

APRIL 30, 2026

With record-low snowpack and extreme drought, our water resources are under pressure. That's why we're teaming up with the Eagle County Wildfire Collaborative, Vail Fire and Emergency Services, Eagle River Fire

Protection District, and Eagle Valley Wildland to offer this free town hall on how to be water and fire smart for the community.

Come and learn from the experts on how to protect your home

from wildfire while helping safeguard our community's shared water supply.

The event will take place on April 30 at 5:00 pm at the Battle Mountain High School auditorium.

State of the River

MAY 6, 2026

Join the conversation around West Slope water at your local meeting!

Hosted by the Colorado River District and a variety of local partnership organizations in twelve

different watersheds, the State of the River event series is a spring tradition in western Colorado. Join your neighbors and local experts for a casual, public-information evening including not

only a look at the upcoming hydrology, but a summary of major western water issues, and a spotlight for the projects and priorities of each local community. [Click here to Register.](#)



Landscaping for Beauty and Conservation

Creating an attractive landscape doesn't require excessive water. Use native and drought-tolerant plants, smart irrigation controllers, and thoughtful design to conserve water while supporting pollinators and local ecosystems.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Smart Irrigation for High Elevation:** [Learn seasonal irrigation and maintenance strategies tailored to mountain climates.](#)
- **Sustainable Landscaping Inspiration:** Visit the [Betty Ford Alpine Gardens Sustainable Landscaping webpage](#) for high-alpine design ideas and best practices.
- **Plant Selection Guides:** Explore Colorado State University Extension's [Colorado Mountain Gardening Basics](#) and [Flowers for Mountain Communities](#) for regionally appropriate planting guidance.
- **Landscape Incentives and Evaluations:** Discover rebates and join the 2026 summer evaluation waitlist through [Beyond Lawn](#).

Holy Cross Energy Rate Update

Effective April 1, 2026, most members will see a new demand charge of \$1.00 per kW based on the highest 15-minute usage period each month. Energy charges remain about \$0.110/kWh for small residential customers. These changes encourage spreading appliance use throughout the day to help reduce overall costs. Learn more: [HERE](#).

Riverwalk at Edwards River Restoration Project

The Eagle River at Edwards Restoration Project is a multi-benefit effort designed to strengthen watershed resilience while enhancing community access along a highly visible river corridor. The project integrates riparian and bank restoration, water quality improvements, and durable trail connectivity to address ongoing soil erosion, sediment delivery, and loss of riparian vegetation caused by informal trails, stormwater runoff, and adjacent parking and snow storage areas. By stabilizing banks, improving stormwater management, and establishing sustainable trails, the project protects sensitive riverbank resources while creating a welcoming riverfront that supports recreation, environmental awareness, and long-term



stewardship of the Eagle River for future generations.

Planning is currently underway, and community members are invited to

be involved through educational opportunities and creative art displays that celebrate the river and foster stewardship. Please contact 970-306-6161

Edwards Metro District 2026 Rebates

Edwards Metropolitan District offers several rebate programs to help residents improve energy efficiency, conserve water, and support green transportation. Below is an overview of the rebate programs available in 2026.

1. E-BIKE REBATES

What: Rebates are available for the purchase of a new e-bike.

How much: Up to \$200 for qualifying residents, with a limit of 2 rebates per household.

How to apply: Visit the E-Bike Rebate Application for details and application information [HERE](#).

2. ENERGY REBATES

In partnership with Walking Mountains Science Center,

Edwards Metro District offers an Energy Efficiency Rebate Program to help residents and businesses reduce energy use and lower costs.

What: Eligible upgrades may include home energy assessments, weatherization, heat pumps, electric fireplaces, and more.

How much: Most rebates are available for up to \$1,000.

How to apply: Visit [Energy Efficiency Rebates](#) to learn more.

3. WATER EFFICIENCY REBATES

Edwards Metro District is proud to partner with the Eagle County Conservation District to bring the Beyond Lawn program to the community. This program helps

residents reduce outdoor water use while supporting native landscaping and biodiversity.

What: EMD homeowners may be eligible for an Irrigation System Rebate.

How much: Up to \$2,500 through a 50/50 cost-share program.

How to apply: An initial evaluation is required to qualify. Residents who completed an evaluation last year do not need a new one. Summer scheduling is now open, and appointments are expected to fill quickly. Rebate funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit EMD's [Water Efficiency Rebate Page](#) to view qualifying products and apply.

Edwards Area Development Updates

Information on the following projects can be found on [Eagle County's Active Land Use Applications page](#).

A. WEST RIVERVIEW TOWNHOMES

10 Townhomes
Status: In Eagle County planning review

B. MARGAUX PUD

32 Rental Apartments
Status: Approved

C. EDWARDS RIVER PARK

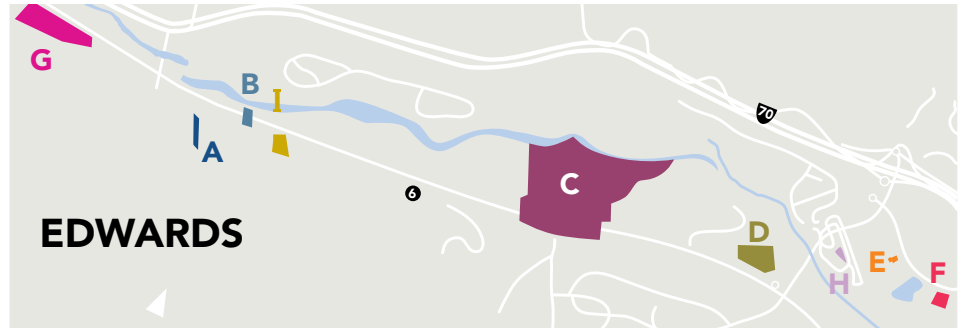
440 Rental and For Sale Units
Status: Approved

D. WEST END APARTMENTS

275 Rental Apartments
Status: Under Construction

E. COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE/EAGLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROJECT

30 Rental Apartments
Status: Under Construction



F. EAGLE COUNTY COMMONS

20 Rental Workforce Apartments and 27,857 SQ FT of government office space
Status: Completed

30 additional Parking Spaces at Freedom Park
Status: Active Land Use Application to be presented to the Board of County Commissions

G. ST CLAIRE OF ASSISI NEW CHURCH

Status: Approved

H. CDOT EMPLOYEE HOUSING

14 CDOT workforce units
Status: In Eagle County Planning Review

I. RIVERHOUSE COMMUNITY PARCEL

Status: In Eagle County Government Preplanning

Traffic Update

Traffic impacts related to construction of the West End Apartments project, located near the roundabout at Highway 6 and Edwards Access Road, are expected from May 8 through June 3, 2026.

LANE CLOSURES

The western southbound lane of Edwards Access Road, coming from I-70 and north of the Edwards Roundabout, will be closed.

The northern westbound lane of Highway 6, heading toward Lake Creek and west of the roundabout, will also be closed.



TRAFFIC ADJUSTMENTS

The northern westbound lane of Highway 6, coming from Avon and east of the roundabout, will be a right-turn only for traffic heading northbound to I-70.

The eastern northbound lane of

Edwards Access Road, coming from Homestead and south of the roundabout, will be right-turn or through only for traffic heading northbound to I-70.

PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT IMPACTS

Pedestrian crossings at the Edwards Roundabout will remain open; however, the sidewalk west of Gas House Restaurant will be closed.

CORE Transit Stop #271 will be temporarily closed through June 3.

For traffic questions or concerns, call 970-845-9200 or email info@westendedwards.com



Celebrating Local Athletes & Olympians

Mikaela Shiffrin made Edwards, Colorado, and the United States proud at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina, earning gold in the women's slalom, and capturing her third Olympic gold and fourth overall medal—the most for any U.S. alpine skier. Mikaela is now the most successful alpine ski racer in history, recently concluding a historic 2025–26 season by securing her record-tying sixth overall World Cup title. Go Mikaela!

Congratulations also to all Eagle County athletes, River Radamus, Tess Johnson, Liz Lemley, and Jake Pates, for representing Team USA with determination and sportsmanship.

We Value Hearing from You!

Your input matters to us. As decision-makers, we value clear, open communication and staying connected with our community—whether you're sharing what you enjoy most about living in Edwards, bringing something to our attention, or offering ideas for the future.

In addition to newsletters, e-blasts, and District events, we also invite you to share your photos for possible

inclusion on our website or in the Edwards Quarterly.

Do you have a favorite scenic view of Edwards, a memorable community moment, or a project you're proud of? We would love to feature your photos.

Please send your photos, along with a brief description, to magdalena@mwcpaa.com or submit them through our [contact page](#).

You can also reach us by phone at 970-926-6060 ext. 107.

Your input and creativity help us better serve the community and highlight what makes Edwards such a wonderful place to live!

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing your beautiful photos.

Stay connected with us. Follow Edwards Metro District on [Facebook](#).