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We Want to Hear from You!

Your thoughts and concerns are important to us as decision-makers. We recognize that effective communication is a two-way street, whether it's sharing what makes our community special, or an issue you are experiencing, we want to stay connected with you!

In addition to newsletters, e-blasts, and District events, we'd like to invite you to submit your

photos that we can include on our district website or in our Edwards Quarterly newsletter. Do you have a favorite scenic shot of Edwards, a fun community moment, or a project that showcases sustainable living? We'd love to feature your pictures!

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

For any other thoughts or feedback, you can also reach us by

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phone at 970-926-6060 ext. 107. Your input and creativity help us serve the community better and highlight what makes Edwards such a great 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](#) for the latest news, event updates, and community info.

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Edwards Metropolitan District Residents,

The Edwards Metropolitan District Board is pleased to share recent updates that reflect our continued commitment to safety, community, and fiscal responsibility.

This year, the District partnered with CDOT and the Colorado State Patrol to complete a beautification project at the Edwards Rest Area, adding new picnic tables and a bear-proof trash receptacle to create a cleaner, more welcoming space for families and visitors. Pedestrian crosswalk painting and lights are also planned for installation next spring, weather permitting. Moreover, we completed the curb and gutter repairs along Edwards Access Road.

Wildfire prevention remains a key focus. In 2025, nearly 100 tons of vegetation were removed and more than 170 home assessments completed through programs funded by \$100,000 from the District. These proactive efforts reduce wildfire risk, improve community safety, and support future grant opportunities. The 2026 budget plans to continue this investment in wildfire mitigation, while also funding sidewalk repairs on Gold Dust Drive in Homestead and improvements at the Hillcrest roundabout—all while maintaining the mill levy at 1.691 and keeping operating costs in line with inflation.

Residents will soon receive a brief, confidential text survey about community priorities—please take a few minutes to share your feedback.

Regarding other community updates, Edwards is buzzing with activity this season! The Edwards Metropolitan District is proud to



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sponsor the annual Shop with a Cop event, where local students shop and wrap gifts with first responders to brighten the holidays. Mountain Recreation celebrates the reopening of the Edwards Field House on Dec. 23 with a free open house. Volunteers are also needed to help maintain the Edwards Outdoor Ice Rinks this winter. The Sustainable Film Series continues at Riverwalk Theater, sparking conversations on environmental topics, and construction is underway for the Eagle County Commons Government Services Building, offering convenient access to a range of county services, alongside new workforce housing. Residents may also notice growth in housing, including the new West End Apartments, West River Townhomes, the Margaux rental community, Edwards River Park and and

Colorado Mountain College Student Housing Phase 3.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep Edwards safe, clean, and connected.

As always, we want to hear from you. If you have feedback, ideas, or would like to contribute a scenic photo of Edwards for Edwards Quarterly newsletter, please reach out at [HERE](#) or call 970-926-6060 ext. 107.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 PM at the Edwards Field House, with a Zoom option available.

Warm regards,
Edwards Metropolitan District
Board of Directors



Rest Area Enhancement Project

Edwards Metro District, in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol, is proud to share the completion of a meaningful beautification project at the Edwards Rest Area.

Through many hours of planning, coordination, and hands-on work, this important community space has been transformed into a welcoming and safe area for everyone to enjoy.

The improvements create a pleasant environment for the many children and families

who walk through the area on their way to and from school, as well as for residents and visitors who wish to stop for a picnic or simply enjoy a quiet moment outdoors.

New picnic tables and a bear-proof trash receptacle have been added to encourage community use while keeping the area clean and wildlife-friendly. We are proud to provide our Edwards community with a safe, clean, and more inviting space to gather and enjoy the outdoors. And there's more to come—keep an eye out for new pedestrian crosswalk lights next Spring as weather allows!

PROJECT COMPLETE

Repairs on Edwards Access Road

The District undertook a curb and gutter replacement project along Edwards Access Road. This project included the complete demolition of the existing concrete, hauling and disposal, preparation for new concrete, and installation of 1,054 square feet of new curb and gutter—covering all areas originally planned.

During construction, the District also identified defects on



the pedestrian bridge along the road, including some bulging. This important repair work was addressed as part of the

project, ensuring a safer community for all residents and visitors.

We appreciate your patience during construction and are proud to provide improvements that enhance both safety and the overall appearance of our neighborhood.





Wildfire Prevention Recap

EMD continues to fund programs that reduce wildfire risk and create defensible spaces around homes. This year, nearly 100 tons of burnable vegetation was removed from Edwards neighborhoods through the Eagle County Chipping Program. The program was funded with \$100,000 from the District (\$50,000 for chipping and \$50,000 for home assessments). Over 170 structure assessments were completed, helping homeowners reduce fire risks around their properties.

These programs not only protect our community but also enhance eligibility for grants and may improve insurance rates. The 2026 budget anticipates continuing funding for wildfire mitigation efforts. Learn more about these programs [here](#).

PROTECT YOUR HOME

Learn more about wildfire readiness at: [Are You Wildfire Ready?](#)



2026 Budget Highlights

The Board has approved the 2026 budget, keeping the mill levy at 1.691. Operating costs will stay in line with inflation, with continued funding for fire mitigation programs and major projects like sidewalk repairs on Gold Dust Drive.

The General Fund, supported by property taxes, is projected to generate \$519,000 from taxes and \$175,000 from other income sources, with \$506,000 in expenditures.

The Sales Tax Fund (from the District's 1% sales tax) will support roadway and pedestrian projects, including Hillcrest roundabout landscaping and signage (postponed from 2025), the repair and repaint of the pedestrian railings under the I-70 underpass and on- and

off- ramps, and sidewalk improvements. It is expected to generate \$1.65 million in revenue, with \$2 million in planned expenditures (partially funded through reserves).

Overall, the 2026 budget maintains the District's strong financial position while continuing to invest in essential infrastructure and community enhancements. The Board remains committed to responsible fiscal management and continued improvements that enhance safety, accessibility, and the overall quality of life in Edwards. These investments reflect a balanced approach to maintaining essential services while advancing key capital projects that support safe, attractive, and sustainable public spaces for the community.

Community Sentiment Survey

Be on the lookout! Residents of Edwards Metro District will soon receive a text invitation to participate in a community survey about local issues and service quality. The survey is completely confidential and will take about 12 minutes to complete. Your input directly impacts decisions affecting our community—make your voice heard!

Be BearWise

Keep Bears Wild and Our Community Safe

Living in Edwards means sharing our beautiful surroundings with wildlife — including bears. The BearWise program helps communities like ours prevent conflicts and keep bears wild.

BearWise Basics:

- Never feed or approach bears.
- Secure trash, recycling, and pet food.
- Take down bird feeders when bears are active.
- Clean grills and store them where bears can't reach.
- Share sightings with neighbors to raise awareness.

Once bears find easy food near homes, they return — creating danger for both people and bears. Preventing access is the best way to protect them.

Learn more and find helpful checklists at [BearWise.org](https://www.bearwise.org).





SHOP WITH A COP

Spotlight Event: The Edwards Metropolitan District is proud to sponsor the annual Shop with a Cop event. In partnership with the Eagle County Sheriff's Office, local law enforcement, and first responders, elementary school students will have the opportunity to shop, wrap gifts, and enjoy dinner with first responders during the holidays. Community-donated funds help the children purchase gifts for their families, making the season brighter for those in need.

Contact lisa.vasquez@eaglecounty.us for more information. For donations, please make checks payable to Eagle County Crime Stoppers with the memo "Shop with a Cop." Checks can be dropped off at Eagle County Sheriff's Office main office: 0885 East Chambers Ave, Eagle, CO 81631; or mailed to: P.O. Box 359, Eagle, CO 81631



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Mountain Recreation celebrates reopening

Mountain Recreation District will celebrate the reopening of the Edwards Field House (450 Miller Ranch Rd.) with a free community open house on Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. All ages are invited to explore the upgraded facility and enjoy light refreshments while supplies last.

The renovated Edwards Field House features \$1.2 million in improvements designed to enhance play, fitness and community connection. Guests can tour and jump around in the updated gymnastics area, complete with new equipment, repurposed trampolines and expanded ninja course features, view upgrades to the Rec Kids Day Camp room and try the brand-new maple hardwood sport court. The upgraded court will support three basketball, three volleyball and three pickleball courts, separated by a new divider curtain. New climbing walls will be installed in April 2026.

During the event, children ages 5 to 10 will be allowed to enter the gymnastics area for 10 to 15-minute increments with adult supervision. Attendees of the open house can also enter to win a free 2026 Edwards Field House membership.

Edwards Field House will offer the following drop-in and activity schedule

BEGINNING DECEMBER 22, 2025

Pickleball

Mondays–Fridays:
9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Fridays: 6–8 p.m.
Sundays: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Basketball

Mondays–Fridays:
1:30–4:30 p.m.
Fridays: 1:30–6 p.m.
Sundays: 1–4 p.m.

Adult Soccer Drop In

Wednesdays:
9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Tumble Tots

Mondays/Wednesdays/
Fridays: 10–10:50 a.m.
Tuesdays/Thursdays:
11–11:50 a.m.
Fridays: 11–11:50 a.m.
Sundays: 10:15–11:05 a.m.
Starting Jan. 4

Gymnastics/Trampoline/ Ninja Drop-In

Wednesdays:
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Future improvements under consideration include a new fitness area with cardio and strength equipment and expanded office space for Mountain Rec staff.

For updates and more information, visit www.mountainrec.org.

Volunteers Needed for Community Ice Rink

Mountain Recreation District staff, along with a dedicated group of volunteers, has begun preparing the Edwards Outdoor Ice Rinks for the season—but they could always use a few more helping hands!



These rinks provide a fun, safe and welcoming outdoor recreational experience for the entire Edwards community free of charge. None of it would be possible without the volunteers who help maintain the rink throughout the season.

You're invited to join the fun and make a difference in our community. Sign up here to help create an amazing place in Edwards for everyone to gather.

Questions?

Contact Kyle Denton, Edwards Resident & Lead Volunteer at kkyledenton@gmail.com or call 970.393.2154.



Wildlife Closures on Trails in Arrowhead

The Ute, Dakota, and Apache trails in Arrowhead are closed from December 1 to April 15 to protect wildlife during a critical habitat period, per Colorado Parks & Wildlife. Gates and signage have been installed at main access points.

Other Arrowhead trails — including Mud Springs, Cherokee, Navajo, and Arrowhead Mountain — remain open. Members may also snowshoe or cross-country ski on the golf course terrain maintained by Country Club of the Rockies.

For uphill access information, call Beaver Creek Resort's Uphill Travel Hotline at 970-754-5907.

For full details and the latest updates, visit Arrowhead's official site and go to "[Uphill Access](#)" page.

Coming in 2026

Look forward to the Recycling Event (tentatively in June – details to be announced) and the addition of new Shift Bike hubs in Edwards (pending).

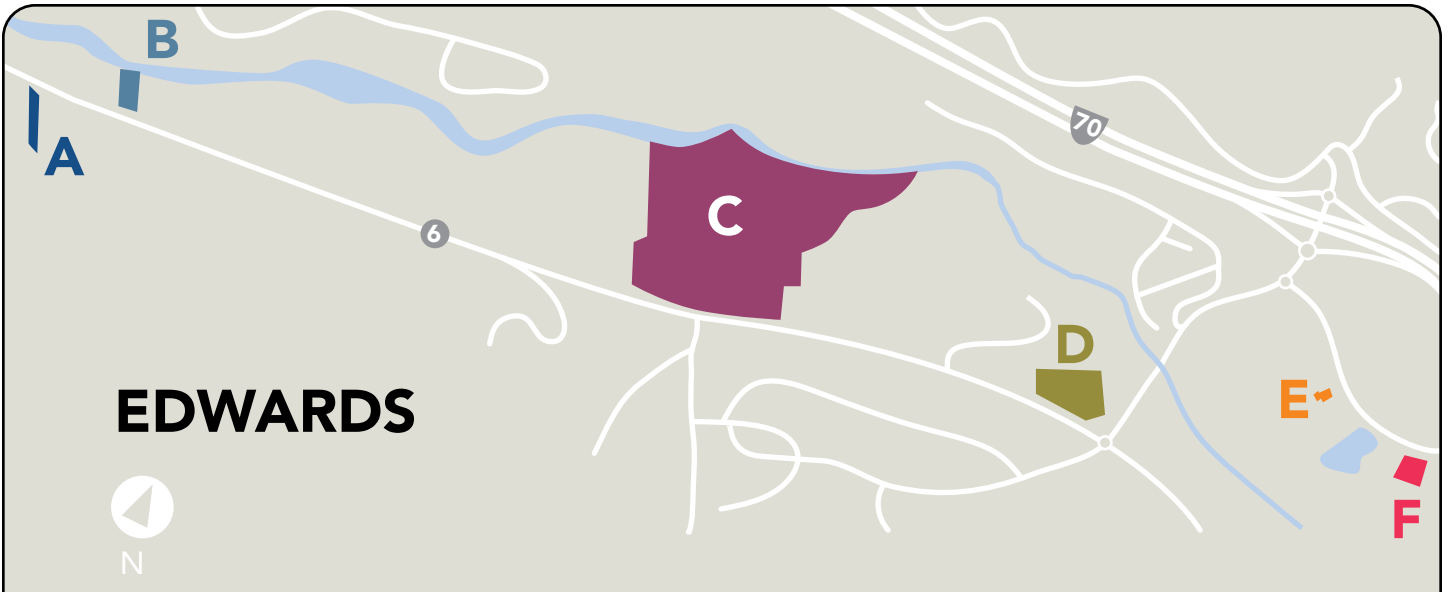
Sustainable Film Series

Walking Mountains' Sustainable Film Series highlights award-winning films that spark awareness and conversation around environmental issues. Screenings take place at the Riverwalk Theater, with a possible virtual option for those unable to attend.

First Tuesdays, November–April
6:30–8:30 p.m.

FREE at Riverwalk Theater, Edwards

Come Early! Arrive before showtime to connect with fellow community members and enjoy food and drinks from La Casa. For the full schedule and film details, [visit Walking Mountains' Sustainable Film Series](#).



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Development Updates in Edwards

Edwards continues to grow, and several new projects are now underway or in review. Many residents have noticed construction activity around town, so the Edwards Metropolitan District is sharing this overview for community awareness. Please note: these projects are not affiliated with EMD, but may be of interest to residents.

A

WEST RIVERVIEW TOWNHOMES

10 Townhomes
Status: Eagle County Planning

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
Contact: info@westendedwards.com

E

COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE/EAGLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROJECT PHASE #3

30 Rental Apartments
Status: Under Construction

F

EAGLE COUNTY COMMONS

20 Rental Workforce Apartments
27,857 SQ FT of government office space
Status: Under Construction

Learn more
at the
[Eagle County](#)
website.



Winter Snow Removal

Friendly Reminders

As winter sets in, keeping roads, sidewalks, and paths clear is a top priority. Edwards Metropolitan District works with several agencies to ensure safe and efficient snow removal.

Who Does What

CDOT: Highways and interstates

Eagle County Road & Bridge: County roads, prioritizing main routes

ECO Trails: Sidewalks, trails, and recreation paths

EMD: Sidewalks and paths in District-managed areas

Resident Reminders

Private Property: Owners are responsible for clearing their own driveways and private roads. Don't push snow onto public streets—it's against state law.

Timing: Clear sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall.

Parking: Avoid street parking during storms to help plows work efficiently.

Need Help?

County Roads: Eagle County Road & Bridge – (970) 328-3540 or visit their website [here](#).

District Areas: Contact EMD at our [contact page](#).

Let's all do our part to keep Edwards safe and moving this winter!

Skip the Parking Hassle

Ride with Core Transit This Winter!

Core Transit's Winter 2025–2026 Schedule began Sunday, November 23, bringing back your favorite routes and convenient connections to ski areas and nearby towns.

All rides remain fare-free, including for riders 18 and under, so it's easier than ever to hop on and avoid parking headaches this winter.

Highlights include:

- Valley Route East & West: Morning and mid-day Dotsero trips plus a 1:05 a.m. return from Vail.
- Highway 6 Route: Continued late-night service and expanded eastbound daytime trips.

Plan your ride, track your bus in real time, and see all route details at CoreTransit.org.

REBATES FOR A GREENER EDWARDS

To help you save money and live sustainably, Edwards Metropolitan District is offering several number of rebate programs to promote energy efficiency, water conservation, and green transportation. Here's a quick overview of the available rebate programs for the remaining of 2025:

1

E-BIKE REBATES

Switch to a clean and energy-efficient way of getting around town with an electric bike!

WHAT: Get a rebate on the purchase of an e-bike, helping you reduce your carbon footprint while enjoying the scenic routes of Edwards.

HOW MUCH: up to \$200 for qualifying residents (limit of 2 per household).

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the E-Bike Rebate Application to learn more and apply.

2

ENERGY REBATES

Edwards Metro District, in partnership with Walking Mountains Science Center, offers a comprehensive Energy Efficiency Rebate Program to help residents and businesses reduce energy consumption and costs. This initiative provides financial incentives for various energy-efficient upgrades and equipment installations.

WHAT: Home Energy Assessments, Weatherization, Heat Pumps, Electric Fireplace, and much more!

HOW MUCH: most rebates are up to \$1,000

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the 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 our community. This initiative assists residents in reducing outdoor water use while promoting native landscapes and biodiversity.

As part of this program, homeowners within the Edwards Metro District can receive a Landscape and Irrigation Evaluation fully covered by the District.

HOW TO APPLY: To explore all qualifying products and apply for rebates, visit EMD's Water Efficiency Rebate Page.



By taking advantage of these rebates, you'll not only reduce your utility bills but also contribute to a cleaner, greener future for Edwards. Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities!



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