

# RVMD FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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# **DISTRICT TAXES ARE GOING DOWN!**

Did you notice your property taxes decreased in 2020? We are excited to announce that in November the RVMD Board of Directors was able to lower the district mill levy (property taxes) for debt service, reducing overall Roxborough Village taxes by about 16.5% (as illustrated in the graphs below). This translates to an annual savings of about \$650 on a \$400,000 home. Property taxes levied by metropolitan districts generate revenue for debt repayment and general operations (including landscaping, community planning, maintenance, events, district management, and communications).

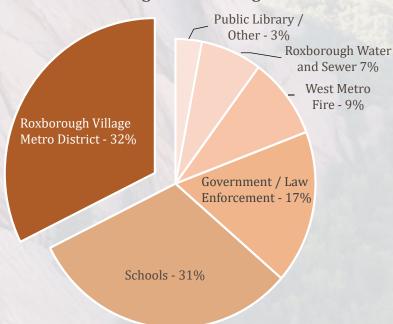
The District's general operating mill levy will stay at 12.087, as it has been since the District was initially formed in 1985. Debt service pays off large capital improvements or in the case of RVMD, the 1980s bankruptcy. Debt service is generally financed through bonds.

RVMD property taxes have slowly paid back these bonds over many years, and your Board of Directors has worked to progressively refinance and lower the District's debt service mill levy at every opportunity. In 2013, the debt service mill levy was set at 45 mills, and then was decreased to 34 mills in 2017, and as of January 2020, reduced to 10.2 mills. This is a significant milestone for all residents in Roxborough, and the Board is very excited to usher in an era of lower taxes for every homeowner in the District.

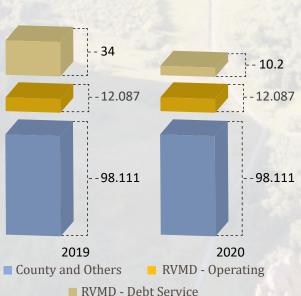
For more about the financial history of the District, please visit roxboroughmetrodistrict.org. For more information about how property taxes are levied, please visit the Douglas County Property Assessor's website.

For questions regarding the District or its financing plan, please call the District's attorney, Katie James, at 303-688-3045.

### **Total Percentage of Roxborough Tax Bill**



## **RVMD Mill Levy Summary**



# Roxborough Village Master Plan Results

### **VISION**

The Roxborough Village Metro District would like to thank all of the residents that participated in the District's master planning process. We received over 1,000 comments from residents through our three community planning events and surveys. Thanks to your input, we were able to create a vision for the future focused on improving the District's existing open space facilities as well as introducing new programming and recreation options. You can get a sneak peak at the six community priorities established in the Master Plan below!

#### **ROX FYI**

Foothills Recreation: Did you know that residents of RVMD can access Foothills Parks and Recreation facilities at a reduced cost? RVMD residents may purchase daily, seasonal or annual passes at the resident rate. RVMD covers the difference of the non-resident price.

Facility rentals: The gazebo, softball field and
Chatfield Farm soccer fields are all available for
public use. For more information please visit
Roxboroughmetrodistrict.org

## **Community Priorities**



Improving trail access, creating continuous bike and pedestrian connections to Waterton Canyon, Chatfield State Park and Roxborough State Parks, and adding new paths and enhanced road crossings, including:

Connections to Waterton Canyon, Chatfield State Park and Roxborough State Park

Improved Pedestrian and Bike Crossings on Major Roads

**New and Improved Paths** 



Improve and enhance the areas natural character by improving Little Willow Creek, providing more access to the Dakota Hogbacks and making improvements to parks and green space along Rampart Range Road. Recommendations include:

Little Willow Creek Greenway - General Improvements

Little Willow Creek - Upper and Lower Pond Crossing and Spillway/Embankment

Rampart Range Road Linear Open Space

 Small Neighborhood Open Spaces



Create social gathering places by adding nature play areas, themed play structures, shade and seating that accommodates all ages. Recommendations include:

 Chatfield Farms Park Improvements

 Crystal Lake Park Improvements

- Imperial Park Improvement

Mule Deer Park Improvements

Airplane Park Improvement

Marmot Ridge Park Improvements

O- Improved Native Areas

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

03/10 Roxborough Town Hall

Roxborough Primary School @ 6 PM

03/24 Special Board Meeting

Location TBD (check website for updates)

04/21 Board Meeting

Roxborough Library @ 6 PM

05/05 Election Day

**District Board Elections** 

05/19 Board Meeting

Roxborough Library @ 6 PM

09/12 Fall Festival

Roxborough Community Park (time TBD)

# THANK YOU RON BENDALL!

Thank you Director Bendall for your eight years of service to the Roxborough Village Metro District Board. Always a voice of reason and balance, you will be missed. Director Bendall will serve until May 2020.

# ROXBOROUGH TOWN HALL MARCH 10 - PLEASE JOIN US!

The Roxborough Village Town Hall will be held at the Roxborough Primary school on March 10th at 6pm. All residents and stakeholders are invited. This is an opportunity to hear from local government entities and share your questions and concerns.



Introduce new events in open space and parks such as farmer's markets, festivals, and other fun community events.

Recommendations include:

Programming for the Community Park

 Active Events and Programs within the Trails and Open Space



Improve and enhance the District's recreational facilities by updating frequently used facilities such as the ball and multipurpose fields, and re-purposing underutilized spaces such as volleyball and basketball courts. Recommendations include:

Soccer Field Improvements

Softball Field Improvements

Volleyball Court Improvements

Basketball Court Improvements

Skate Park Improvements

- Tennis & Pickleball Courts

O- Bicycle Pump Track



A community center, pool, and gathering place were identified by the community as highly desirable amenities. Further studies are needed to determine if a community center and/or pool are financially or spatially feasible. A feasibility study is currently underway, scheduled to be finalized by the end of the year. Recommendations include:

Considerations and Potential Locations

Community Center and Pool Scenarios are Being Further Studied



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## Roxborough Village Metropolitan District

The RVMD is a special district that is a governmental entity. The District is responsible for all facets of the maintenance and operation of parks, trails, open space and recreational facilities. It levies property taxes to pay for capital improvements, maintenance and operations.

For more information about the District, the Board, or any related questions, please go to the District's website:

## Roxboroughmetrodistrict.org

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RVMD regular board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. and are open to the public. Meeting locations alternate between Roxborough Library and West Metro Fire Station No.15. Check the website for the monthly meeting locations at www.roxboroughmetrodistrict.org

#### **Board of Directors**

Calvin Brown, President Term expires May 2020

Debra Prysby, Vice President Term expires May 2022

Ronald E. Bendall, Secretary/Treasurer Term expires May 2020

Steve Sherman, Asst. Secretary Term expires May 2022

Ed Wagner, Asst. Secretary Term expires May 2022