

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTS 2009 BUDGET

The Board of Directors recently adopted the 2009 Budget without the need of property taxes as a source of revenue. The Board has continually operated with the philosophy of growth paying 100% of its own way and now has extended that direction well into the future. Careful implementation of the 10 year Capital and Financial Master Plan has ensured that customers will only pay for the operation, maintenance and repair of the

District's facilities without taxation. Customers will however see a slight increase in monthly service charge. The increase will be from the current \$22/sfe per month to \$23/sfe. This represents only a \$3 increase over the last 16years!

Highlights of the 2009 capital budget include continued line upgrades to older portions of the collection system and the 34 million dollar expansion of Farmers Korner wastewater treatment plant.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The District operates 3 treatment plants
- Each facility has won national Environmental Protection Agency awards
- The District has won a total of 12 Environmental Protection Agency Awards
- The Board of Directors received the prestigious Environmental Achievement Award from the Environmental Protection Agency

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As 2008 comes to a close we can reflect once again on the many accomplishments of the District. We have continued to make repairs throughout the district, extend service to failed septic systems and planned for a new plant expansion while maintaining our fiscal responsibility by remaining under budget. But now as we look to the New Year we see a new era and a new name for the sanitation district. To accurately reflect the service area of the District, the Board unanimously supported the name change to the UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT. You can rest assured that the Board and staff will continue to provide the highly professional and fiscally responsible service you have come to expect.

Design is nearly complete and permitting continues on the Farmers Korner expansion. The project should be ready for bidding by March with construction scheduled for summer 2009. Although resort business has lagged the flow to the plants continued to increase in 2008, indicating that the expansion will be timely.

In other news the Board recently approved the 2009 budget and once again the District's mil levy is zero. In the review of the 2009 budget the Board retained Red Oak Consulting to evaluate the Plant Investment Fee. The result will be a slight increase that will be phased in throughout 2009. This fee increase, assessed to new construction only, will assist in covering the cost of the plant expansion. Although the monthly user fee will also see a slight increase due to higher maintenance costs, the fee remains one of the lowest in the County.

In a special election scheduled for February 3, 2009, the voters and property owners in the Town of Blue River will go the polls to determine whether most of the remaining subdivisions will be included into the District. We look forward to providing service to that area.

Finally, I hope that you, our constituents, stay involved in the District's future planning and encourage your comments and maybe even attendance at one of our monthly meetings. Happy New Year!

ROBIN THEOBALD

TOWN OF BLUE RIVER INCLUSION ELECTION

The Upper Blue Sanitation District will be conducting an election on February 3rd for the purpose of including certain properties within the boundaries of the Town of Blue River. After several public hearings, showing significant public support, the Board decided to move forward with the election.

The Board, working with several Town residents and the Blue River Town Council, drafted conditions that will be placed on the February ballot. Conditions such as: no payment of fees until service is needed by the property owner and the fixing of certain other fees.

The election will be held at the Blue River Town Hall, February 3 from 7am to 7pm, located at 100 Whispering Pines, Blue River Colorado.

To be qualified to vote in the election you must comply with the following; A person who is registered to vote in the State of Colorado, **and**:

- 1) Who has been a resident of the area to be included for not less than thirty days; **or**
- 2) Who, or whose spouse, owns taxable real or personal property situated within the area to be included, whether said

person resides in the area to be included.

Also eligible is a person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property situated within the area to be included.

The Notice of Election, including the conditions can be obtained on line at the following web address:

www.townofblueriver.com

Additional information can be obtained from the Designated Election Official, Andrew Carlberg, by calling 970-453-2723.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

The District is looking for filling up to two new operations positions in 2009. These positions are for the career minded and offer competitive salaries and benefits. Qualifications include certification in the water or wastewater field and college degree preferred, but not required. The positions require the ability to learn multiple technical disciplines and perform physical labor. Employee housing is available.

To learn more about these positions please contact the administration office at 970-453-2723.

UPPER BLUE SANITATION OFFICIAL JANUARY 1

The Board of Directors recently approved the name change from the Breckenridge Sanitation District to the Upper Blue Sanitation District. The District's name will officially change on January 1, 2009. We are attempting to convert all of our accounts, billings, signs and letter heads to reflect this change. We anticipate there will be some confusion and delays but we will work with our customers to make the transition as smooth as possible.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Robin Theobald, President

Mr. Michael Turek, Vice President

Mr. Jim Stover, Secretary

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