

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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FARMER'S KORNER EXPANSION COMPLETED UNDER BUDGET

The 2-million-gallon-per-day expansion project at Farmer's Korner has come to a close. This project, one of the largest public works projects in Summit County history, was completed at over \$1 million dollars under budget and approximately \$200,000.00 under the contract price. While there were delays in completing the project, the state-of-the-art facility is unlike any in Colorado. There will be an open house in the coming months and we encourage the community to come and see how your public funds are working for you.

HOW IS MY SEWER BILL CALCULATED?

A common question we receive is the method by which a sewer bill is calculated. First, all building units, either residential or commercial are based on a "single family equivalent", or "sfe". An sfe is defined as "the average characteristics of a home of a single family in a permanent residence in the District". Based on flow studies, a single family home contributes a peak flow of 300 gallons per day/per sfe, and this is the base upon which the District evaluates all other uses. For the purposes of determining the amount of sfe's assigned to residential units, the District uses the amount of bedrooms and bathrooms contained in the unit. For instance, in a detached, single family home 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms equal one sfe. If the number of bedrooms and bathrooms increase, there is a resulting increase in the amount of sfe's assigned to the home. The amount of calculated sfe's is then multiplied by the current cost per sfe (\$26 in 2012) to equal your monthly sewer charge. A detailed breakdown of sfe calculations can be found on the District's web site at www.ubsd.org.

SPRING ELECTION CANCELLED

The Board of Directors recently cancelled the May 8, 2012 election because there were only two candidates for the three vacancies. The two candidates who submitted Nomination Petitions will be sworn in at the District's May Board meeting. Mr. Michael Turek, a current Board member and Vice President, will retain his position. Mr. Kenneth Trausch, a past Board member, will also be sworn in at the May meeting. There will be an open seat available, and beginning in May the Board will seek letters of interest from qualified electors who have an interest in serving on the Board.

DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY NOTICE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The District annually posts its Transparency Notice on the District's web site and at the administration office. This Notice outlines the District's contacts, meeting schedules, director information and election information. The Notice can be viewed at www.ubsd.org.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held at 5:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month with a work session preceding each meeting. The meetings are conducted at the District's administration office which is located at 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge and are open to the public.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Robin Theobald, President

Michael Turek, Vice President

Tim Casey, Secretary

Larry Crispell

Barrie Stimson

Andrew Carlberg,

District Manager

SEWER SERVICE FOR BLUE RIVER

The Board of Directors is considering the continued extension of sewer service to areas in the Town of Blue River that are experiencing a high rate of septic system failures. The first two phases in Blue River have been extremely successful in protecting the surface and ground water from being contaminated. As a result of interest expressed to the District, the sewer line design has been finalized and put out to bid for construction in the Wilderness subdivision and

portions of the Royal and Coronet subdivisions. The Board will review the bids at the April Board meeting and will make a decision whether to proceed with the sewer line extension. The District will send a letter to the affected areas notifying them of when construction will proceed.

If you have any questions please contact the Administration Office at 970-453-2723.

INTERESTED IN LOWERING YOUR MONTHLY BILL?

The Upper Blue Sanitation District offers a unique program for residents of multiplex units that could reduce monthly service fees. This program recognizes the uses of multiplex units being used as a primary residence or a long-term rental and could provide monthly rates that are the same as single family homes.

The process is quite simple. First, the owner or tenant must file a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. The Declaration of Restrictive Covenants simply states that the particular multiplex unit has been used either as the owner's primary residence or as a long-term rental for the past 12 months. As a part of the Restrictive Covenants the owner or tenant must provide either a proof of voter registration in Summit County or a valid Colorado driver's license which shows that the owner or tenant resides at the property. Finally, the property must be able to be billed separately and not through a homeowners' association or property management company. It's that simple! Call the District's Administration Office at 970-453-2723 for more information.

BILLING MADE SIMPLE!

The District bills for service fees at the first of each quarter (January, April, July and October). The bill is due upon receipt, but the District accepts payment until the last day of the month for which the bill went out. If after the last day payment is not received, then the account will be considered late and a 1% interest charge will be applied. If the account is still past due at the end of the next month, then additional charges and penalties will be added with the possibility of a lien filed on the property. A more detailed description is located on the back of the billing statement.

This is not a course the District likes to take and offers these helpful suggestions. First, sign up for automatic payment or ACH. A form can be found at www.ubsd.org and ensures payment is received on time. Second, if you have your bank issuing a check we recommend that you have the check issued at least 1-1/2 weeks before the end of the month. This should allow the bank enough time to process the check so that the payment arrives on time.

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