

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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NEWS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS; “NO FEE INCREASE IN 2013”

The Board of Directors recently adopted the 2013 Budget and froze both the Plant Investment Fee and the monthly service fee at the 2012 levels. The Board continues to avoid the use of property taxes as a source of revenue.

The District operates 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 ten 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.

In 2012 the District began operating the new North Plant at Farmer's Korner. This new facility incorporated several new technologies which have allowed the District significant savings, especially electricity costs. The advanced technologies also allow the new facility to operate without adding additional staff.

MOVING? ADDRESS CHANGE?

Do you plan on moving or simply changing your mailing address? Many times there have been instances where our office is not notified of these types of changes, resulting in delinquencies in payment. This also occurs when properties are sold and the District is not provided a change in ownership. So, to eliminate these situations, please notify our office at least 30 days prior to a change of address or change in ownership of the property.

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.

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

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SEWER SERVICE FOR BLUE RIVER

The District completed yet another phase of sewer mainline extension in Blue River during the summer of 2012. Areas of the Royal and Wilderness subdivisions both received new sewer service. Stan Miller, Inc. was the general contractor. Stan Miller, Inc. completed the installation of over 7000 feet of pipeline on time and under budget.

FUTURE SERVICE

The District is currently planning and designing sewer service for the Blue Rock Springs and "96" subdivisions. These areas have several design issues that might require the District to secure easements for alignment. As we get closer to final draft we will be contacting all property owners in those subdivisions to discuss the options.

GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE

The District's treatment facilities can treat most waste that is contributed to our system. However grease and grease products are difficult to remove and cause many operational problems. We encourage homeowners to not dispose of grease down the drain. As for restaurants with grease traps, we require those businesses to clean the traps on a regular basis. If customers have any questions we encourage you to contact our office.

DO YOU HAVE SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE?

Have you ever wondered how you would deal with a sewer backup into your home or condo? Did you know that sanitation districts generally do not have and cannot get insurance to cover the cost of damages due to a sewer backup? Costs for repair and cleanup can easily reach \$10,000-\$20,000. So how can property owners protect themselves if an unfortunate event like this happens? Contact your insurance carrier to see if they offer sewer backup insurance. This insurance is inexpensive when compared to having no coverage and paying the costs yourself. The insurance costs approximately \$30 per year for a single family home and approximately \$15 per year for a condo. The coverage is specifically for damage occurring from surcharge from a sewer system. This type of insurance is highly recommended for full-time residents and second homeowners. For more information about backup insurance please contact your insurance agent.

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, a reminder letter is sent advising that a 1% interest penalty will be added to the balance due if payment is not received within 15 days. 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. If you have any questions, please contact the District's administration office at 970-453-2723.

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