

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

The Upper Blue Sanitation District is a quasi-municipal governmental entity (commonly referred to as a Special District) authorized by State Statute to provide sewer service to properties in the Upper Blue Basin. Originally formed in 1966 and servicing only a small area with a single wastewater treatment plant, today the District provides service from southern Lake Dillon to Hoosier Pass with a total of three treatment facilities. The District is governed by an elected five-member Board of Directors and is operated by an operations staff of fourteen people.

Although authorized to use property taxes as a source of revenue, the District has developed a business plan which has eliminated the need for taxation and relies solely on fees to fund all District operations and expansions. The “pay as you go” philosophy has kept the District fully funded while keeping the fees as some of the lowest in Summit County. The Board and staff pride themselves for the frugal operation and maintenance of the District.

Organizationally, the District has won numerous national EPA awards for operation and management excellence. These awards were based on the District's efforts in the protection of the public health, and the protection of the water quality of the Blue River. A dedicated and highly professional staff has proven instrumental in achieving this high level of excellence.

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 clean-up 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.

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

Barrie Stimson, President
**Patty Theobald,
Vice President**
Allyn Mosher, Secretary
Jeremy Fischer
Jason Hart
**Andrew Carlberg, District
Manager**

SERVICE LINES

HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The District operates and maintains nearly 120 miles of sewer mainline. In the course of maintenance, routine inspections are conducted using video cameras which allow us to visually inspect pipe lines. During inspections we often find individual sewer service lines that show signs of ground water infiltration. Ground water infiltration into the District's system can contribute to hydraulic overloading of both the collection and treatment systems.

Once discovered, the District notifies the homeowner of the problem and requires repair. While the District will provide assistance when possible, the service line remains the homeowner's responsibility to make the necessary repairs. Generally, the required time frame for repair is 10 days after notification, although, there are instances where that time limit can be extended. If repairs are not made as required, the District has the authority to impose any or all of the following: a) disconnect service b) a \$100 per day fine c) make the repair and back charge the homeowner.

Lower Rates?

The Upper Blue Sanitation District offers a unique program, which has been in place for 6 years, 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. The reduced rate begins only when the Restrictive Covenant is signed, and is **not retroactive**. 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.

STAY INFORMED:

Did you know that you could find out everything from possibly lowering your monthly bill to the District's Rules and Regulations on the District's web page? We attempt to have all the information you need to keep informed at all times.

We are currently updating the web site to include construction updates, Board meeting minutes and information concerning facility tours. If you have any questions, please contact us at: 970-453-2723 or admin@ubsd.org

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