

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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FARMERS KORNER EXPANSION TOUTS LOCAL STIMULUS

The new expansion project at Farmers Korner is expected to inject several million dollars into the local economy and create 30 new jobs over the next two and a half years. The Board of Directors for the UBSD has worked closely with the general contractor, Glacier Construction, to ensure that local workers and local subcontractors were to be included in the \$34 million dollar expansion. The owners of Glacier have eagerly agreed to use as much

of the local talent as possible recognizing the vast expertise within the County. As many as 30 jobs will be created and nearly 10 local sub contractors will be used throughout the duration of the project which is scheduled for completion in December of 2011.

In addition to the stimulus of the expansion project, the District has stepped up it's capital improvement time line injecting additional funds into the local economy. In 2010 several projects will be started in the Town of Breckenridge and the Upper Blue Basin

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

PLANNING BEGINS IN BLUE RIVER

With the recent inclusion of the Town of Blue River into the boundaries of the UBSD there has been significant effort given to developing a service master plan for the area. During the summer of 2009 the District began the development of area topography to determine possible alignments of sewer mains within the various subdivisions. In 2010 the District will budget for finalizing the master plan and hope to even begin installation of facilities. In the master plan development the District plans on holding several open house presentations at which we will invite input from area residents. Notices will be mailed to area residents prior to the open house presentations, also information will be posted on the District's web page, www.ubsd.org. However if there are immediate questions concerning service please contact the District Manager, Andrew Carlberg, at 970-453-2723.

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BOARD WORKS ON 2010 BUDGET

The Board of Directors has been reviewing the draft 2010 budget including operating expenses and capital expenditures. The budget process begins in July and is completed by the December 10th public hearing. The Budget is developed adhering to fiscally conservative business practices which has allowed the District to fund all activities without the need for assessment of property taxes. In 2010 the emphasis will be the continuation of the Farmers Korner expansion and the master planning of the Town of Blue River. Also in accordance with the District's adopted financial plan the Board will consider the increase of the monthly service fee by \$1 per month per sfe.

DO YOU HAVE SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE?

.Have you ever wondered how you would deal with a sewer backup into your home or condo? Your first reaction would likely be to call a plumber and have the problem fixed. But what happens when the plumber tells you that the problem is not in your service line but in the main line out in the street? Your second reaction would be to call your local sanitation district to have them address the problem. Once contacted the sanitation district would respond and typically will have you back into service relatively quickly.

Now what? You could have significant water and moisture problems not to mention personal property damage, but you assume you are okay; you assume that because you did not cause the backup and you further assume the sanitation district will naturally cover the costs. But did you know that sanitation districts generally do not have and cannot get backup insurance? So how can a property owner protect themselves when an unfortunate event like this happens? Did you know most insurance companies carry backup insurance for homeowners and renters? This insurance is inexpensive when compared to having no coverage. Costs are approximately \$28 per year for a single family home and approximately \$10 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. If you have any questions concerning specific sanitation district policies or would like further information you can contact the Upper Blue Sanitation District 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 up to 80%. The District currently has a two tiered fee structure that reflects that the typical use of a single family home has less peak usage than multiplex units which typically are used for short term purposes. This program recognizes multiplex units being used as long term rental or primary residence 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 which simply states that the particular multiplex unit has been used as the owners' primary residence or has been used as a long term rental for the past 12 months. As a part of the Restrictive Covenants proof of voter registration in Summit County or a valid Colorado drivers license showing the license holder 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!

Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 1605 Airport Rd in Breckenridge. The meetings begin at 5:30pm and are open to the public.

STAFF IN THE NEWS

The District has a long history in the development of top level professionals. Participation in professional organizations and the writing of technical papers is highly encouraged. This staff development strengthens our ability to protect water quality in the Upper Blue Basin. The following employees have recently published or presented technical papers:

Mr. Greg Brown—

High Altitude, High Quality Low Phosphorus

Mr. Chris Maher—

A Case Study in Meeting Low P Limits

Mr. Wally Esquibel—

Competitive Bidding of Pipeline Sliplining

Mr. Andrew Carlberg-

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