

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAY "NO" TO TAXES!

The Board of Directors recently adopted the 2010 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 fees. The increase will be from the 2009 rate of \$23/sfe per month to \$24/sfe in 2010. This represents only a \$4 increase over the last 17 years!

In 2009, the District embarked on the expansion of the Farmers Korner facility which is now well underway. The com-

pletion date is anticipated to be sometime late 2011. Construction has progressed smoothly and the outlook is that the project will be on time and within budget.

Also in 2009, the Board authorized additional expenditures to accelerate capital replacement projects in an effort to provide additional work for local contractors. This effort will continue throughout 2010.

The District is actively pursuing alternatives to reduce the power needs of the District. In 2009, the Board authorized the purchase of 3 additional turbine blowers which are 30% more efficient than the current technology. The payback to the District is estimated to be 3-4 years. In addition, we are investigating wind and solar power alternatives at both major treatment facilities and lift stations.

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%. This program recognizes the uses of multiplex units being used as long term rental or primary residences 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, a proof of voter registration in Summit County or a valid Colorado drivers license must be provided showing that the owner or tenant reside 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 office at 970-453-2723 for more information.

DISTRICT ELECTION MAY 4, 2010

The District will be conducting its biennial election on May 4, 2010 and the purpose will be to select two board members. There are three candidates running for the two, four-year terms. The candidates are: Mr. Robin Theobald, Mr. David Jefferson and Mr. Barrie Stimson. To be eligible to vote in the election the requirements are: registered to vote in the State of Colorado and either a property owner or a resident within the District 30 days prior to the May 4th election. You can review additional information at the District's web site at UBSD.org.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**Mr. Robin Theobald,
President**

**Mr. Michael Turek ,Vice
President**

Mr. Jim Stover, Secretary

Mr. Tim Casey

Mr. Larry Crispell

Mr. Andrew Carlberg,

District Manager

SEWER SERVICE FOR BLUE RIVER? BILLING MADE SIMPLE!

The Board of Directors moved forward with the extension of central sewer into the Town of Blue River as they awarded the design contract to TST Inc. of Fort Collins, Colorado. After several neighborhood meetings and receiving positive support for the project the Board decided to take the next step with designing and bidding the project to determine the cost of Phase One.

In this initial phase the extension will provide service to residents of the Mountain View and Sherwood Forest subdivisions, with plans for future extensions as requested by property owners. Once the bids are known there will be one more public meeting and if support from the residents continues then the anticipated construction will begin in July 2010.

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 payment has not been received fifteen days after the last day of the month for which the bill went out 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 several pieces of advice. First, sign up for Auto Pay/ACH, a form can be found at www.UBSD.org which ensures payment is received on time. Second, if you have your bank issuing a check for you, that check should be issued at least 1 -1/2 weeks before the end of the month for which the bill went out. This will ensure the check will arrive on time.

If you have questions please contact the administration office at 970-453-2723.

JIM STOVER TERM LIMITED

Mr. Jim Stover will be leaving the Board of Directors in May after serving 8 years as a Director. Jim dedicated a significant amount of time and energy in addressing the needs of the District, from ensuring the District was a strong and financially secure entity, to overseeing two major facility expansions and the extension of sewer service into the Town of Blue River. Jim has been a strong influence in the success of the District. We will miss his vast knowledge.

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 backup insurance? So how can a property owner protect themselves when an unfortunate event like this happens? Contact your insurance carrier to see if they offer such coverage. This insurance is inexpensive when compared to having no coverage and paying the costs yourself. Costs are 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. If you have any questions concerning specific District policies or would like further information you can contact the UBSD at 453-2723.

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