

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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FARMERS KORNER CONSTRUCTION

Construction at Farmers Korner is proceeding as scheduled. The \$34 million dollar project is anticipated to be completed towards the end of summer or early fall of 2011. While the overall project is within the anticipated budget, the District has had the opportunity to make changes which have increased electrical efficiency. New technology blowers have been added to the project at an additional cost; however the savings

in energy costs is estimated to be at least 30%. This will result in a complete recovery of the investment in about three years. This new technology will also be phased in at the District's other treatment plants.

The District is also giving the old plant a facelift which will mirror the exterior colors of the new facility. In addition to coordinating the colors, the District will be installing a new insulated paneling to assist in lowering energy consumption.

SUPPORTING THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION

The UBSD Board of Directors unanimously supported gifting their annual stipend to benefit the Summit Foundation, this amount totaling nearly \$6,000.00. In addition, employees of the District also committed to the Foundation's annual employee giving program, taken from their personal paychecks. These gifts by the board and employees support the Foundation's vision to improve the quality of life in Summit County.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND WATER QUALITY

Did you know that malfunctioning individual septic systems not only contaminate areas immediately surrounding the system, but can have a significant negative impact on water quality in the entire Upper Blue Basin? Contaminants such as phosphorus, nitrogen and coliform bacteria when discharged into the environment will have varying degrees of pollution, including negative impacts on human health. For instance, a septic system contributes up to 2 pounds of phosphorus per year into the ecosystem. This phosphorus contributes to the pollution of our rivers and lakes by adding nutrients that can cause everything from eutrophication of our reservoirs, to taste and odor problems in drinking water. In addition, nitrogen from these malfunctioning systems is not only toxic to aquatic life, but in certain forms is quite toxic to humans. Failing septic systems also increase bacterial presence, which is a strong indicator of direct human contamination and is considered very dangerous if ingested.

Construction of state of the art treatment systems combined with operations overseen by highly qualified personnel and collaborative relationships with other local governments, has ensured that the waters of the Upper Blue will remain "Blue" well into the future. We take great pride in our efforts to be proactive in the identification and implementation of water quality protection projects, such as connection of failing septic systems. These aggressive efforts in the protection of water quality and human health have placed the District as environmental leaders, recognized throughout the Country.

BLUE RIVER PHASE II

The Board of Directors recently awarded an \$800,000.00 construction contract to continue the extension of sewer services into the Town of Blue River. The provision of central sewer into portions of the Royal and the Sunnyslope subdivisions will allow for the immediate connection of an estimated 12 failing septic systems and the ability for future connection of 65 additional properties. The District will be notifying owners in those areas and explaining the details including financing. If you need immediate assistance, please feel free to contact the administrative 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 up to 80%. The District currently has a two tiered fee structure that reflects the typical use of a single family home. A single family home has less peak usage than multiplex units, which are typically used for short term purposes. This program recognizes the long term uses of multiplex units being used as a 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 that simply states that a 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 documentation, either a proof of voter registration in Summit County or a valid Colorado drivers license showing the license holder resides at the property must be provided. Finally, the property must be able to be billed separately and not through a homeowners association or property management company. It's that simple!

UPPER BLUE MASTER PLAN UP FOR REVIEW

The Upper Blue Master Plan is currently being reviewed by Summit County, Town of Breckenridge and the Town of Blue River.

Changes and revisions to the current guidelines are currently being reviewed and public input is being requested. If you are interested you can contact either Summit County or Town of Breckenridge Planning Departments.

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