

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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NEWS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTS 2012 BUDGET

The Board of Directors recently adopted the 2012 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 charges. The increase will be from the 2011 rate of \$25/sfe per month to \$26/sfe per month in 2012.

In 2011 the District continued to work on the expansion of the Farmer's Korner facility, with the completion expected to be in January 2012. As of December 2011 the \$34 million dollar project was not only under budget but slightly under the contract amount. The District will have an open house late January/early February 2012.

NUTRIENT STANDARDS COULD COST MILLIONS

The District has been working with the Colorado Department of Health on the implementation of new nutrient standards set to be adopted in March of 2012. These new standards will have a significant financial impact on the District. The major nutrients of concern are phosphorus and nitrogen, with nitrogen being the most costly to remove. The Board will set aside a reserve fund to help offset the financial impact. The District does not anticipate a need for funding through taxation.

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 at 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge and are open to the public.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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SEWER SERVICE FOR BLUE RIVER BILLING MADE SIMPLE!

The Board of Directors is considering the continued extension of sewer service to areas in the Town of Blue River that are experiencing a high rate of septic system failures. The first two phases in Blue River have been extremely successful in protecting the surface and ground water from being contaminated. Letters have been sent to property owners in the

Wilderness, Royal and Coronet subdivisions requesting their interest in connection. If there is sufficient positive response the District will finalize the design by mid-February. The construction bid process will be conducted March through April, with construction to begin in July. If you have any questions please contact the Administration Office at 970-453-2723.

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 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 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 questions, please contact the District's Administration Office at 970-453-2723.

SPRING ELECTION

The District will be conducting its biennial election on May 8, 2012. The purpose of the election will be to select three Board members. 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 8, 2012 election. You can review additional information on the District's web site at UBSD.org.

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 not having 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. If you have any questions concerning specific Upper Blue Sanitation District policies or would like further information you can contact the UBSB at 970-453-2723.

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