

UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

UBSD



NEWS

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NO FEE INCREASE FOR 2017

The Board of Directors recently adopted the 2017 Budget and decided not to increase the monthly service fee nor the Plant Investment Fee. This move marks the sixth year in a row of no fee increases.

The District operates with the philosophy of growth paying 100% of its own way with current customers paying only for operation and maintenance. The use of property taxes has not been used as a source of revenue for 25 years and is not anticipated for years to come. Through the long range analysis of District needs we are ensuring that our service fees are the lowest in Summit County. While the District strives for low fees there are certain regulatory and water quality unknowns that are always on the horizon.

MOVING? ADDRESS CHANGE?

Do you plan on moving or simply changing your PO Box? Many times there have been instances where our office is not notified of these types of changes and resulting in delinquencies in payment. This also occurs when properties are sold and the District is not provided a current address. So, to eliminate these situations please notify our office at least 30 days prior to the change.

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 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! Call the District 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

Barrie Stimson, President

Patty Theobald, Vice President

Allyn Mosher, Secretary

Jason Hart

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Andrew Carlberg,

District Manager

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2017

The District is planning on several capital projects in 2017. First, is the extension of the sewer mainline in the areas of Leap Year, Mountain View and Sherwood Forest subdivisions. All of which are located in the Town of Blue River.

The second project is the modifications to the South Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant located just south of the New Eldorado subdivision. This project will add additional treatment prior to discharge. In addition, there will be major landscaping added to surround the property.

Finally the District is making investments in reducing electrical consumption by replacing lighting in our treatment facilities.

GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE

The District's treatment facilities can treat most waste that is contributed to our system. However grease and grease products are difficult to remove and cause many operational problems. We encourage homeowners to not dispose of grease down the drain. As for restaurants with grease traps we require those businesses to clean the traps on a regular basis. If customers have any questions we encourage you to contact our office at (970) 453-2723.

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 cleanup 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 more information about backup insurance please contact your insurance agent.

BILLING MADE SIMPLE!

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 Auto Pay, 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, make certain that the check is issued at least 1-1/2 weeks before the end of the month. This will ensure the check will arrive on time.

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

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