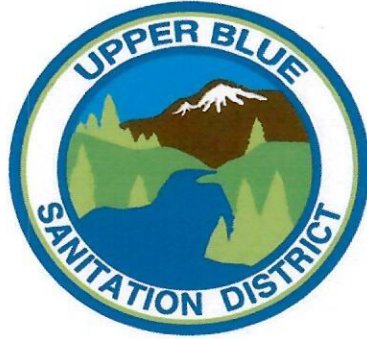


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NEWS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERS A RATE INCREASE FOR 2022

For the past 10 years the Board of Directors has been able to keep rates and charges the same due to constant refining of our processes to maintain our high level of service and meet ever changing regulatory requirements. However recently the Colorado Department of Health and Environment along with the Environmental Protection Agency adopted new nutrient and metals limits that we cannot meet with our existing treatment processes. These new regulations will require capital and operational changes. Changes to the Plant Investment Fee could be as much as 10-12% increase and the monthly service fee could be raised by \$1 per SFE.

The Board will be reviewing these proposed increases as they review the 2022 draft budget beginning in September. The Public Hearing for adoption of the Budget is scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at 1605 Airport Road. The Draft Budget is also available online at www.ubsd.org. Public comment is welcome.

STAY INFORMED AT UBSD.ORG

Did you know that you could find out everything from lowering your monthly bill to the District's Rules and Regulations on the District's web page? We attempt to have all the information you need to keep up to date. If you have any questions, we welcome you calling us at (970) 453-2723, or email at admin@ubsd.org.

DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY NOTICE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

This Notice outlines the District's contacts, meeting schedules, director 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 which is located at 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge and are open to the public.

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SINGLE FAMILY HOMES USED AS SHORT TERM RENTALS

The Board of Directors has been reviewing the sewer loading impacts of single family homes (SFH) now being used as short term rentals. Historically, the District has separated residential properties into Single Family and Multiplex based on historical peak flow. Multiplex units exhibiting higher peak flow than a normal single family home because the typical multiplex is used as a short term rental. Now we are seeing more and more SFH's used in the same manner, so the District decided to gather information from the Town of Breckenridge and Summit County concerning bedroom/bath count and advertised occupancy and compare to our multiplex category. The results were astonishing. Based on our district's Rules and Regulations pertaining to flow and loading characteristic's of a typical single family home the new use of SFH's used as short term rentals clearly showed this type of use was more like the use of a multiplex. After numerous meetings reviewing the information the Board, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, passed a resolution classifying the SFH's used as short term rentals into the Multiplex category. If you short term your SFH you can visit our web page for the full details.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Sewer backups due to failure of the District's main line are rare, but do occur. Usually the backup is due to a failure of the property's service line. Therefore, we recommend contacting a plumbing contractor initially. However, if there is concern that the problem is more than a failed service line, such as an overflow, then the best action is to contact the District by calling the emergency response phone. That number is **970-418-6073**. If for some reason that number does not reply, contact Summit County Dispatch at **970-668-8600**.

SUMP PUMPS ARE ILLEGAL

In the Spring of every year we experience a high water table due to the run off. During this time we have problems with ground water entering our system resulting in an overload to our treatment facilities. We have crews working every day for months to locate and fix the problems. But in many cases there are problems coming from a customer's property. Many times this is due to leaky service lines, and in other cases we have detected the operation of a sump pump draining crawl spaces into the service line. This type of discharge is illegal under the District's Rules and Regulations because of the stress that it creates in our treatment plants. If you think that you have a sump pump we would be happy to conduct an on-site inspection.

FINANCING FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS

The District offers financing of all fees if you choose to abandon your current septic system and connect to the District's treatment facilities. We do this to encourage abandoning outdated septic systems which will not only protect public health but also reduce harmful release of pollutants into the environment. This program is not offered to new construction. If interested, please contact our administration office at 970-453-2723

COMMUNICATIONS

We here at the District are doing our best in trying to communicate with our customers. Especially communications concerning billings, billing questions, change of address and or account status. In the past we have used phone call and/or USPS, both are good but we have found that email is the best and quickest way to communicate. We would like to have customers email on file so we can reduce any potential problems. Please send email address to:
admin@ubsd.org

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