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# STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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## Sewage Lift Station Improvements

The Sanitation District is currently working on a design to improve its largest sewage lift (pump) station. The completed design will be submitted to the State Department of Public Health and Environment this month. Once approved, the District will go out to bid on its largest rehabilitation project in years.

As part of the improvements, a sewage containment basin will be constructed on existing District property that can capture any overflows that would occur if the lift station pumps were to fail due to a loss of power or mechanical malfunction. The current design will be capable of containing over 24 hours of flow and will provide diesel powered pumps (to back up electric pumps) that can discharge directly into the force main leading to the Colorado Springs Utilities Las Vegas treatment plant where our sewage is treated.

The existing pump station wet-well will be re-lined with an epoxy coating system to prevent any corrosion that could lead to leakage. New pumps will also be installed that can easily be removed for maintenance or repair.

These improvements will not only make our system more reliable, they will help prevent potential sanitary sewer overflows in the future.

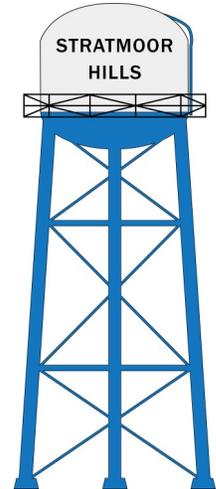


Local business *Aspen Signs* updates Stratmoor Hills Water & Sanitation sign

## Take Care of Your Drains

The District works hard to provide sewer maintenance that removes debris in sewer mains where fats, oils and grease can accumulate. The district encourages residents to dispose of these items in the garbage rather than down the drains.

Please note: There has been an increase in sewer blockages across the nation resulting from the use of "flushable wipes." It turns out that these products are not as biodegradable as advertised, and they often lead to costly blockages in home plumbing and sewer systems. We recommend that these wipes be disposed of in the garbage and not flushed down the toilet.



See us on the website at: [stratmoorhillswater.org](http://stratmoorhillswater.org)

**DO NOT DISPOSE OF OIL AND GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN**



**THIS CAN LEAD TO COSTLY SEWER BLOCKAGES**

As a service to our residents, we will begin making automated calls and/or text messages to our residents who may have a disruption in service during an outage. To ensure you receive a call or text, it is important to keep us updated with current contact numbers and/or email addresses.

Please call the office at 719-576-0311 or you may email Shana at [shana@stratmoorhillswater.org](mailto:shana@stratmoorhillswater.org) to be sure your contact information is updated to receive important messages.

## **BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)**

***Bills Mailed - February 5, 2018***

***Payments Due - February 15, 2018***

***Late Notices Mailed - February 16, 2018***

***Shut Off Day - February 27, 2018***

***Meter Read Date - February 28, 2018***

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.

**STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - <http://www.stratmoorhills.org/contact.php>**

## **SEWER PROBLEMS**

**If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so that we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If it is in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.**



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

As some of you know the Stratmoor Hills Fire, Water and Sanitation Districts are governed by a “Board of Directors”. This group meets once a month at the Fire Station; they set goals, provide financial oversight and guidance to the District managers and staff. We have five (5) seats on each Board and two (2) of those positions are open for election this year.

The Board of Directors Election is set for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 with the polling place at the Fire Station from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. The Call for Nomination’s is Sunday, January 28th thru Friday, March 2, 2018; with a deadline of Friday, March 2, 2018 to submit a Self-Nomination Form. The last day to file Affidavits of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate with the DEO is Monday, March 6, 2018.

When considering running for a seat on the Board of Directors please keep in mind that all three (3) Districts are separate entities and each has their own Board of Directors that governs it. We have been very fortunate for many years that all three Districts have had the same five Board members. If you decide to run for a position you should consider running for all three Districts. All three Districts need someone who has the time, commitment, and the desire to help improve the District and the ability to lead the Districts into the future.

We invite all interested residents (must have lived in the District for more than 30-days), homeowners and property owners to self-nominate for the Fire Department by visiting 2160 B Street, Monday – Friday between the hours of 08:30 – 5:00 pm before Friday, March 2, 2018 to fill out your application. For those interested in self-nomination for the Water and Sanitation Districts, please visit 1811 B Street Monday – Friday between the hours of 08:30 – 5:00 pm before Friday, March 2, 2018 to fill out your application. This is an important and fulfilling opportunity for those of you who want to help guide the future and support and serve the residents of our community.

**Stratmoor News** is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kirk Medina, at 576-0311. The Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts are governed by an individual, elected Boards of Directors. Currently, the members for each of the three Boards are: Dianne Cooper—Chairperson/President, Tom Wehrkamp—Vice Chairperson/President, Wally Mosher—Secretary/Treasurer, Joey Sanderson—Director, and Gretchen Kasameyer—Director.

Board elections are held in May of even-numbered years. Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 “B” Street). Meeting agendas are posted at the Water District office (1811 “B” Street), the Fire Station and at the Stratmoor Elementary School (200 Loomis Avenue). If you would like more information about the Districts, please contact Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at [kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org](mailto:kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org) or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at [mail@shvfd.com](mailto:mail@shvfd.com)