

# STRATMOOR NEWS

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## AUTO-PAY NOW AVAILABLE



Along with our other payment features, our customers now have the option to auto-pay their water/sewer bills.

Your registered account with Stratmoor Hills Water & Sanitation can be used to view your statements, usage history and/or update contact information.

When registering OR making a one time payment enter all ten digits, **DO NOT** enter the (-) dash. **i.e. 1234567801**

A walkthrough is available on our website or you can call the office at 719-576-0311 and we will be happy to assist you through registration.

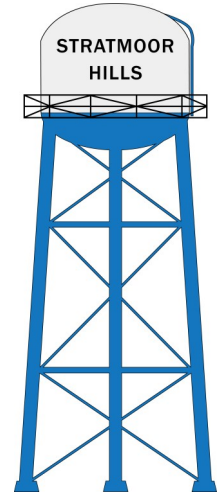


## Fire Hydrant Maintenance A Top Priority

The recent fires in Stratmoor Valley have emphasized just how important fire hydrants are to the community.

The Stratmoor Hills Water District has a fire hydrant maintenance program in place that ensures that each hydrant is maintained and exercised at least once per year.

The District will continue to make this one of its highest priorities.



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

## PLANNING TO DO ANY DIGGING THIS SPRING?



Know what's below.  
**Call before you dig.**

## NEIGHBORUP! WEEK—MAY 4—13, 2018

El Paso County and The City of Colorado Springs are teaming up to waive local permit and barricade fees during the week of **May 4-13, 2018**. Information sessions will be held to explain how to set up an event in your neighborhood. Tool kits to help plan a successful neighborhood event can be found at: <https://www.cscono.org/neighborup>



## BLOCK PARTY INFORMATION SESSIONS — March 13, 2018

Session 1: 11 a.m. —12 Noon – Sand Creek Library  
Session 2: 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. — Deerfield Hills Community Center

## BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

***Bills Mailed - March 6, 2018***

***Payments Due - March 16, 2018***

***Late Notices Mailed - March 19, 2018***

***Shut Off Day - March 28, 2018***

***Meter Read Date - March 30, 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.



## Daylight Saving Time March 11th



You may want to store up some extra sleep in the next few weeks because you are about to lose an hour of it. Come March 11 at 2 a.m. most of America will be “springing forward” as daylight saving time kicks in, giving us another hour of sunlight. **Here’s a look at seven things you may not have known about daylight saving time.**

1. “Spring forward and fall back” is an easy way to remember how to set the clock when daylight saving times begins and ends. You [set your clock forward](#) one hour at 2 a.m. on March 11. You’ll set it back one hour at 2 a.m. on Nov. 4.
2. In the United States, [daylight saving time began](#) on March 21, 1918. U.S. government officials reasoned that fuel could be saved by reducing the need for lighting in the home.
3. Ancient agrarian civilizations used a form of daylight saving time, adjusting their timekeeping depending on the sun’s activity.
4. Many people call it daylight savings time. The official name is daylight saving time. No ‘s’ on ‘saving.’
5. Benjamin Franklin came up [with an idea to reset clocks](#) in the summer months as a way to conserve energy.
6. A standardized system of beginning and ending daylight saving time came in 1966 when [the Uniform Time Act](#) became law. While it was a federal act, states were granted the power to decide if they wanted to remain on standard time year-round.
7. Arizona (except for the Navajo, who do observe daylight saving time on tribal lands), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time.

## **NFPA ENCOURAGES TESTING SMOKE ALARMS AS DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

As we set our clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time, the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) recommends testing your smoke alarms. Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms. When smoke alarms should have worked but failed to operate, it is usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead. NFPA provides the following guidelines around smoke alarms:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Replace the smoke alarm immediately if it doesn’t respond properly when tested.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, a warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.



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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)