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# STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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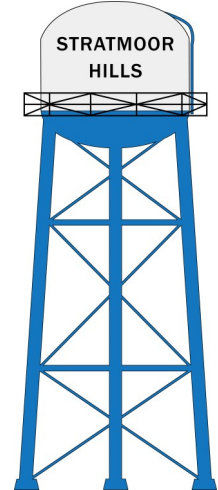
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## Sewer Service

This month's newsletter will focus on how we provide sewer service. It is our goal to provide our customers with continuous, safe and reliable sewer service. There are two major components to providing service; Wastewater Collection, and Wastewater Treatment.

CSU Wastewater Treatment Plant



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

## Wastewater Collection

When sewer collection systems are working properly, they usually go un-noticed. If there are problems, they need to be addressed immediately. To reduce sewer backups and prevent sanitary sewer overflows, staff performs routine maintenance and inspections on the sewer mains located in the street. The maintenance involves using jet rodding equipment that scours the inside of the sewer mains removing any accumulated debris and sediment. Debris accumulates more quickly in areas where fats, oil and grease are prevalent. The district encourages residents to dispose of these items in the garbage rather than down the drains. **Please note: we have had several lift station failures recently as a result of the increased usage of "biodegradable wipes".** It turns out that these products are not as biodegradable as advertised, and they can lead to blockages in home plumbing, as well as in our system.

Sewer inspections are done by using camera equipment (mounted on a small tractor) capable of traveling up and down the sewer mains. Inspections can identify potential blockages, tree root accumulation, cracks, and broken pipe.

## Wastewater Treatment

The Sanitation District has relied on Colorado Springs Utilities to treat our wastewater since 1965. It was reported in the Gazette Telegraph that in July of 1965, a 12-foot wall of flood water almost completely destroyed three of Stratmoor's four sewage treatment plants. Fortunately, Colorado Springs Utilities was able to accept the additional flows from Stratmoor, and to this day, they continue to provide the necessary treatment capacity to serve our customers.

No matter where you are digging, **Call 811** at least a few days before you start any digging project.



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

### BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

**Bills Mailed - October 5, 2018**

**Payments Due - October 15, 2018**

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

**Shut Off Payments Due - October 23, 2018**

**Shut Off Day - October 24, 2018**

**Meter Read Date - October 31, 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.**



## 2018 Campaign – Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018

This year’s FPW campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere,” works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

### LOOK

Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

### LISTEN

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

### LEARN

Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.



### NEW FIRE TRUCK AT YOUR FIRE STATION –

Your Board of Directors for the fire department approved the purchase of a new fire engine to replace a 20-year-old fire engine. The new fire engine is a 2018 HME Ahrens – Fox Urban firefighting truck. The engine has a 500-gallon water tank and can pump 1,500 gallons per minute. This new fire engine will provide many years of reliable fire and emergency services to the citizens of the district for many years to come.

**The Volunteer Firefighters will be traveling in your neighborhood for our annual  
“Halloween Cruise” on Halloween night starting around 5:00 - 8:00 pm**



Look for the big trucks and wait for the firefighters to throw some candy your way!!!!!!!!!!!!

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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)