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# STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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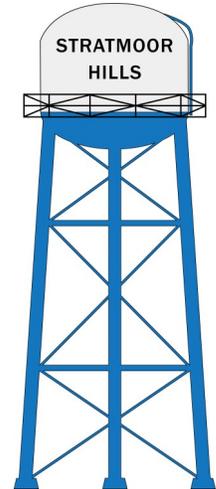
January 2019

**Elimination of Tax Revenues:** The Water and Sanitation Districts are no longer levying taxes to supplement the costs of providing water and sanitation services. Because Colorado State law limits how much state funding can be received, making this change will allow the Districts to maximize State grant funding. Starting in 2019, property owners living in the Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts service areas will no longer be charged property taxes for water or sanitation services.

**Water Treatment Plant Project Planned for 2019:** The Water District was awarded a \$285,000 grant for the design and engineering of a centralized water treatment plant which will be used to treat all of our groundwater. Even though our raw (untreated) groundwater does not currently exceed any health advisory levels for Perfluorinated compounds (PFCs), the District has been using Ion Exchange treatment equipment to successfully remove PFCs from our groundwater. A new centralized water treatment plant will allow the District to utilize all of its groundwater by providing treatment for all wells at one location. The design for the facility should be completed by mid year, with construction starting as early as this Fall. We hope to have the facility on line by late 2020.



Ion Exchange Vessels



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

**Boards to Consider Water and Sanitation Rate Increases:** The Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts Board of Directors will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 2160 B Street to consider a 13% increase in rates and fees. Any interested party may appear at said time and place for the purpose of providing input, comments or objections to the Board regarding this matter. The proposed increase will raise the average residential water bill by \$5 per month and the average residential sewer bill by \$4 per month. Additional information regarding the proposed rate increases is posted at the District Office located at 1811 B Street.

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.**

## Cold Weather Reminder

The District has had an increase in the number of frozen water pipe calls this year. Please make certain any exposed water pipe is well insulated or drained. Garden hoses should be disconnected from faucets and sprinkler lines should be drained. It is also helpful to know the location of the water shut off valve to your home in case a pipe does break. It is usually located in the basement or crawl space, on a wall facing the street. - **If you have a broken water pipe and you are unable to isolate it, please contact our office at; 719-576-0311 and a service representative will be happy to provide assistance at any time.**

## [BILLING SCHEDULE \(est.\)](#)

**Bills Mailed - January 7, 2019**

**Payments Due - January 17, 2019**

**Late Notices Mailed - January 18, 2019**

**Shut Off Payments Due - January 29, 2019**

**Shut Off Day - January 30, 2019**

**Meter Read Date - January 31, 2019**

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.**



## Happy New Year from all of us at the Fire Station!!!

2018 was once again a very busy year for us here at the Fire Station as our calls for service increase every year. We have done some remodeling inside and out, the building was repainted and we installed a gorgeous new sign on the building. Our number of volunteers has also increased immensely.

### **Below are a few highlights for 2018:**

- We are proud of the incredible number of hours our volunteers give our community. Their level of dedication and training are exemplary. Each year we recognize those individuals who go “above and beyond” the already high expectations of this department. *This year Firefighter Sean McMahon, EMS Lt. Signe Gabrielson and Dispatcher Jimmy Light were respectively honored at the department’s annual banquet.*
- Fire Chief Darin Anstine came to us in May after retiring from Fountain FD and has done a phenomenal job getting our new Engine purchased and working with staff to get her into service. Chief Anstine brings a lot of experience, knowledge and respect into the department and we are very lucky to have him.
- Our recruit Coordinator Karen Howard is already working on bringing many more volunteers in February and staff will ensure that they are trained and ready for all emergencies.
- The 2019 budget allowed the department to hire a sixth (6) Driver/Engineer so there will always be two (2) full-time Driver’s on duty working with the volunteers. Our new Driver/Engineer is Rory Medford and his first day is January 8, 2019 – we are very excited to have him aboard.

*To all of those that contributed to our Annual Toy Drive for Christmas Unlimited and Memorial Hospital; we want to “Thank you” very much for all the donations. Christmas Unlimited always tells us we are one of the busiest Fire Stations when it comes to Toy Donations!*

We want to wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2019 New Year and would like to assure the residents of our community, that the men and women of the Stratmoor Hills Fire Department will be there if you need us. The Fire Station is always manned 24/7 and can help if you need us.

Our business line is 719.576.1200.



**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, Gretchen Kasameyer—Secretary/Treasurer, Joey Sanderson—Director, and Howard Swain—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)