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New District Manager Ready to Return to Former Position

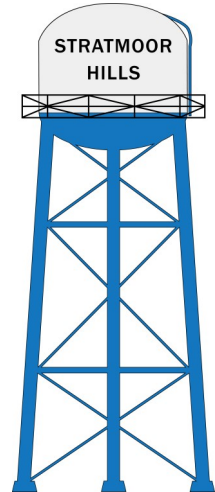
He's only been gone for 3 1/2 years, but it appears that former District Manager, Kirk Medina, is ready to return to Stratmoor Hills. The Board of Directors announced at their Regular Meeting on August 16th, that Mr. Medina had been selected after a recent search process. Named as the sole Finalist for the position in July, Kirk was interviewed in early August. He accepted the offer that was presented to him after that interview and the Board approved his Employment Agreement during that August 16th meeting.

Mr. Medina first came to the Districts in 2015 after serving as Utilities Operations Manager for the City of North Las Vegas for over 15 years. He served Stratmoor Hills until the end of 2019, opting to accept a similar position in Oregon working for the Pacific City Joint Water & Sanitary Authority. Family brought him back to Colorado in 2021 and he has recently been serving as Manager of the Fountain Mutual Irrigation Company before being selected to return to Stratmoor Hills.

Kirk brings with him 20+ years of management experience in the water/wastewater field. While currently certified in Water Treatment Systems and Water Distribution Systems in the State of Oregon, he intends to seek reciprocity and renew his licenses in Colorado. Mr. Medina also brings with him a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's in Public Administration.

Mr. Medina considers his former tenure with Stratmoor Hills to be one of the highlights of his career. One accomplishment he is proud of was securing the funding for the construction of the District's new Water Treatment Plant as well as obtaining grant funds to cover all the cost of design and engineering. He'll now get to see the fruits of his labor as the Plant has been up and running successfully since the middle part of 2022.

Kirk will assume the duties as District Manager on September 6th and current Interim District Manager, Steve Rabe, will depart for the third time after providing some in-office orientation.



Reminder: Autopay is always an option and available to all our customers.

Water & Sanitation Districts Adopt Budget Calendar

At their July 19th meeting, the Board of Directors of the Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts approved Budget Calendars for both Districts. While the Budget process involves mostly Staff and the Board, citizens of Stratmoor Hills should be aware of some important dates moving forward:

- Official Introduction of the 2024 Budget - October 13th;
- Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Budget - November 15th; and
- Adoption of 2024 Budget - December 6th



BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

Bills Mailed - September 6, 2023

Payments Due - September 15, 2023

Late Notices Mailed - September 18, 2023

Shut Off Payments Due - September 26, 2023

Shut Off Day - September 27, 2023

Meter Read Date - September 29, 2023

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

We're Always Serving You 24/7

For important updates, outages, etc., please follow us on:

- Facebook at [Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation](https://www.facebook.com/StratmoorHillsWaterandSanitation)
- Next Door at www.nextdoor.com Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation District
- Important messages will also be posted on our website at www.stratmoorhillswater.org



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.



Getting to know YOUR . . . **STRATMOOR HILLS Fire Department (continued)**

SAFETY WARNINGS for DRIVING / RIDING IN CAR:

Sitting too close to the steering wheel is dangerous – may be life threatening. If the air bag deploys it can give you a bruise, break collar bone or cause serious burn injuries.

Having loose “stuff” in your car is DANGEROUS. In the event of a crash or rollover this “stuff” can hurt you – maybe severely.

Ensure you and your passengers are always wearing seatbelt properly because it is a proven fact that those individuals not seat belted in can become projectiles during a rollover accident.

If you use your mobile phone while driving use a “hands free” device will reduce distractions and allow you to focus on the traffic.

Never wear headphones or an ear plug while driving and try to avoid distractions such as changing out CD’s, going through wallet or purse etc.

IF YOU SEE EMERGENCY VEHICLES BEHIND YOU:

If you see an Ambulance, Fire Truck or Police Officer with lights and/or sirens on, please safely pull over to the right side of the road.

DO NOT PULL OUT INTO AN INTERSECTION – they will find a way to go around you so that everyone is safe as they do not want to cause another emergency.

THE FIREFIGHTERS CANNOT:

We cannot re-light your pilot light on your stove, water heater or furnace.

We cannot turn your gas back on once it has been turned off.

We cannot make any repairs or verify any repairs are correct and in proper working condition.

We cannot pump water out of basements or crawl spaces; however we can try to turn your water off in the event of a broken water line.

We do not certify Fire Extinguishers – you can find a company in the yellow pages.

We do not fill swimming pools

We have no control over your neighbor’s weeds, trash, or junk – Please call

El Paso County Code Enforcement at 719.520.6748 or 719.520.6300

We cannot cut down dead trees or clear bushes along creek beds or ravines.

While on occasion we will come rescue a cat in a tree, however we will not risk the Firefighter’s safety if we cannot reach the animal.
Please call the Humane Society for help.

OTHER OPTIONS

URGENT CARE AT CIRCLE SQUARE – billed by Memorial Hospital

2767 Janitell Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
(719) 365-2888
Seven days a week: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Closed Major Holidays
Walk-Ins are accepted

Located behind McDonald’s, next to Kohls on South Circle Drive: Enter from Janitell Road

We are here to help you on your worst day and if you come across a problem that you need help with, please call us, maybe we can find the help you need.

We always welcome you at the Fire Station and enjoy your visits.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to call us at 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 Steve Rabe, 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: Robert Colgrove—Chairperson/President, James Pesicka—Vice Chairperson/President, John Willcox—Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Dent—Director, and Richard Dull—Director.

Board elections are held in May of odd-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 Steve Rabe at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at steve@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@stratmoorhillsfire.com