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# STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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## Happy Holidays!

The employees at the Stratmoor Hills Water District would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

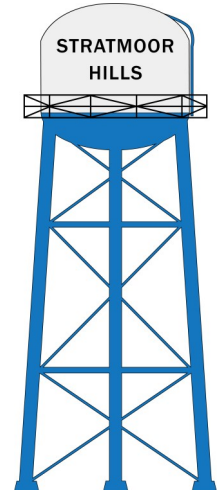
2023 was a very busy year and with several new projects scheduled in 2024, next year will be even busier.

Staff would also like to thank the Board of Directors for providing all of the tools necessary to keep our water and sanitation districts running smoothly!

The Water District was able to complete several projects in 2023, which included replacing 400 linear feet of water main on Jewel Avenue. The water treatment plant is now fully operational and produced over 150 million gallons of drinking water this year.

The Sanitation District upgraded and replaced a lift station in the Valley this year with another lift station project scheduled for next year. Crews continue to clean and inspect sewer lines to help prevent blockages in the system.

Thank you for being a part of the Stratmoor Hills Community and we hope your Holidays bring you much joy and happiness.



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



The District Office will be closed the following Holidays:

**Christmas Day:**

*Monday December 25, 2023*

**New Years Day:**

*Monday January 1, 2024*

**Martin Luther King Jr Day:**

*Monday January 15, 2024*

## 2023 Food and Toy Drive

Stratmoor Hills Water District continues to accept non-perishable food items and toy donations for families of the Stratmoor Hills Community through December 15, 2023.

Stratmoor Hills Water will have donation boxes in our lobby area and will accept donations during normal business hours Monday—Friday; 8 am to 5 pm.



## BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

**Bills Mailed - December 5, 2023**

**Payments Due - December 15, 2023**

**Late Notices Mailed - December 18, 2023**

**Shut Off Payments Due - December 26, 2023**

**Shut Off Day - December 27, 2023**

**Meter Read Date - December 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.

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.



## SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!!

The Volunteer Firefighters' & Santa will be "Cruising" on your street on Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 9:00 - 13:00. Watch for Santa and the Fire trucks, he may give you some goodies!!!!

**Join us for our Annual Toy Drive and help bring a smile to a child this Christmas Season. The Firefighters at your fire station are collecting new or used toys for Christmas Unlimited. Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Station in the box in the front lobby.**



## 10 Ways to Stay Safe as You Deck the Halls this Holiday Season

The holiday season is here, and the American Red Cross wants everyone to stay safe from home fires as they decorate their homes for the upcoming festivities. Decorations like trees, lights and candles increase the risk of home fires during the holidays—with Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day being the top three days for home candle fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The Red Cross wants people to stay safe from home fires—the nation's most frequent disaster—by testing their smoke alarms and practicing their home fire escape plan with free resources at [redcross.org/home\\_fires](https://www.redcross.org/home_fires). In addition, you can follow these 10 simple safety tips as you put up lights and ornaments:

1. Check all holiday light cords to make sure they are not frayed or broken. Do not string too many strands of lights together—no more than three per extension cord.
2. If you are buying an artificial tree, look for the fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat.
3. If getting a live tree, make sure it is fresh and water it to keep it fresh. Bend the needles up and down to make sure no needles fall off.
4. If using older decorations, check their labels. Some older tinsel is lead-based. If using angel hair, wear gloves to avoid irritation. Avoid breathing in artificial snow.
5. When decorating outside, make sure decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid an electrocution or fire hazard.
6. If using a ladder, be extra careful. Make sure to have good, stable placement and wear shoes that allow for good traction.
7. Do not use electric lights on metallic trees.
8. Do not forget to turn off all holiday lights when going to bed or leaving the house.
9. Keep children, pets and decorations away from candles.
10. If hanging stockings on the fireplace mantel, do not light the fireplace.

**Your fire department wants you to have a fire-safe holiday season.**

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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 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)