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Stratmoor Hills Water District to Receive \$680,000 in ARPA Grant Funding

In late September, the Stratmoor Hills Water District received a portion of \$20.9 million in federal funds awarded to El Paso County under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds were a necessary investment in water / wastewater infrastructure. The Water District was awarded \$680,000 to help rehabilitate the emergency interconnection with Colorado Springs Utilities.

The interconnection with CSU is quit outdated and in need of several upgrades to make operational. This interconnection is extremely important to the Stratmoor Hills Water District and would be used if there was a catastrophic failure in the water distribution system.

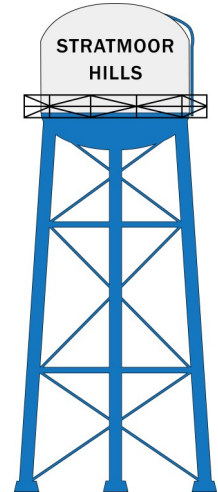
In 2023, the District will work with our engineering partner, Forsgren Engineering, to develop and build a brand new state-of-the-art emergency interconnection with Colorado Springs Utilities. This connection will be an above ground structure and will meet all of CSU's specifications for operations.

If you would like more information regarding the upgrades to the interconnection, please contact the District Manager, Kevin Niles, at the District Office.

Stratmoor Hills Water District to Raise Water Rates by 3%

Dear Stratmoor Hills Water District customers,

The Stratmoor Hills Water District and the Board of Directors will be considering a 3% rate increase on all Water related charges in 2023. After carefully analyzing increased materials and overhead costs, we are informing you of a necessary forthcoming price increase for the Stratmoor Hills Water District. Please be assured that the Stratmoor Hills Water District has made every effort to keep this increase to a minimum. The Stratmoor Hills Water District will be holding a Public Hearing on December 7, 2022 at the Board of Directors meeting located at the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District at 3PM.



See us on the website at:
stratmoorhillswater.org

The District Office will be closed the following Holidays in November 2022:

Veterans Day:

Friday November 11, 2022

Thanksgiving Day:

Thursday November 24, 2022

Staff Holiday:

Friday November 25, 2022

2022 Food and Toy Drive

Stratmoor Hills Water District will begin accepting non-perishable food items and toy donations for families of the Stratmoor Hills Community November 01, 2022 through December 16, 2022.



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

BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

Bills Mailed - November 3, 2022

Payments Due - November 15, 2022

Late Notices Mailed - November 16, 2022

Shut Off Payments Due - Nov 22, 2022

Shut Off Day - November 23, 2022

Meter Read Date - November 30, 2022

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to

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.



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.



Thanksgiving Safety



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

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

Before the festivities begin, test your smoke alarms, and review your fire escape plan.

Do not invite disaster to your holiday celebrations.

Stratmoor News is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kevin Niles, 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, Cynthia Dent—Director, and Richard Dull—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 Kevin Niles at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kevin@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com