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Updating Aging Infrastructure

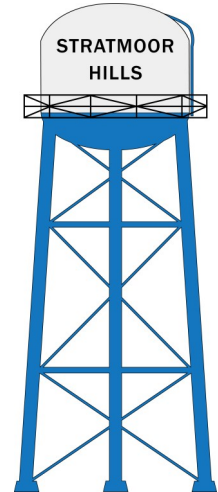


The Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts were organized in 1956 and all the main infrastructure was put into place during the late 1950s. Therefore, this puts our aging infrastructure around 66 years old. The Board of Directors has made it a priority to replace main distribution lines on an annual basis.

Over the past several years, the Field Crew has been responding to multiple line breaks on Stratmoor Drive. This line consisted of a 2" poly-line and continuously cracked or ruptured. Therefore, the District decided to upgrade and replace this line with 4" PVC. In June, the District worked with a local contractor, Joe Frei Excavation, to replace 276 feet of main line. This also included several new valve boxes and new service lines.

The District is currently assessing other possible projects that may be completed in 2022. Other Capital Improvements include the purchase of vital equipment, such as, a new 7-yard dump truck.

The Districts will continue to update the communities aging distribution and collections systems. We have an extremely lofty goal of replacing 2% annually. However, with the rising costs of material and labor we may not be able to achieve this goal every year.



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stratmoorhillswater.org

Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit.—Ronald Regan



Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) comes from meat fats in food scraps, cooking oil, shortening, lard, butter and margarine, gravy, and food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings, and sour cream. FOG poured down kitchen drains accumulates inside sewer pipes. Fats, oils, and grease will **build up in your pipes, create blockages and plug sewers**, leading to problems such as: Raw sewage overflowing and backing up into your home, business, or a neighboring property. Basement flooding (an expensive and unpleasant situation).



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

Bills Mailed - July 6, 2022

Payments Due - July 15, 2022

Late Notices Mailed - July 18, 2022

Shut Off Payments Due - July 26, 2022

Shut Off Day - July 27, 2022

Meter Read Date - July 29, 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.



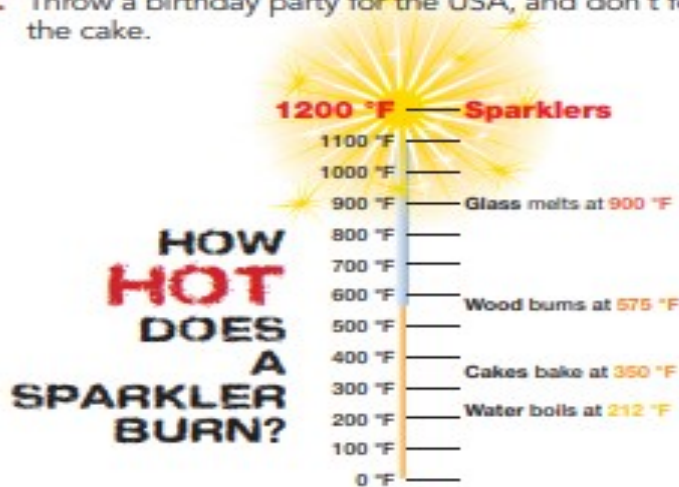
FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

FACTS

- ❗ More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ❗ Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ❗ Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ❗ Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ❗ Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



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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 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