
STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

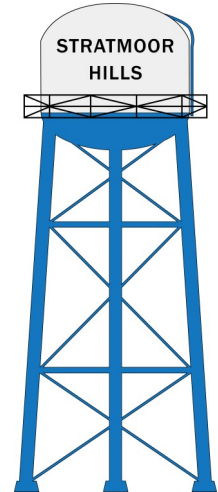
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2020 A YEAR IN REVIEW:

2020 has been quite a tumultuous year for all of us including everyone here at the Water and Sanitation Districts. Here are a few things that came out of 2020:

- The New District Manager, Kevin Niles, started in April of 2020 and has settled into the role making sure the District continues to operate effectively and efficiently.
- The Water District replaced 640 linear feet of water main along Chamberlin South just North of B Street.
- The Water District was finally able to have our treatment plant property replated and approved by El Paso County Planning, and the building project will start in Spring 2021.
- RMS Utilities installed the Water District's raw waterline from Well #10, Well #5, and Well #4 to the newly proposed water treatment plant off of Glenarm Rd. This project was completed with financial assistance from the Districts partnership with the USAF.
- Special shout-out to the District's Field Crew for responding to emergency breaks throughout the past year. The crew has worked through the night and during inclement weather to make sure services were restored in a timely manner.
- The Office Staff has done an excellent job of providing outstanding customer service. The office staff has also worked diligently with the Stratmoor Hills Community to help over 60 local families with holidays dinners, toys, and assistance with water bills...Totaling over \$5,000
- On a sad note— The Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts lost a valued member of the community and the Board of Directors. Mr. Thomas Wehrkamp passed away in December and will be dearly missed.



See us on the website at:
stratmoorhillswater.org

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

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 6, 2021

Payments Due - January 15, 2021

Late Notices Mailed - January 19, 2021

Shut Off Payments Due - January 26, 2021

Shut Off Day - January 27, 2021

Meter Read Date - January 29, 2021

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!!!

Like you all - 2020 was a very, very hard but busy year for us here at the Fire Station.

- Our calls for service continue to increase every year and this year was no exception – we are now a part of the South Group with (Security FD, Fountain FD, and Hanover FD). The South Group is where we assist each other with major incidents (house fires, multiple vehicle traffic accidents etc.). This allows more FF's on scene to knock down the fire faster or more hands to help with the sick or injured.
- We received a generous donation and are going to be remodeling our kitchen and some of the inside of the building.
- The new Fire Chief Shawn Bittle was sworn in in April and has done a tremendous job to increase our volunteer numbers immensely. We will be holding FFI (Firefighter I) and FFII (Firefighter II) classes after the first of the year.
- The new Fire Captain Mike Ortega started his first shift deploying with two (2) other Drivers to the Cameron Peak fire for 2-weeks and did a fantastic job helping with structural protection in and around Estes Park.
- 2020 brought us some sadness as well – we lost Driver/Engineer Ethan Grimes in July, a former volunteer and good friend Enzo Venetilli in August and then our Board President Thomas Wehrkamp in December. May they all rest in peace.

COVID 19 forced us to change the way we treat our patients and our members; however, we will continue to always be there for our district members and strive to keep us all safe until this pandemic subsides.

We want to wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2021 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

To all of those that contributed to our Annual Toy Drive for Christmas Unlimited; 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!

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: Thomas Wehrkamp—Chairperson/President, Robert Colgrove—Vice Chairperson/President, James Pesicka—Secretary/Treasurer, Dianne Cooper—Director, and John Willcox—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