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# STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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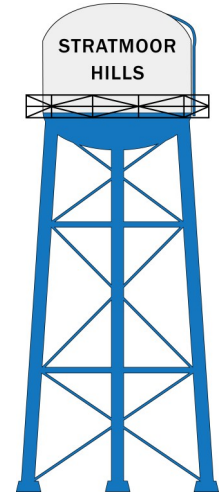
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## More Cold Weather Tips

Since there is more cold weather ahead of us, here are some more tips to help prevent water pipes from freezing in the winter. The following tips can help you avoid problems when temperatures drop below freezing:

- Know the location of your water shut off valve and test it regularly. Doing so may prevent expensive water damage if a pipe breaks. It is usually located in the basement or crawl space, on a wall facing the street.
- Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them. Make sure the faucet and the outside portion of the pipes are fully drained.
- Insulate pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before.
- Winterize unheated or vacant buildings. Significant property damage can occur before burst pipes are discovered in vacant buildings.
- In sub-zero weather, it may be necessary to trickle (or drip) water in the sink, to keep pipes from freezing.
- 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.



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



### 2024 Food and Toy Drive

Stratmoor Hills Water District will continue accepting non-perishable food items and toy donations for families of the Stratmoor Hills Community until December 16, 2024.



Public  
Notice

The Stratmoor Hills Sanitation District has hired DRC Construction Services to clean out sewer lines within our district. They are expected to be working in our neighborhoods (in the streets) over the next few weeks.

Please call the office at 719-576-0311, Press 2, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project.

Thank you for your patience while the cleaning process is completed.

### BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

Bills Mailed - December 2, 2024

Payments Due - December 13, 2024

Late Notices Mailed - December 16, 2024

Shut Off Payments Due - December 24, 2024

Meter Read Date - December 31, 2024

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 21, 2024, 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.**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!**

We can't thank our Fire District residents enough for believing in us to continue moving the Fire Department forward – we truly appreciate the passing of the 6B - Mill-Levy Tax Increase that was on the November ballot. The money will help us doing the following:

- ◆ Hire three (3) additional Firefighters/EMT to work with our current crews daily.
- ◆ Hire one (1) Deputy Chief of Training and Operations –
- ◆ Purchase a new Tactical Tender truck so that we can have extra water available on District and Wildland Fires.
- ◆ Increase the Volunteer's monthly stipend that helps compensate for the gas and wear and tear on their vehicles to and from home to the station. The Volunteers work forty-eight (48) hours a month, along with trainings and they are a critical part of the fire department.
- ◆ Allow the Fire District to have eight (8) Volunteers working with the on-duty crews and live in the Fire District.
- ◆ Increase our reserves for future vehicle purchases to replace outdated vehicles.
- ◆ Increase the salaries of our career firefighters to allow them for a better living wage.

The regular Board of Directors General Election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and there will be two (2) positions available. More information will be forthcoming in January and February.



**We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Remember – we are always here if and when you need us!**



**Stratmoor News** is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kirk Medina, 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 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)