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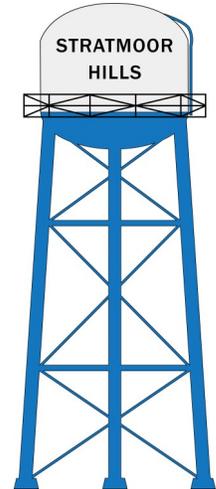
Vacuum Truck Serves Dual Purpose

Earlier this year, a used vacuum truck was purchased with funds coming from both the Water and Sanitation Districts. With only 25,000 miles (and low hours) the 2011 Vac-con, combination sewer jet rodder / hydro-excavator is in great condition. Staff is thrilled with its performance and can hardly remember how they functioned without it.

The Sanitation District relies on the jet rodding equipment (located on the front of the truck) to clean and scour the sewer mains in the street, going from manhole to manhole. The vacuum is then used to capture any solids that are broke loose downstream.

The Water District uses the vacuum, along with a high pressure wand to help excavate in tight areas, or anytime there are other utilities located near the water mains underground. The "hydro-excavator" components allow staff to dig safely around obstacles that previously required hand digging with a shovel.

Don't be surprised if you see our crews using our vacuum truck while working in your neighborhood. It will be easy to recognize... because the colors just so happen to match our water tank!



See us on the website at:
stratmoorhillswater.org



Call 811 at least a few days before starting any digging project



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Neighborhood Association Christmas Potluck

The Stratmoor Hills Neighborhood Association will be hosting this year's Christmas Potluck at the Stratmoor Hills Elementary School on December 5, 2019 at 6 PM.



The Association's Board of Directors will furnish drinks, ham and turkey – along with plates and utensils. Attendees may bring a side dish of their choice. Everyone is looking forward to this event and getting to meet both past families and friends along with new families.

BILLING SCHEDULE

Bills Mailed - November 6, 2019

Payments Due - November 18, 2019

Late Notices Mailed - November 19, 2019

Shut Off Payments Due - Nov. 26, 2019

Shut Off Day - November 27, 2019

Meter Read Date - November 29, 2019

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.

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.


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Fire Safety Message from Fire Chief Darin Anstine

Don't have firefighters over for Thanksgiving, they would rather stay home.

THANKSGIVING DAY: RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRES

Did you know:

That Thanksgiving Day fires in residential structures cause more property damage and claim more lives than residential structure fires on other days?

Thanksgiving Day has more than double the number of residential cooking fires than an average day. As with many U.S. holidays, fire incidences increase on Thanksgiving Day. This increase is troubling as it applies mostly to cooking fires in the family home. Each year, nearly 4,300 fires in the United States occur on Thanksgiving Day causing 15 fatalities, about 50 injuries, and nearly \$27 million in property damage. Of these fires, 1,450 are in residential structures that claim 15 lives, injure 41, and cause an estimated \$21 million in damage.

What causes these fires: Cooking is the leading cause of residential structure fires on Thanksgiving Day and is responsible for more fires than the following four leading causes combined. The leading factor in the ignition of residential cooking fires is food left unattended.

As with cooking fires in general, 83 percent of Thanksgiving Day residential structure fires are the result of incidents involving stoves and ovens. The day after Thanksgiving traditionally has a substantial decrease in such fires, perhaps because people eat leftovers rather than cook.

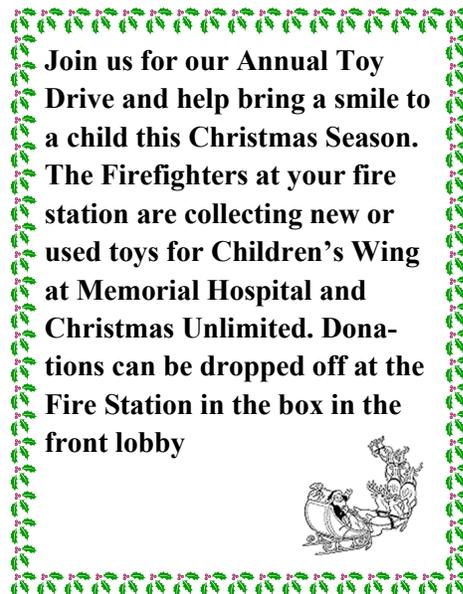
What you can do: Stay in the kitchen, unattended cooking causes most fires. Wear short sleeve clothing, loose clothing can catch fire when you lean over a burner. Watch children closely, a kitchen is not a play area. Clean cooking surfaces to prevent food and grease build up, grease can catch fire easily. Keep curtains, towels and potholders away from hot surfaces, these fabrics can catch fire if left too close to a burner.

Safety Tips for Turkey Fryers: Citizens who choose to fry turkeys should follow these safety guidelines:

- * Keep fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- * Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- * Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.
- * Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- * COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- * Check the oil temperature frequently.
- * If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.
- * If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. DO NOT attempt to extinguish fire with water.

Follow these guidelines as you prepare to use a turkey fryer:

- * Make sure there is at least 2 feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- * Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.
- * Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.
- * Completely thaw (USDA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.



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: Dianne Cooper—Chairperson/President, Tom Wehrkamp—Vice Chairperson/President, Gretchen Kasameyer—Secretary/Treasurer, Joey Sanderson—Director, and Robert Colgrove—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 Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com