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KOOTENAI-PONDERAY SEWER DISTRICT

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Board Members

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The Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sewer District office starting at 6 pm.

BOARD MEETING

Dec. 9, 2024
Jan. 13, 2024

Please call the office at least one (1) week in advance if you would like to be included on the agenda.



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The Waste Watcher

Our Mission: To provide the best possible customer and wastewater services while preserving the public health, in accordance with all State and Federal regulations, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

NEW MONTHLY RATES EFFECTIVE 10/1/2024

On August 26, 2024, the Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District held its Budgets and Rate hearings as published in the Bonner County Daily Bee and posted at the District Office and on the Website. Due to the increase in operating costs, the Board has determined the need for an increase in rates to cover those costs.

UPDATE YOUR BANK BILL-PAY SYSTEM

Make sure you update your bill pay service to reflect the **new sewer fees**. Also, check to see that you have your sewer account number (**BIDXXXX-00**) in the memo section of your check. This expedites the accuracy and crediting of your payments to your account. Thank you.

NSF-Bad Check charges– the District will increase the fee for checks/money orders and other forms of payment returned to the District to **$35.00 for each occurrence** to cover not only bank fees but additional employee time required to process such returned payments.

Type of User	Old Rate Per Month	New Rate Per Month
Single Family Residence	$54.93	$56.58
Commercial-Residential (per ER)	$54.93	$56.58
Commercial Use (per ER)	$73.71	$75.92
Industrial Use (per ER)	$93.92	$96.74
Admin/Non-Connected (per ER)	$10.49	$10.80
Gov/Non-Profit (per ER)	$27.50	$28.33

Plant Upgrade Fee (per ER per month) $3.00-this is *not* included in the above rates and will show separately on your billing statement.

THE NORTHSIDE FIRE DISTRICT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

As we discuss our future, address the growth in Bonner County, and look for ways to better serve our community, we need your input. This survey is brief (about 5-10 minutes) and the answers will be used to guide our future goals and objectives.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthsideFire

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The following dates are the district's schedule for the holiday season. The rest of the schedule for the office will remain the same.
Open Monday—Thursday.
8:30am —5:00pm
Nov 28th—29th Closed
Dec 24th—25th Closed
Jan 1st— Closed



Remember the line from your home or business to the District's main line, up to and including the tap, is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to keep properly maintained and in good working order.
The District is here to help.

WASTEWATER PLANT UPGRADE PROGRESS

The District Engineer and Operations Manager, in vetting companies claiming their product can meet the District's IPDES permit limits, have toured multiple plants to see the operations. This also gave them the opportunity to speak with the operators running the plants to gain more insight and confidence in the capability of the plant to meet the District's needs.

With the size of KPSD's treatment volume, the District is looking for a building that will house stainless steel tanks above ground and has all the technology built at the manufacturer's factory. This effectively makes for a "plug and play" plant which will make future expansions more cost effective rather than building in ground tanks made of concrete.

Larger volume treatment plants, say treating above 1 million gallons a day, doing concrete is more cost effective. The size of treatment needed by KPSD is an in-between stage. Although the District has smaller flows, the IPDES permit is requiring the technology of a large plant to remove nutrients like Ammonia and Total Phosphorus. This is why looking for the most cost-effective way to meet the District's needs is a tedious and long process.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO PONDERAY & KOOTENAI

SATURDAY, December 14,2024



Santa and his trusty elves will be flying around the Ponderay Community and Kootenai Elementary on Saturday, December 14th, for the ***21st Annual Santa Sack Project.*** Over the last 20 years, this event has evolved into an incredible community event. It offers support to the children and senior citizens of Ponderay and Kootenai while creating lasting memories. Thanks to generous donations from the community and local businesses, Santa and his crew are now able to deliver 575 bags each year filled to the brim with essentials and goodies to children and senior citizens alike. Excited children, all bundled up, eagerly wait by the curb to catch a glimpse of Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves as they arrive on the Ponderay Express Trolley. Our community has many in need, and it's truly heartwarming to witness the smiles and hear the grateful thanks. We are immensely thankful that we are able to continue this program year after year, all thanks to the generous support of the community!

Please help us continue to create lasting memories. Your support for this wonderful project would be appreciated. Donations remain within our community and will be personally delivered by Santa and Mrs. Claus. The gift bags are assembled in Santa's Workshop (Ponderay City Hall) during the week of December 9th-13th. Donations can be made at City Hall or by mail to City of Ponderay, P.O. Box 500, Ponderay, Idaho 83852. Please make checks payable to the City of Ponderay and note "Santa Sack" in the memo line. For questions please call KayLeigh Miller at (208)265-5468.

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