

AMSTERDAM CHURCHILL SEWER DISTRICT

WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

*Amsterdam-Churchill County Sewer District No. 307
7200 Churchill Road, Manhattan, MT 59741*

Wastewater System Improvements

The Amsterdam-Churchill County Sewer District (ACSD) continues to comply with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) mandate to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility. In June, the ACSD started the construction on improvements to the wastewater collection and treatment system.

The improvements consist of the construction of a 6.5-mile long pipeline to convey wastewater collected from Amsterdam and Churchill to the Town of Manhattan for treatment and disposal. In addition to the pipeline, the existing wastewater lagoons located north of Amsterdam will be reclaimed.

The project is funded by the grant and low interest loan programs listed below:

USDA- Rural Development: \$2,200,000 (loan)

Montanan Department of Commerce, Treasure State Endowment Program: \$750,000 (grant)

Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation, Renewable Resource Grant: \$100,000 (grant)

Local Funds: \$100,000

Construction Progress Update

In June of 2014 the project was awarded to the low bidder, Mungas Company. In July Mungas Company began installing the pipeline within the county road, state highway, and railroad rights-of-way. To date, Mungas Company has installed the pipeline and is currently working on the construction of the sewer lift station at the existing wastewater treatment facility. Due to the onset of winter conditions, and long delivery times expected for emergency generators, the District has suspended work. The project will commence this spring and is anticipated to be operating in June of 2015.

Once the lift station and pipeline is operational, the contractor will begin work on reclaiming the existing lagoon system.

Public Meeting:

*December 4th, 2014 at 4:00pm
Amsterdam Rural Fire Department*

Would you like to get involved?

The Sewer District is currently in search for residents who would like to get involved by filling vacancies on the Board of Directors and secretary positions. The Sewer District Board is required to meet quarterly but additional meetings may be necessary throughout the year.

Board Member duties include representing the District users, reviewing and voting on the District's finances, guidelines, resolutions, and ordinances.

For additional information or to apply for one of the vacant position, please contact the District Manager:

Jeff Dyksterhouse
(406)581-9734
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Sewer Rate Increase

The District's primary goal is to provide users with the lowest possible user rates. Over the past 6-years, the District has been slowly increasing the sewer rates to both fund the upfront costs associated with the pending improvements, and to prevent a major one-time rate increase. Now that the District has a contract for the construction cost, it is time once again to complete a rate adjustment. The rates will be increase to cover the monthly cost for the operation and maintenance of the system and to repay the construction loan. Below is a brief summary of the District's costs and proposed sewer rates.

Connection Type	Total EDUs*	Existing Monthly Rate for Connection Type	Proposed Monthly Rate for Connection Type
Residential, General Commercial, and Churches	344	\$50.00	\$70.00
Manhattan Christian School	10.7	\$600.00	\$750.00
Amsterdam School	5	\$225.00	\$350.00
Rest Home	8	\$400.00	\$560.00
Fire Department, Amsterdam Lumber Storage Building, Potato Cellar	0.5	\$12.50	\$17.50
Total	368.5		

*An equivalent dwelling unit is the measurement used to assess wastewater user rates, one EDU is the equivalent represents one typical single family home.

For further information on the proposed sewer rate increase please see the enclosed notice or attend the public meeting on Thursday, December 4th, 2014 or contact one of the District's Board of Director's.

Current Board of Directors and Staff

Please feel free to contact the Board of Directors or Staff at any time with questions or comments

Board of Directors

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District Manager

Jeff Dyksterhouse

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 13, 2014, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Amsterdam Churchill County Sewer District No. 307, Montana (the “District”), adopted a resolution of intention (the “Resolution”) to increase the user rates and charges of the District’s sewer system (the “System”) and to establish certain fees and penalties.

The District currently charges a monthly sewer charge for the use and availability of the System, based on the estimated equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs, per connection, as set forth below. Each connection to the System is charged a monthly rate (the “Monthly Rate”) of \$50.00 per month per EDU.

Connection Type	Connections	EDU per Connection	Total EDUs	Current Monthly Rate for Connection Type
Residential, General Commercial and Churches	344	1	344	\$50.00
Manhattan Christian School	1	12	12	\$600.00
Amsterdam School	1	4.5	4.5	\$225.00
Rest Home (35 beds)	1	8	8	\$400.00
Fire Department, Amsterdam Lumber Storage Building, Potato Cellar	2	0.25	0.5	\$12.50
Total	349		369	

The District proposes to modify the estimated EDUs attributed to each of Manhattan Christian School and Amsterdam School, based on recent enrollment information, and to increase the Monthly Rate for the use and availability of the System to \$70.00 per month per EDU, in each case, as set forth below, commencing January 1, 2015. Users will be charged the full Monthly Rate for any portion of a month in which they are connected to the System.

Connection Type	Connections	EDU per Connection	Total EDUs	Proposed Monthly Rate for Connection Type
Residential, General Commercial and Churches	344	1	344	\$70.00
Manhattan Christian School	1	10.7	10.7	\$750.00
Amsterdam School	1	5	5	\$350.00
Rest Home (35 beds)	1	8	8	\$560.00
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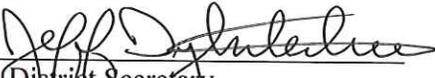
The proposed rate increase represents an increase of approximately 40% over the current Monthly Rate for most users, an increase of approximately 25% for Manhattan Christian School and an increase of approximately 56% for Amsterdam School.

In addition, the Board proposes to establish a late fee equal to 10% of the monthly charge for monthly payments postmarked after the 10th of the month, and a penalty of \$250, plus applicable system development fees and Monthly Rate payments from the date of connection, for any property connected to the System without having its connection inspected by the District and without paying applicable system development fees and Monthly Rate payments.

On December 4, 2014, commencing at 4:00 p.m., at the Amsterdam Rural Fire Department meeting hall, located at 7170 Churchill Road in Manhattan, Montana, the Board will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed sewer rate increase and the proposed establishment of fees and penalties.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Henry Dyksterhouse, President of the Board of the District, at (406) 282-7291.

Done by Order of the Board of Directors of the Amsterdam Churchill County Sewer District No. 307, Montana, pursuant to the Resolution adopted November 13, 2014.


District Secretary

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