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August 9, 2019

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## **Community Center Building Closed Amid Structural Safety Concerns**

Silt's Community Center has been closed due to structural safety concerns. After deficiencies were discovered to have worsened this week, the Town's Building Department has posted the building as unsafe and that occupancy is prohibited. The Town has notified all of those who have registered to use the building and given them the alternative of using the Town Center, as appropriate.

On Monday, August 5, 2019, a routine check of the building discovered that the west wall seemed to be buckling and other walls were "leaning". Building Inspector Mike Styk examined the building and advised, along with Public Works Director Trey Fonner, that the building be closed to public use.

The building is routinely checked, as are other buildings rented to the public. The last time it was checked was Friday, August 2. The extent of the structural damage was not as apparent. In additional exams this week, the building is apparently continuing to deteriorate.

The Silt Board of Trustees will discuss the issue at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 12 at 7 PM.

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## **Garfield County Commissioners Pledge \$175,000 to Silt Interchange Grant Request**

The Garfield County BoCC granted Silt \$175,000 in matching funds for a \$300,000 US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant for planning and engineering on a renovated I-70 interchange at Silt. With the \$125,000 put into the grant by the Town, \$600,000 will be available for this effort, or about 30% of that needed. It is hoped that this will be enough to get us started on planning and will help attract additional funding. The money from the county can only be used if the grant is awarded.

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# Traffic/Park Change Proposals

Following citizen feedback, the following traffic/park changes were made, either administratively or by ordinance:

- **16TH Street and Orchard Avenue:** Considering change to become a FOUR WAY STOP due to its proximity to the kid's soccer fields, heavy traffic through the area and kids running to and fro. **After some well-articulated citizen feedback, we have decided to beef up our crosswalk and signage at that location to enhance safety in the area. We will continue to evaluate this intersection.**
  - **Harness Lane:** Considering change of the use of the street to "No Parking" on the north side of the street and 24 hour parking limitation on the south side of the street. It is intended to discourage the parking of non-owner vehicles and those stored by area businesses, trailers, recreational vehicles, boats and other stored vehicles. Some residents had pressed for the changes after the street became an unsightly depository. **After some significant dialogue with residents of the area, the Town has installed "No Parking" signs on the north side of the street and will allow parking on the south. The Town will continue to monitor the area and encourages continued feedback from those who use this street.**
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## CSU Extension Agent to Present Information on Elm Seed Bugs

On August 20th at 6 P.M, at the Silt Town Center located at 600 Home Avenue in Silt, the Town will host Colorado State Extension Agent Abi Saeed to discuss the Elm Seed Bug infestation that has recently become prevalent in the area. The presentation will focus on the life cycle of the bug and how to effectively deal with it. Other nuisance pests will also be covered, including: Box Elder bugs, Paper Wasps, and other nuisance insects which are also prevalent in this area. Abi has an undergraduate degree in Zoology from the University of Guelph, and a Master's degree in Entomology from the University of Kentucky. Abi was a Horticulture Extension Agent at Michigan State University prior to moving to Colorado in May 2018.

Questions about this event may be directed to Public Works Director Trey Fonner at (970)-876-2353 ext. 106, [trey@townofsilt.org](mailto:trey@townofsilt.org).

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## Town to Celebrate "Local's Choice" Awards

The Town of Silt is planning a street party on Main Street to congratulate seven Silt businesses for their inclusion in the Glenwood Post-Independent's recent "Local's Choice" awards.

Billed as a way to "celebrate **with** and promote **all**" Silt businesses, the event will feature music, family fun, games, specials, treats, fellowship and more. The

event will be called “Silt Stands Out!” and will take place on Thursday, August 29 from 5-7:30 PM.

Silt businesses garnering awards were Misty’s Coffee Shop, West and Blessed Clothing, Miner’s Claim Restaurant, Whimsical Wagon Gifts, Green Cross Dispensary, Burning Mountain Pizza and Subs and Property Professionals Real Estate. Stop by and congratulate them soon and mark your calendars for Silt’s street celebration.

Gina Reece-Long has volunteered to organize the party, which will be loosely based on the Chamber mixer held last May. All Silt businesses will be encouraged to participate.

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## Business Beautification!

Beautify your business by applying for a Downtown Improvement Grant. For more information, please contact us at Town Hall, 876-2353 or visit our website.

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## Mayor’s Prize for Yard Beautification

Don’t forget to nominate a deserving Silt resident (including self-nomination) for “Round Two” of the Mayor’s Yard Beautification Prize! Go to [https://www.townofsilt.org/august\\_12\\_beautiful\\_yard\\_contest](https://www.townofsilt.org/august_12_beautiful_yard_contest) to sign up.

One winner was selected in round one and all of those who were nominated rolled over to round two.

The prize recognizes local residents and businesses that have created welcoming and appealing front yards. Make your nomination today!

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## Questions about Town of Silt operations? We’re here to help!

For comments or questions regarding:

- Streets, parks, playgrounds, bridges, irrigation system, bulk water machines and more, contact Public Works Director Trey Fonner at [trey@townofsilt.org](mailto:trey@townofsilt.org).
- Concerts, events, planning and zoning, building in Silt, contact Community Development Director Janet Aluise at [janet@townofsilt.org](mailto:janet@townofsilt.org).
- Town Ordinances, election laws, liquor licensing, Town records, Skyline Cemetery, contact Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre at [Sheila@townofsilt.org](mailto:Sheila@townofsilt.org).
- Utility billing questions regarding water, wastewater, irrigation or trash, contact Janey Dyke at [jdye@townofsilt.org](mailto:jdye@townofsilt.org).
- Police concerns including traffic and crime, contact Chief Mike Kite at [mkite@townofsilt.org](mailto:mkite@townofsilt.org).

- Water and wastewater, contact Utilities Director Jack Castle at [jackc@townofsilt.org](mailto:jackc@townofsilt.org).
- Opportunity Zones, Economic Development or anything else the Town is involved in, contact Town Administrator Jeff Layman at [jlayman@townofsilt.org](mailto:jlayman@townofsilt.org).

# Board of Trustees Meeting: August 12!

**TOWN OF SILT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

***6:00 Joint work session with the Board of County Commissioners***

ESTIMATED TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PUBLIC HEARING or ACTION ITEM	STAFF PRESENTOR
	<b>Agenda</b>		<b>Tab A</b>
<b>7:00</b>	<b>Call to order</b>		<b>Mayor Richel</b>
	<b>Roll call</b>		
	<b>Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence</b>		
<b>7:05</b>	<b>Consent agenda –</b>  1. Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Tab B Mayor Richel</b>
	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>		
<b>7:10</b>	<b>Public Comments - A “Sign In Sheet” is available in the Council Chambers. Each speaker will limit comments to no more than three (3) minutes, with a total time of 30 minutes allotted to public comments, pursuant to Section 2.28.020 of the Silt Municipal Code</b>		
<b>7:25</b>	<b>Agenda Changes</b>		
	<b>Convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority</b>		
<b>7:25 5 min</b>	<b>Gofer Foods – Renewal of Retail Beer license (off premise)</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Tab C Town Clerk McIntyre</b>
	<b>Reconvene as the Board of Trustees</b>		
	<b>Convene as the Local Marijuana Authority</b>		
<b>7:30 5 min</b>	<b>Rifle Remedies dba Green Cross Silt – Renewal of Retail Marijuana license</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Tab D Town Clerk McIntyre</b>
	<b>Reconvene as the Board of Trustees</b>		
<b>7:35 10 min</b>	<b>Xcel LED Street Light Program – Kelly Flenniken</b>	<b>Info / Action Item</b>	<b>Tab E Director Fonner</b>
<b>7:45 20 min</b>	<b>Resolution No. 19, Series 2019, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPPOSING EXPANSION OF THE TRANSFER TRAIL MINE AND SUPPORTING COUNTY REGULATION OF THE MINE</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Tab F Administrator Layman</b>
<b>8:05 30 min</b>	<b>Mountain Waste &amp; Recycling – Rate Increase Request – Mike Hinkley</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Tab G Administrator</b>

			<b>Layman</b>
<b>8:35 5 min</b>	Second reading of <b>Ordinance No. 7, Series 2019</b> , AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 8.24.020 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING HOURS OF PUBLIC USE FOR ALL TOWN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>Tab H Chief Kite</b>
<b>8:40 10 min</b>	<b>Community Center Building discussion</b>	<b>Info Item</b>	<b>Tab I Administrator Layman</b>
<b>8:50 10 min</b>	<b>Administrator and Staff reports</b>	<b>Info Item</b>	<b>Tab J Administrator Layman</b>
<b>9:00 10 min</b>	<b>Updates from Board / Board Comments</b>		
<b>9:10</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>		

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Silt Board of Trustees is Monday, August 26, 2019. Items on the agenda are approximate and intended as a guide for the Board of Trustees. "Estimated Time" is subject to change, as is the order of the agenda. For deadlines and information required to schedule an item on the agenda, please contact the Silt Town Clerk at 876-2353.