



August 29, 2019

News You Can Use!

Silt's Irrigation Water in Short Supply

The Town of Silt received late word last night from the Ware and Hinds Ditch Association that it was running low on irrigation water in its ditch and had issued a call to replenish its supply. It may take as long as a week for the call to produce additional water. Until then, Silt's irrigation flows will be diminished and some users may be forced to operate with less, or in some cases no irrigation water.

The Town of Silt does not own or operate any of the irrigation ditches. It does not control the amount of water flowing in the ditches or have influence on the supply. The Town receives approximately 30-35% of its irrigation water from this source.

Some developments in town, most notably Mesa View and Eagle's View, have less right to water than they need and occasionally notice this shortage. As water is available, the Town pumps it to tanks that serve these developments. Iron Horse Mesa has no access to irrigation water and must rely on treated water, at an additional expense to those homeowners.

How can homeowners help?

-The typical lawn only needs watered every 5 to 7 days in the summer. A good rain eliminates the need for water for up to two weeks.

-It is recommended to water your lawn in the early morning when the wind is at its lowest velocity and less evaporation due to lower temperatures.

-Position your water sprinklers to land on your lawn and not on the street, driveway or sidewalks.

-Frequently check your sprinkler systems and timing devices to make sure they are working correctly. Make sure everyone in the house knows how to turn off the sprinkler system in the event of rain.

-Raise your lawn mower to approximately three inches. A higher cut lawn encourages grass roots to go deeper and also shades the roots and helps hold moisture better than grass cut short.

-Over fertilizing your lawn increases the need for water and is a possible source of water pollution.

-Putting mulch in the soil helps retain moisture and also helps to control weeds.

-Also when planting new grass, plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, check with the local nursery's for advice.

For more information on the Town of Silt's irrigation system, go to:

https://www.townofsilt.org/irrigation_schedule.

Silt Board of Trustees Recognizes Ross Talbott, Fire Officials for Heydays Help

At its August 26th meeting, the Silt Board of Trustees recognized, through a Resolution of Public Appreciation, Ross Talbott, Randy Calahan and Orrin Moon for their assistance with Silt's Heydays Friday Kick-Off Fireworks Display last July 26th.

The resolution stems from the assistance given to the Town by the trio. Recognizing that even commercial fireworks displays have certain risks associated with them, Colorado River Fire Rescue (CRFR) Chief Randy Calahan and Assistant Chief Orrin Moon worked extensively with Silt Chief of Police Mike Kite to insure that the public attending the show would be as safe as possible. This included moving the fireworks launch site, extending the safety area and planning for contingencies. The Town expressed appreciation for this assistance, which helped make it possible for the display to go forward.

On the day of the fireworks display, a mudslide in South Canyon prevented the contracted licensed fireworks pyrotechnician from getting to Silt and put the display in jeopardy. Assistant Fire Chief Moon contacted Ross Talbott, a man he knew who could "pinch hit". Mr. Talbott agreed, on a moment's notice, to step in and provide this service. It is more than likely that this fireworks show would not have happened without the quick thinking of Chief Moon and the cooperation shown by Mr. Talbott.

In receiving his award, Mr. Talbott was quick to credit the Town Staff for preparing the site and making all of the necessary arrangements for public safety. As a side note, the Town has received many comments on the quality of the show!

Town to Celebrate “Local’s Choice” Awards Tonight!

The Town of Silt will host 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 (including a “poker walk”, specials, treats, fellowship and more. The event, called “Silt Stands Out!” and will take place on Thursday, August 29 from 5-7:30 PM.

Silt businesses garnering awards are 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 join in the fun tonight!

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.
- Concerts, events, planning and zoning, building in Silt, contact Community Development Director Janet Aluise at janet@townofsilt.org.
- Town Ordinances, election laws, liquor licensing, Town records, Skyline Cemetery, contact Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre at Sheila@townofsilt.org.
- Utility billing questions regarding water, wastewater, irrigation or trash, contact Janey Dyke at jdye@townofsilt.org.
- Police concerns including traffic and crime, contact Chief Mike Kite at mkite@townofsilt.org.
- Water and wastewater, contact Utilities Director Jack Castle at jackc@townofsilt.org.
- Opportunity Zones, Economic Development or anything else the Town is involved in, contact Town Administrator Jeff Layman at jlayman@townofsilt.org.



SILT STANDS OUT BLOCK PARTY

**Celebrating Your Town of Silt
Post Independent Winners**

2019 Winners:

Misty's Coffee

Whimsical Wagon

West & Blessed

Miner's Claim

Property Professionals

Green Cross Dispensary

Burning Mountain Pizza & Subs

*Celebrating With
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**MAIN STREET | SILT | AUGUST 29, 2019
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Eat snacks, drink ice cold refreshments, listen to good music, play a game and meet the community.

We promise you a good time!