



June 14, 2019

News You Can Use!

Silt Crews Tackle Pot Holes

The long, snowy winter and wet spring has delayed Silt's ability to address its pothole situation. But now that the hot –mix asphalt plants are on line for the summer, Silt crews have been trying to catch up on the winter's impact on our streets. Potholes are caused by the expansion and contraction of water under and within the pavement during the freeze-thaw cycle. Cold-mix asphalt has been used on the town's biggest pothole problems, but isn't very durable. Hot-mix asphalt lasts much longer.

Water Master Plan Unveiled June 10

Several months ago, the Silt Board of Trustees directed the Town staff, its consultants and two fellow Trustees to form a subcommittee to develop a long-term master plan for Silt's future water, wastewater and irrigation needs. At the June 10 Silt Board of Trustees Meeting, members of the subcommittee presented the plan to the Board and citizens of Silt. The plan looks out 20 years and anticipates annual spending to continue to improve the system. The Town's contracted Engineer Deric Walter and financial consultant John Lewis both participated in developing and reviewing this plan, with help from Trustees Kyle Knott, Andreia Poston and several staffers. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution adopting the plan.

Heydays Fireworks—July 26th

After a discussion on fire prevention and safety with local fire officials, the Silt Board of Trustees last Tuesday directed Town staff to continue to plan for a public fireworks show on Friday, July 26 at the "Kick Off to Heydays" event. With the good snow year and wet spring conditions comes a level of confidence that the drought conditions of the last couple of years won't return this year. Town staff and fire officials will monitor the situation carefully over the next couple of months to make sure that the show can be conducted safely. The Town cancelled its fireworks show last summer. Colorado River Fire Rescue Interim Chief Randy Calahan, Fire Prevention Division Chief Orrin Moon and Wildland Fire Division Chief Zach Pigati told the Board that they would work with them and town staff to insure that the show could be conducted safely. As fire prevention professionals, though, they expressed some concern and introduced the concept that "fire behavior" in the "wildland urban interface" is changing and that society should be prepared to change, too.

Mayor's Prize for yard beautification

Town of Silt Mayor Keith Richel has announced that he would personally sponsor a prize recognizing local residents and businesses who have created welcoming and appealing front yards. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the efforts many Silt residents have given to beautifying their properties with trees, bushes and flowering plants. Those on the front of homes and businesses seen from the street and sidewalk views are especially important to the beautification of our community. To nominate a deserving Silt resident, including yourself, go to https://www.townofsilt.org/july_3_beautiful_yard_contest to sign up!

Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan

The Town of Silt Board of Trustees at its May 28 meeting directed the staff to begin work on a Parks, Recreation and Culture master plan to position the Town for future demands and improvements in its offerings. The "parks" portion of the plan will examine the "built" environment, i.e., parks, playgrounds, leisure related buildings (Town Center, Community Center, Stoney Ridge Pavilion, for example), "recreation" focus will be on programming and "culture" on concerts and events. Trustees Andreia Poston and Kyle Knott were assigned to the subcommittee by their peers. The finished master plan is expected in the fall of 2019 with plenty of opportunities for Town residents to provide input. The planning will kick off at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 PM at Silt Town Hall.

Drought Concerns? Fire Prevention!

Although it may not feel particularly dry this week, we can never know when dry conditions will return. In order to be prepared for wildfire season, residents are encouraged to prune dead and dense branches, dead trees and brush, remove combustible debris and mulch from around their houses. Additional tips can be found on US Forest Service and Colorado River Rescue websites.

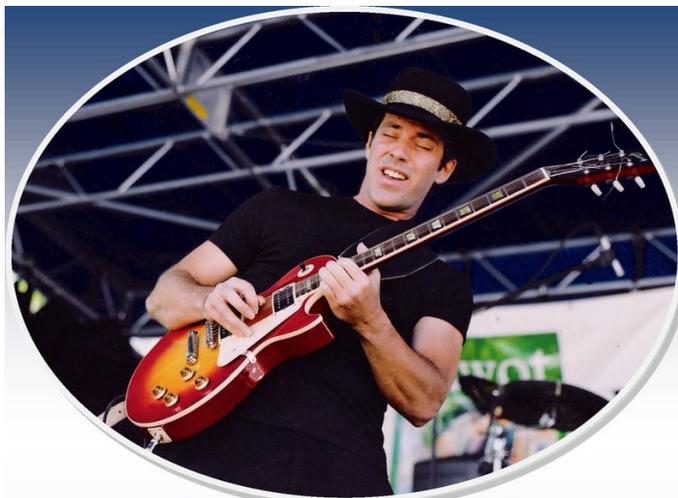
Irrigation Tips

Residents are reminded to check their irrigation settings to insure that they are set for the proper dates. Even numbered houses water on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, while odd addresses water on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. NO watering is to occur on Friday. Domestic water (home tap water) is NOT to be used for irrigation.

Waterline Project Wrapping Up

Thanks to the residents near the waterline replacement project in the Lyon Subdivision. The project was made possible by a grant from the Federal Mineral Lease District. The project, begun on June 3 should be wrapping up shortly! Should you have questions, call Public Works Director Trey Fonner at 970-876-2353 x106.

Mark Your Calendars for June 28!



Johnny O Band

Free Concert @ Stoney Ridge

June 28 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Beer/Wine/Food Concessions

Bring a Chair & Enjoy!

Check out www.townofsilt.org for more info about upcoming Town-sponsored events!

Silt Board to Consider OHV Use in Town

The Silt Board of Trustees has formed a subcommittee to study allowing the use of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) and golf carts within the town limits. Interested residents should keep their eyes peeled for more information on this topic. Mayor Keith Richel and Trustee Kyle Knott, serving on the subcommittee, suggested having a public open house on the topic to explain the proposal to citizens and to take feedback. That open house will likely take place within the next three weeks. For more information, call Police Chief Mike Kite at 970-876-2353 x 111.

Silt River Preserve: Have you ever been there?

It comes as a surprise to some Silt residents that the Town owns a park on the south banks of the Colorado River on Garfield County Road 331, west of the Silt Island Park. A trail and other improvements were begun on the park last summer with the trail slated to be completed later this summer. Go check it out!

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.