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August 29, 2019

News You Can Use!

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## Irrigation Water System Subject of Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

The recent irrigation water shortage will be a topic at Monday's Silt Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Town of Silt staff suggested that it provide a briefing for the Community and the Board after it received word last week 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 took about a week for the call to produce additional water. Until then, Silt's irrigation flows were diminished and some users were forced to operate with less, or in some cases no irrigation water, for a time.

To read the Town's Board Packet, to include an overview of the Irrigation System, please go to our website at [www.townofsilt.org](http://www.townofsilt.org) or click on [September 9, 2019 BOT packet](#). We anticipate this presentation to occur at **about 8 PM on Monday, September 9 at Silt Town Hall.**

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.

### How can homeowners help?

-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.

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-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](https://www.townofsilt.org/irrigation_schedule).

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## Silt News Shorts

- **Take the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan SURVEY.** Tell the Town of Silt what is important to you. Please follow the link on our home page at [www.townofsilt.org](http://www.townofsilt.org)
- The Silt Board of Trustees granted Silt's contract trash and recycling provider a rate increase of 2.8% + \$1.10 per customer. This rate is in effect with the August 2019 billing. No additional increases will likely be considered until next summer.
- Beautify your business by applying for a Downtown Improvement Grant. For more information, please contact us at Town Hall, or visit our website.
- The Town of Silt has a Planning and Zoning Board Member vacancy and a vacancy on the VALE Board, (victim's assistance). Applications are available on our website, [www.townofsilt.org](http://www.townofsilt.org), or at Town Hall. Please contact our Town Clerk, Sheila McIntyre with any questions. 970-876-2353, x 102.
- Please keep the trees and bushes trimmed on your property next to sidewalks especially where kids are walking to school so that drivers can see them better.
- If you see what could be a potential water leak please contact either Town Hall-876-2353 or Dispatch-625-8095 so that it can be addressed as quickly as possible.

### TOWN EVENTS:

October 18<sup>th</sup>-Punkin' Chunkin' 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Stoney Ridge Pavilion-Free Event

# 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 [jdyke@townofsilt.org](mailto:jdyke@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).