



CITY OF SILVERTON

FALL 2018

Mayor's Corner

There's A Lot Going On...

A lot has been happening in the City during the past quarter and I want to take an opportunity to touch base on a couple of items in order to continue our efforts to involve each of you.



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After three public hearings on the subject, the Council appeared to have reached some common ground at the Sept. 10 meeting on the Transitional Housing ordinance / concept.

There had been at least four hours of public input on both sides of the issue, and the Council added our own two hours of deliberation at the September meeting. Going through all of the nearly 20 "bullet points" of the language with a fine-tooth comb, the Council made several substantive changes, at times with 4-3 votes on a particular issue. Due to the sheer volume of changes, we were not free to take final action on the amendment and will do so at the Oct. 1 meeting.

What struck me most, however, was the absolute diversity of opinions among our seven-member body as well as the respect shown by each of them as we analyzed almost every word of the language. Nobody got everything they wanted, and everybody played their part in the thorough discourse that is required to best serve you.

Thank you so much to the volume of citizens who provided in-person or written testimony on this subject.

On the morning of Sept. 8, well over 100 people gathered at the front door of the Eugene Field School building to take a final community photo. Thanks to our Police and Fire Departments, as well as our Public Works Department for making sure the environment was well managed and safe. Special thanks to Photographer Dennis Sherwood of Silverton's own Portrait Express for going up in the ladder truck

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Coming Soon: Public Process on Uses, Design for EF Site

The City staff applied for and received an Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Transportation Growth Management Quick Response Grant for input on the redevelopment of the Eugene Field School site.

The public engagement project will focus on use programming of entire 3.5 acre Eugene Field site. It is the planned location for a future public safety facility and civic center.

Community outreach conducted with the grant funding will help determine public, non-profit, or other uses that could complement the planned City offices and related public services.

The City recently received news that the State will fund the entire \$36,000 contract for outreach. The consultants and State are currently negotiating the contract.

The project kick-off will include the consultants visiting downtown Silverton and meeting with City staff to obtain background information. The consultants will meet with five to eight local stakeholders, including but not limited to downtown business owners, local non-profit representatives, neighborhood and community activists, City Council or Planning



Commission members, and City staff to gather information about community desires for the project's site development program.

Next, the consultant will conduct a Community Workshop. It is envisioned as an interactive community discussion, eliciting community input on such topics as community values, existing physical conditions, redevelopment issues and vision for project area site design.

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City Opens Flag Design Contest

Did you know that Silverton does not have a City Flag? That is about to change! The Silverton City Council has established a City Flag Contest open to anyone who wants to share their talent and enter their design into the contest! Be sure to think about the meaning and symbolism contained in the design and why it represents the City of Silverton.

Entries will be reviewed by a five-member Selection Committee which will choose the top three to be considered by the Silverton City Council, which will make the final selection.

Entries are due by 5 p.m. Nov. 30. The form and guidelines are at <http://www.silverton.or.us/>. For questions contact Angela Speier, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk at aspeier@silverton.or.us or 503-874-2216.

Public Works: Keeping Silverton Humming 24/7

Keeping Silverton running for our residents and businesses requires professional attention to our streets, water systems, parks, fleet, and much more. With some new faces this year in the Maintenance Division of our Public Works Department, here is a focus on the team and the crucial work performed day in and day out.

The Maintenance Division is one of three divisions in Public Works, with the others being Administration / Engineering and Water Quality.

These complex systems and machines bring new challenges each day, but each weekday begins with a team briefing at the City Shops on McClaine Street where daily and weekly tasks are assigned.

Members of the team keep track of projects – and their associated inventory and work hours – in the cloud-based iWorQ program. This efficient use of technology means better service for the community. Whether it's completing a scheduled street repair or the worker-on-call responding to a surprise water issue over the weekend, the Public Works Maintenance Division is here for you.

Staff Members, Position, Year They Joined the City

- Mike Dahlberg** – Lead Utility Worker (2000)
- Nabor Castro** – Building/Parks Maintenance (2004)
- Chelsea Starner** – Administrative Assistant (2009)
- Fred Bosquez** – Parks Maintenance (2011)



Travis Sperle – Maintenance Supervisor (2011)

Jacob Rush – Utility Worker II (2015)

New to Public Works in 2018

Adam Baker – Utility Worker I

Robert Hoffman – Utility Worker I

Jacob Messmer – Utility Worker I

Tanner Salem – Mechanic

Maintenance Division Areas of Responsibility

Maintenance of 33 miles of City owned and maintained roadway.

Operation and maintenance of sewer collections:

- 28 miles of sewer mains
- 1,400 manholes
- 3,586 service connections

Operation and maintenance of the water distribution system:

- 7 pressure zones
- 58 miles of waterlines
- 490 fire hydrants
- 3,618 water connections
- Silverton reservoir

Maintenance of City vehicles, including police vehicles.

Maintenance of City Hall, Community Center, Senior Center, and Fischer Building.

Special events permits and associated road closures.

Welcome New Public Works Director

Silverton welcomed Petra Schuetz to the helm of the Public Works Department on Aug. 13. She coordinates Maintenance Operations which includes Parks, Roads, Fleet, Water and Sewer as well as Administrative Services.

Petra previously served as the City Administrator / Planning Director for the City of Coburg and most recently served as the Assistant Public Works Director for Lane County. She also has experience in planning and specific experience working as a transportation planner. Welcome aboard!

We wish former Public Works Director Christian Saxe well following his move back to Tennessee to be closer to family. The City, greatly appreciates the service of Interim Public Works Director Paul Eckley.

Automatic Alerts Keep Residents Informed

Staying connected with your city and region helps you and your neighbors in many ways: you'll be aware of the latest City meetings, traffic advisories, employment opportunities, and you'll also be informed in the case of an emergency.

Together, the City's 'Stay Connected' program and METCOM 911's Alert System provide you with this information. METCOM 911 provides emergency dispatch services for all of Marion County and portions of neighboring counties.

By the time you read this article, you've likely experienced the first nationwide test of the wireless alert system on Oct. 3. That brief

interruption via your cell phone, radio, and television did not require any sign-up. However, your local resources need you to proactively participate by getting on board!

As the seasons change and we change our clocks and smoke detector batteries, the City invites you to make sure that you have your phone and email set to receive the important information that you'll want and need.

Follow the prompts below to sign up for services and never miss a timely safety advisory – or City function – that matters to you.

Facebook fans can also follow the City online. Keep in mind that we encourage you to do so in ad-

dition to signing up for the official alerts.

City of Silverton "Stay Connected"

Non-emergency, including your choice of:

- City meetings
- Traffic advisories
- Newly posted jobs
- Bid postings

Communication available by email, text

To sign up visit silverton.or.us and follow the prompt with the red button "Stay Connected".

Make sure to check your email and confirm your chosen subscriptions.

CITIZEN ALERT SYSTEM METCOM 911

Everbridge

Emergency and non-emergency, including your choice of:

- Community and Public Event
- Crime Bulletins
- Fire Safety Bulletins
- Health Bulletins
- Public Utility Bulletins
- Road Closures
- Volunteer Opportunities

Communication available by telephone message, email or text

To sign up visit silverton.or.us and follow the link titled "Citizen Alert System".

You can also visit metcom911.com and sign up there.

Gear Up for Downtown Trick or Treat Goblin Walk

Silverton Police would like to remind everyone about the need for increased awareness and safety for this year's Downtown Silverton Goblin Walk.

The Goblin Walk is the opportunity for kids to trick or treat at downtown businesses from 4 to 6 p.m. on Halloween.

Last year's Goblin Walk brought over 1,000 children and youth along with their parents walking from business to business in the downtown core. There were several close calls of people almost getting hit by vehicles. The hope for this year is that once again we will have an accident free event.

Motorists who travel through the downtown on Halloween evening need to have extra patience for the delays in getting through town because of the event. They also need

to be hyper-vigilant of children that may dart out in front of them, and/or pedestrians that continue to cross streets without regard for how long the vehicle has been trying to get through an intersection.

We are asking pedestrians to take turns crossing with vehicular traffic to expedite efficient movement for all.

To address these concerns this year the Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers who can assist at the four major intersections by encouraging pedestrians to take shifts crossing. You are welcome to dress up while helping out.

If interested, contact Stacy at the Visitor Center / Chamber Office at 503-873- 5615 or Stacy@silverton-chamber.org. By working together, we should be able to make this another fun and safe event for our children. ***

New Parking Fines

On April 2, 2018 City Council approved a fine increase for parking violations. The City began implementing the fee increase Sept. 24, 2018.

The summary of the fine schedule is as follows [but does not include all violations as outlined in the Silverton Municipal Code]:

\$10.00
Meter Violation (No Time – First Violation).

Meter Two Hour Time Violation (first violation).

Over-Space (not parking within lines or over 12 inches from the curb.

Parking at a Yellow Curb or a Non-Parking Area.

\$25.00
Meter Two Hour Time Violation (second violation parked at same meter).

\$50.00
Loading Zone Use Restriction Violation (and for every two hours parked there)

Meter Two Hour Time Violation (third violation parked at same meter).

Logging or other large vehicles parked in excess of two hours.

Late Payment Fees:
\$25.00 – After 14 days from the date of issue.

\$50.00 – After 29 days from the date of issue.

\$50.00 –Administrative Fee in addition to payment or fine amount of all outstanding fines owed to the City of Silverton.

\$25.00 – Additional Fee for non-payment of parking fines sent to collections.



Steve Starnier, Water Quality Division Supervisor, and Petra Schuetz, Public Works Director, display the WateReuse Award presented to the City in September

City Receives WateReuse Award

The WateReuse Association – an internationally recognized leader on alternative water supply development – recognized the City of Silverton in the water reuse sector during its annual Awards for Excellence presentation. The event was held Sept. 10 at the WateReuse Symposium in Austin, Texas.

The awards program recognizes individuals, projects, and organizations that have made significant contributions in support of greater adoption of water reuse.

As many are aware, the City of Silverton, in partnership with the

Oregon Garden Foundation, implemented a \$13.2 million wastewater treatment plant expansion by constructing 17 acres of wetlands at the Oregon Garden. Water was first pumped to the garden in May 2000. The project enables the City to meet stringent water quality regulations and supports the Oregon Garden's 220-acre world-class botanical garden by reusing and treating local wastewater.

The project leverages resources, promotes environmental stewardship, and has helped revitalize the local tourism economy.

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(again) to take a special community photo. As soon as we decide how best to make the photo available, we will let everyone know. Over the past few months, the future of this site has been one of discussion. The Council elected to move forward with deconstruction after public meetings in March and April asking the question of our citizens. We placed ads in *Our Town*, included the notices on our website (and of course, in our agenda and packets), and used other avenues such as social media to complement the traditional communication. Few provided input overall, and only a small minority in opposition. We are exploring all of the ways we can recover components of the existing structure for reuse, though the asbestos and lead contamination is extremely widespread.

In late August, we held one of two Town Halls for 2018, with this one focusing on a few specific topics while providing opportunity for the audience to ask about anything. Thanks to the City's Water Quality Supervisor Steve Starner who repeated his presentation on the Oregon Garden's role in the City's wastewater treatment. Many are unaware of the regulatory issues back in the early 90s that required the City to create an alternative for discharging treated effluent. That alternative, after an extensive search, was what we now refer to as the Oregon Garden. Last month the City received a national award at the 2018 WateReuse Symposium in Austin, Texas.

Additional topics at the Town Hall included an overview of the City Council goals for 2018-19 and an update from Republic Services on changes to recycling. Sadly, the Town Hall was not as well attended as we'd hope, and we're open to hearing about other ways that citizens would prefer to participate – we very much want your input!

For those of you who missed the dedication of the new Leo Rumley Mosaic Fountain in Coolidge McClaine Park, take a moment to check it out. This was a project born from the Ford Family Leadership process and was funded through private donations. The volunteerism involved with a project of this magnitude was awe inspiring -- thanks to each and every one of you!

In August, I had the privilege of joining my Rotary Club in taking over the annual Silver Creek Cleanup that Harcourt's Realty team had been doing for 13 years. Our club was joined by members of Silverton Rotaract, Silverton Interact, and an army of citizens just wanting to help. Together we covered the creek from Salamander Island to C Street. Given that this cleanup happens every year, I was stunned at the amount of stuff pulled out of the creek. Who knew that walking up the creek could be so much fun. Thanks to all who helped!

As we finished the Creek Cleanup that day, I noticed the graffiti on the underside of the Main Street Bridge. A team of four citizens decided to address the issue and spent a day painting over it. No one asked them, and they sure didn't do it for the recognition.

These things are just a few examples of why it is such a pleasure to live in this community. People take care of their own, and take care of the things that need attention. I can't imagine a community anywhere with more volunteers at work every day. Thank you all for making this the most amazing community!

As always, I hope to see you all at a meeting, or on the street. Feel free to email me or any member of the Council with input you have for Silverton – it's why we're here. I'm always available by phone as well at 503-932-8550.



A past Community Meeting: the West Side Land Use and Transportation Plan process

Public Input *from page 1*

Finally, the consultant will prepare a Project Recommendations Memorandum, which will include a Concept Plan and General Site Development Program illustrating general building sizes, possible building locations and internal circulation.

The Concept Plan will depict City facilities and other potential uses of the site identified during community outreach, as well as a general parking layout and access plan for vehicles, bikes and pedestrians to and through the site

The Project Recommendations Memorandum must include immediate and long-term measures the City can implement to achieve the Concept Plan.

The final project recommendations will be presented to the City Council.

The outreach and report process is expected to take 5 - 6 months. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate, including the Community Workshop after the winter holidays.

Eugene Field Update

Asbestos abatement continued throughout the September. A Change Order to remove previously unquantified contaminated material was presented to City Council and approved Oct. 1.

In an effort to accommodate additional asbestos abatement work, considering additional feedback from potential contractors, and to simplify the bid documents; the bid was retracted and will be reposted mid-October. City Council will award a demolition/deconstruction contract Nov. 5. Project completion is anticipated early January 2019

Visit <https://www.silverton.or.us/423/Eugene-Field-Property> for the continuously updated Eugene Field Property Fact Sheet

City Calendar

Silverton City Council Chambers 421 S. Water St.

** Denotes meetings on SCAN TV*

October

- Oct. 15 – Urban Renewal Agency** Special Meeting
TBD
- City Council** Work Session
TBD*
- Oct. 16 – Environmental Management Committee**
3 pm
- Urban Renewal Advisory Committee** 6:30 pm

November

- Nov. 5 – Urban Renewal Agency** TBD; **City Council** 7*
- Nov. 12 – Veterans Day**
City Offices Closed
- Nov. 13 - Planning Commission** 7 pm
- Nov. 19 – City Council**
Work Session 6 pm
- Nov. 20 – Environmental Management Committee**
3 pm

Nov. 22-23 – Thanksgiving Holiday

- City Offices Closed
- DECEMBER**
- Dec. 3 – City Council** 7 pm
- Dec. 10 – Town Hall**
Silverton High Auditorium*
- Dec. 11 - Planning Commission** 7 pm
- Dec. 17– City Council** Work Session 7 pm
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day**
City Offices Closed