



CITY OF SILVERTON

SUMMER 2020

Mayor's Corner

What a difference three months makes... my last column was at the outset of the Governor's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order and our community, though hit hard by COVID-related changes, had remained largely unified in our willingness to beat this.

Since that time, social media has really exposed the cracks in our previously civil demeanor and has frequently featured an unfortunate recurring argument over any number of community flash points – some COVID-related and some not. Maybe the divisiveness has always been lurking out there, or maybe it's because for many people, their primary means of connection to others is from the safety of a keyboard instead of face to face communication. Regardless, we can be better to each other. We must be. More to follow on that...

Despite the losses of events to our community, the loss of the remainder of the school year to our students, and the loss of two months of income to many workers and businesses, there have been some amazing examples of the Silverton I know.

A \$10,000 starting pledge from the Silverton Rotary Club sparked a remarkable display of community support as over 250 businesses not impacted by COVID, organizations, and individuals, along with two programs the city drew on from County and State funds, combined to drive the Silverton Small Business Relief Fund to just over \$90,000. Over 40 businesses received assistance from \$1,000-\$3,000 which will help them survive. Thank you to all of those who answered this call to help – the businesses were deeply touched and so appreciative.

Additionally, members of the congregation at Silver Creek Fellowship provided their own business assistance program and at the time I write this, had provided a total of \$40,000 to 33 businesses. Thank you to this amazing resource in our community.

Across the community, City workers continued to be there for you, SACA and Mission of Hope evolved their models to keep reaching a growing number of residents, Sheltering Silverton continued to reach the most vulnerable in our city. The businesses allowed to operate Under the Governor's order and who felt safe to do so, were there for us every day, struggling with supply chain issues and modified service models to keep Silverton moving forward.

Your City Council has continued to meet remotely by video conference and we have continued to ensure that the public has an avenue to provide input on the issues before us. City committees are functioning the same way, and I really appreciate the effort on so many people's parts (including City staff) to keep the process moving forward. This is a critical time for some long planned projects, including the development of the Eugene Field site, that have to push on. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Hats off to our schools and teachers who had little



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COVID-19 Update: Silverton Strong

As the State of Oregon continues gradual reopening on a county-by-county basis, City leaders continue to adapt our practices and creatively and flexibly approach providing services in the safest way possible. As always, please check our website and Facebook for the latest news on this rapidly evolving situation. At press time, Marion County is in Phase II.

City Hall reopened to the public on a limited basis July 7

Doors open 10 am - 2 pm; appointments available at other times during business hours. Staff are willing to assist you over the phone and email and will work with you to minimize in-person interaction.

Face covering requirement in place, per statewide guidance and City Council Order signed July 6. Staff will provide reasonable modifications in order to ensure access to services.

City Parks Now Open

All City parks (including the Silverton Reservoir and Marion Park) are open as are playgrounds. Visitors must maintain physical distancing from non-household members and are reminded to please stay away from parks if you or a household member are not well, to try recreating during off-peak hours, and avoid travel outside of your home area.

The Silverton Community Pool opened July 8 with revised procedures.

City Assisting Local Business Owners

The City leveraged \$15,000 in Marion County Economic Development funds to secure a \$15,000 match from BusinessOregon to provide grants to sole proprietor businesses in the community. These applications have been processed in collaboration with the Silverton Small Business Relief Fund jumpstarted by the Silverton Rotary Club. Thank you to all of the generous contributors!

Health Reminders

At press time, Oregon cases have been increasing at the highest rate since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared by the State. For the latest health information, including guidance on symptoms and testing, please consult the following trusted sources leading the COVID-19 response.

Local: Marion County Health Authority, www.co.marion.or.us/HLT

State: Oregon Health Authority (OHA), oregon.gov/oha

National: Center for Disease Control (CDC), cdc.gov

International: World Health Organization (WHO), www.who.int



City Council Adopts Goals for 2020-21

On June 1, 2020 City Council adopted goals for the current fiscal year. The goals serve as a framework to focus efforts of the City Council and staff on specific plans of action over the course of the year and beyond. While the five overarching goals did not change this year, a number of the objectives were completed and additional objectives were added.

Highlights from 2019-2020

- In April the City entered into a contract with Mackenzie Engineering, Inc. for the design of the Silverton Police Facility, Municipal Court/Council Chambers, and City Hall. The final design is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.
- The contract for the reconstruction of McClaine Street was awarded in July with the project completion anticipated in spring 2021.
- The public visioning process for the Pettit Property was completed and staff has applied for

a Local Government Grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to provide funding for Phase I park improvements.

- The adoption of the Transportation System Plan and Housing Needs Analysis are in process.
- The City became a Tree City USA in February 2020.

New objectives added to the goals

- Apply for a feasibility grant in order to study the viability of an Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR).
- Further develop and implement strategies for supporting homeless outreach in the community.
- Develop and adopt a Bike Master Plan.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the neighborhood association support.

To view the complete goals with status updates visit www.silverton.or.us/citycouncil.

Silverton Police announce promotions, new faces

The Silverton Police Department has celebrated several promotions and welcomes this spring, along with commemorating the 32 plus years of service here from Jeff Fossholm, who retired as Police Chief on June 1. Chief Fossholm's fruitful career in Silverton and perspectives on law enforcement were covered in a May 15 *Our Town* feature by Brenna Wiegand.

Jim Anglemier took the helm as Police Chief following Fossholm's retirement, saying "It is my honor to be given the opportunity to lead and work alongside the dedicated Officers and professional staff in serving and working with our community". Chief Anglemier was hired as Police Captain in 2015 after 33 years of service at the Salem Police Department.

With now-Chief Anglemier's promotion, Josh Boatner has been promoted to Police Captain, sharing "it has been a privilege to work with this great community for many years, and I look forward to what the future holds." Captain Boatner has served in Silverton since 2009 as an Officer, Detective, and most recently a Sergeant. Tim Hein, former Motor Officer, and Jonathon "JJ" Lamoreaux, former



New Command Staff roles: from left, Sergeant Jonathon "JJ" Lamoreaux, Sergeant Tim Hein, Captain Josh Boatner, Chief Jim Anglemier.

School Resource Officer, have been promoted into Sergeant positions. Hein joined Silverton in 2010 and Lamoreaux in 2014 following service in Mt. Angel beginning in 2007. Both Sgt. Hein and Sgt. Lamoreaux will help continue to raise the bar in providing professional service and leadership to the community.

New and returning officers are rounding out the ranks. Effective July 6, 2020, the Department also welcomes back Officer Justin LeBlanc. Officer LeBlanc previously served in Silverton from 2014-2019. Police Recruit Officer William Schaap joined the department in January 2020 with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice



Former Chief Jeff Fossholm congratulates Recruit Officer William Schaap at his January 2020 swearing in.

from Chemeketa Community College, along with the Law Enforcement Related Experience program which includes additional hands-on skills training. He has a wealth of community volunteer experience and explained that his skills in communication and desire to serve others motivated him to pursue a career in policing.

Thank you, volunteers, for the many ways you enhance life in Silverton!

The COVID-19 pandemic and examples of community coming together provide another reason to be thankful for everyone who shares time and talent to the City. Without a doubt, the pandemic has affected many of the usual volunteer opportunities that engage so many generous community members. For example, school closure necessitated the cancellation of the traditional Spring Clean Up, conducted by more than 200 Silverton High seniors and providing planting and

sprucing up for several areas around the City.

For this year's volunteer summary report, the City is highlighting several types of volunteer activities conducted in the last year, both pre-COVID and during. The City Council and staff would like to thank all of the group and service club volunteers as well as each and every individual volunteer for their valuable and selfless time who instill a greater sense of identify and pride in our community. We recog-

nize that there may be numerous volunteers that we haven't included on this list. We appreciate their support and willingness to serve our community too!

Do you have an idea for engaging with the City? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Elizabeth Gray (Assistant to City Manager/HR Coordinator) at egraysilverton@silverton.or.us or 503-874-2204 or visit www.silverton.or.us/90/Volunteering-for-the-City-of-Silverton.



Board & Commission Service

Did you know that all elected officials and appointed committee and taskforce members serve on a voluntary basis?

These include:

- City Council/Urban Renewal Agency
- Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Budget Committee
- Environmental Management Committee
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Tourism Promotion Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- (Past) Parks and Recreation Task Force
- Taskforces: Affordable Housing, Homelessness



Beautification of City Property

Fall 2019: 180+ community volunteers and operators + machinery from local businesses clear 1/4 mile of the East Bank Trail

Spring 2020: 10+ volunteers from John's Waterproofing Company planted primroses throughout downtown (thank you Stamen and Pistil for the donation!) and provided general cleanup while observing physical distancing. This was much appreciated in light of the cancellation of the Senior Clean-Up.

The City has also collaborated with individuals interested in cleaning up graffiti around town. Thank you!

Many Silverton service clubs including the Silverton Garden Club and Zenith Women's Club maintain landscape areas and the Lions Club works at the Silverton Reservoir.



Educational Partnerships

Silver Falls School District Transitions program (pre-COVID-19) – participants have run a coffee cart service in collaboration with the Silverton Coffee Station, interned weekly at the City Shops (working primarily on vehicle detailing and learning from the City's mechanic), and supported City Hall staff in assembling emergency kits. (September 2019-March 2020)

Jon Ahrens of Willamette University worked with Administration staff for the spring semester. Jon conducted original research with City staff, health officials, peer cities, and local businesses to assist with the Council Goal of evaluating a downtown smoking ordinance. The City Council has referred the matter to the Environmental Management Committee. (January – May 2020)



Sharing Artwork

Torry Wilson provided the City with an original piece of artwork depicting Silver Falls in recognition of his love of Silverton. He now lives in Salem. Ann Altman also shared original art and Jim Bornzin shared a poem. Ann's art hangs in City Hall currently and Jim's poem and Torry's intarsia artwork hang in the Council Chambers. Thank you, artists!



City-University partnership wraps up formal phase

When the City and University of Oregon signed an agreement for the Sustainable City Year Program in summer 2019, no one could have envisioned how the Covid-19 pandemic would affect the partnership. Fortunately, fieldwork for most courses was concentrated before March brought Oregon's State of Emergency declarations, University travel restrictions, and restriction of public access to City facilities. Several planned presentations had to be modified. City staff are very grateful to the U of O professors, students, and staff for their flexibility in producing final reports and recommendations for the City's use.

Project: PETTIT PROPERTY VISIONING (October- December 2019)

Course Outcomes: 2 public outreach events resulted in report suggesting 3 possible phases of property development. **What's Next:** City staff applied for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant for 2020 to fund Phase One work; outcome pending due to COVID-19 impacts on state funds.

Project: PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING (January-March 2020)

Course Outcomes: Presentation and report with recommendations for incorporating passive solar heating design into Police Facility/City Hall Civic Center site to be located on Eugene Field property. **What's Next:** Class recommendations in use by contracted architecture firm; UO professor continues to consult with architects throughout design development thanks to National Science Foundation funding.

Project: CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING (January-March 2020)

Course Outcomes: Presentations and report with recommendations to build upon the Silverton Energy Plan towards a Climate Action Plan, including focus areas of: Land Use and Transportation, Buildings and Energy, Food and Agriculture, Urban Natural Resources, and Consumption and Waste.

What's Next: Staff to present report to City Council; planned for August 2020.

Project: COMMUNITY OUTREACH STRATEGIES (January-March 2020)

Course Outcomes: Presentation and report with recommendations for engaging community members beyond written community surveys, incorporating a variety of in-person and digital outreach and engagement strategies.

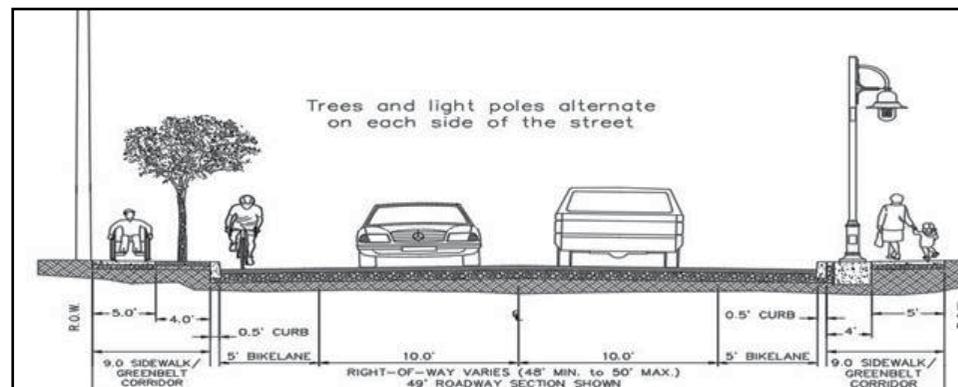
What's Next: Staff to present recommendations to Citizen Involvement Committee (Planning Commission) to review strategies and recommend to City Council; staff have budgeted for additional events and digital outreach in fiscal year 2020-2021.

Project: STORMWATER LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (January-June 2020)

Course Outcomes: Design report with recommendations for Community Pool Site, prioritizing stormwater infrastructure to reduce runoff going back into the creek from the lot, while expanding the parking lot to increase the total vehicle capacity.

What's Next: Staff to present report to City Council; planned for August 2020.

McClaine Street Makeover



Silverton residents can expect to welcome summer 2021 with a new and improved McClaine Street. The stretch of McClaine between W Main Street (southern extent) and C Street (northern extent) has exceeded its useful life and requires reconstruction. This reconstruction of the right-of-way (ROW) will include a new road surface, storm drainage, larger sewer pipe, new sidewalks and street lights, planter strips, and bike lanes as shown in the graphic. Please contact Petra Schuetz, Project Manager, with any questions or concerns at 503-874-2210 or pschuetz@silverton.or.us. Sign up for project updates using the website's "Stay Connected" feature.

Police Facility-City Hall site design continues



Site Plan for Option 2 as presented in the Design Survey (pre-modifications).

The contract for architectural services with Mackenzie Engineering, Inc. for the design of the Silverton Police Facility/EOC, Municipal Court/Council Chambers and City Hall Facilities (also referred to as the Silverton Civic Center project) was signed on April 22, 2020. Work is in full swing with weekly virtual meetings between Mackenzie and the project team.

The City appreciates everyone who took time to complete the Civic Center Design Survey, whether online or on paper. The responses helped shape Mackenzie's presentation to the City Council on July 6. The City Council authorized Mackenzie to move forward

with the completion of a modified schematic design for Option 2. Option 2 had also received the most #1 rankings of those taking the survey. Modifications include the removal of underground parking and the exploration of shifting the building south to allow for parking along A Street. The modified option would not use the north lot across A Street, reducing the need for off-site improvements.

Mackenzie will return to present more information at the Aug. 3, 2020 City Council Meeting and the City will continue to provide project updates and opportunities for public input.

Welcome to Public Works

Bart Stepp, PE joined the City in May as City Engineer. Bart brings experience in Engineering and Public Works with similar-sized communities in Washington State. He has particular expertise in water and wastewater systems and worked for the State of Oregon earlier in his career, reviewing public water systems east of the Cascade Mountains.

Also in Public Works, Josiah Hall has returned to serve as the City's Seasonal Parks Worker. Welcome back, Josiah! You help make Silverton's Parks shine.



Bart Stepp, City Engineer. Josiah Hall, Seasonal Parks Worker.

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City Calendar

July

July 20 – City Council Work Session 6 pm

July 21 – Environmental Management Committee 3 pm

August

Aug. 3 – City Council Meeting 6 pm *

Aug. 11 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm *

Aug. 17 – City Council Work Session 6 pm

Aug. 18 – Environmental Management Committee 3 pm

September

Sept. 7 – Labor Day, City Hall Offices Closed

Sept. 8 – Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm *

Sept. 14 – City Council Meeting 6 pm *

Sept. 15 – Environmental Management Committee 3 pm

Sept. 21 – City Council Work Session 6 pm

October

Oct. 5 – City Council Meeting 6 pm

Upcoming agenda items are subject to change and meetings are subject to rescheduling or cancellation due to the COVID-19 Emergency. Please check the City's website for the latest information and remote participation options. Remember, you can sign up for City alerts direct to your email or phone – look for the red "Stay Connected" button on the homepage!

Silverton City Council Chambers 421 S. Water St. * Denotes meetings on SCAN TV

City Accepting 2020 Election Candidate Filings

The positions of Mayor and three City Councilors will appear on the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election ballot. The filing period for individuals interested in serving on the Silverton City Council is now open. A person may file by fee or petition with the Elections Officer.

A Candidate Application Packet is available from the City Elections Officer at City Hall located at 306 S. Water Street, Silverton. For more information or to schedule a time to meet with the Elections Officer, please contact the City Clerk, Angela Speier at aspeier@silverton.or.us or 503-874-2216.

OPTION 1: FILE BY FEE

To file by fee, a person must file the SEL 101 Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan and pay the required \$50 Election Filing Fee.

The deadline to file by fee with the City Elections Officer is Aug. 25, 2020.

OPTION 2: FILE BY PETITION

To file by petition a person must complete and submit the two forms listed below to the City Elections Officer prior to gathering any signatures and well in advance of the August 25 deadline. No filing fees are required to run for the City of Silverton offices by this method.

- SEL 101 – Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan
- SEL 121 – Candidate Signature Sheet – Nonpartisan

The deadline to file by petition, including the submission of at least 20 signatures, is Aug. 14, 2020. This provides ample time for signature verification. t

Mayor

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time to put together ways to reach their students in the final weeks of the school year, and a special shout out is due for all of those "parents-turned-teachers assistants" who sailed into new territory making the term "homework" mean something totally new, AND did so while managing their own jobs.

On the topic of schools, I want to thank outgoing Interim Superintendent Paul Peterson for his year of service to the community. I doubt many people take an interim job and end up dealing with delicate contract negotiations, discussions of inequity in schools, and a pandemic that canceled the school year. He did so confidently while making equity a priority and while continuing to provide education to students and much needed meals to those in need.

I'd also like to welcome the district's new Superintendent, Scott Drue. Scott and I have met remotely and all signs point to him continuing and expanding Paul's work, which he'll have to do while managing the uncertainty of school in the fall and how it will be delivered. I look forward to working with him.

That all said, here we are in Phase Two. Most businesses are open and either operating "normally" or under guidelines that make things difficult, but hopefully manageable. As of a few weeks ago, most businesses are now required by the Governor to ensure that customers are using some form of a face covering (unless they meet an existing exemption), and people are equally responsible to do so. Sadly, we're still fighting over this.

I won't bore you with the endless parade of social media memes, "scientific" charts, studies, counter-studies, blogs, misunderstandings of HIPAA and ADA guidelines, and general demands for constitutional freedoms. At this point, those things don't change the thing that matters. If we don't improve the numbers in Oregon, we'll likely find ourselves back in Phase I, or worse. We owe it to those businesses and employees who come to work and wear a face covering all day just to serve us, to find one we can live with and wear it. Not doing so could cost them their livelihoods and cost someone you love their lives. If you're a business that has been dragging your feet and not following the executive order, you owe it to your employees to post a huge sign and help shift the tide toward 100% compliance of your customers. The sooner we all do it, the sooner we can move forward.

It's time to stop fighting - about this and about anything - and remember the art of civil communication. To that end, a weekly resource call I put together months ago has started to discuss the ways we can help the community start healing. We've asked the moderators of all of the Silverton social media groups to agree to an in-person (with distancing) meeting to find common ground and build trust that can be modeled to others. Unfortunately not all invitees are willing to join us - I hope they'll reconsider.

We're reaching out in many other directions and brainstorming safe ways that neighbors can meet in small groups, outside, to restart the vital conversations that have been missing for months.

One need not feel threatened by an ideology you don't share. Even one you might despise. Practicing conversational de-escalation can help you see that respectful discussion followed by compromise is the only productive way for a sense of community to survive. I can say without pause that those who do not agree with me on a given issue almost always play the most vital role in my decision-making. We can do this. We must do this. We need each other and will only get through this together....

IF I WERE MAYOR

CONTEST WINNERS 2019-2020

Poster Contest Grades 4-5

- 1 Everett Sheldon
- 2 Finn Yang

Essay Contest Grades 6-8

- 1 Rieve Randall
- 2 Northe Sheldon

