



CITY OF SILVERTON

WINTER 2024

Mayor's Corner

Greetings from the Mayor!

Winter and the Holiday Season is here. With everything going on in town it feels to me like it has come very fast. It almost felt like we never really had Fall. It was hot and dry and then suddenly it was cold, wet, and windy. Fall is my favorite time of the year. Next year I am going to make a concerted effort to take a break and enjoy the season.



Mayor Jason Freilinger

A great deal is happening in our City. I welcomed Cory Misley to Silverton as our new City Manager. Cory grew up in the Oregon City area, so we are close to home for him. His whole career and education have been focused on local government and public policy. He was one of the first City Managers for the newly formed City of La Pine as well as the City Manager for the City of Sisters. I have had the pleasure of working with him extensively already. I found he has a great deal of energy and passion for Silverton and the role of City Manager. We currently have a great deal going on in the city and I was impressed by his depth of knowledge as we discussed all the areas we are working on. I am sure when you meet him you will find he is a very kind and engaging person. I feel he is the perfect addition to our team, and I know he is very excited to be here.

The Civic Center is getting close to completion, however, at the time this was written, it is about six months behind schedule. There are several reasons for this, and I would say the single biggest problem is supply chain issues. As you may be aware this is a global problem, especially in the construction industry. There were also problems with construction methods not meeting specifications. Even with all of this, the cost of the project is still within our contingency plan as these issues were the responsibility of the contractors. The delay in getting into the building is a small price to pay given we are still within our budget. If all goes according to the updated plan, we hope to be in the new building come March.

The Silver Creek Intake, that is the construction between the pool and the river, has had a similar issue with a similar outcome. The project has been a little delayed but is coming in under budget. We hope to have

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City Updates



Two-acre site off of Westfield Street designated for an affordable housing project.

Affordable Housing Development Coming To Silverton

According to the Housing Needs Analysis conducted by ECONorthwest in 2020, Silverton has a shortage of housing units for households earning less than 80% of the median family income (MFI), which is \$55,520 for a family of four. The analysis also projected that Silverton would need to add 1,100 new housing units by 2039 to accommodate its population growth, with 40% of them being affordable to low- and moderate-income households. The Affordable Housing Task Force (AHTF) has been working diligently this past year to fill the gap in affordable housing provision by bringing a development to the City of Silverton, on Westfield Street, adjacent to the City's Senior Center.

The City of Silverton anticipates partnering with

an affordable housing developer for the creation of an approximate 40-unit community utilizing two-acres of the property to serve a mixture of demographics/income levels that includes a variety of unit types within a development that meets the needs and preferences of the community. Developer selection is underway and will be reviewed at the January City Council meeting. The meeting will result in a short-list of developers to progress into the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase of project development.

Stay informed about the Affordable Housing Task Force meetings and development progression by becoming an email subscriber on our website. Visit the following link to become a subscriber: <https://silverton.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions>

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee was established on March 6, 2023, to advise City Council on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. The Parks Master Plan is the Governing Document that guides park development for the next 20 years. The committee conducted a public survey and organized an open house on Dec. 5, 2023, at the Silverton Senior Center to gather feedback from the community on future goals and planning for recreation, parks, greenways, and trails. The public survey and community open house event have assisted the Committee in developing the masterplan, which is near completion. Currently the Committee is considering the addition of a walking trail around Petit Park and the construction of Pickle Ball courts. Property on Ike Mooney road is additionally under consideration for supplemental park space.

Main Street Improvement Project

The Silverton Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (SURAC) has been addressing City Council Goal Six, to appropriately utilize Urban Renewal Advisory resources and capabilities. The objective is to create and publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design a Main Street improvement project. The City is being preemptive in replacing the 1937 water pipe along the street and has reached out for public input on additional needed amenities with a public survey. The survey responses will be reviewed in January 2024 and be presented to the Urban Renewal Advisory for recommendation. This will result in an RFP for developers.

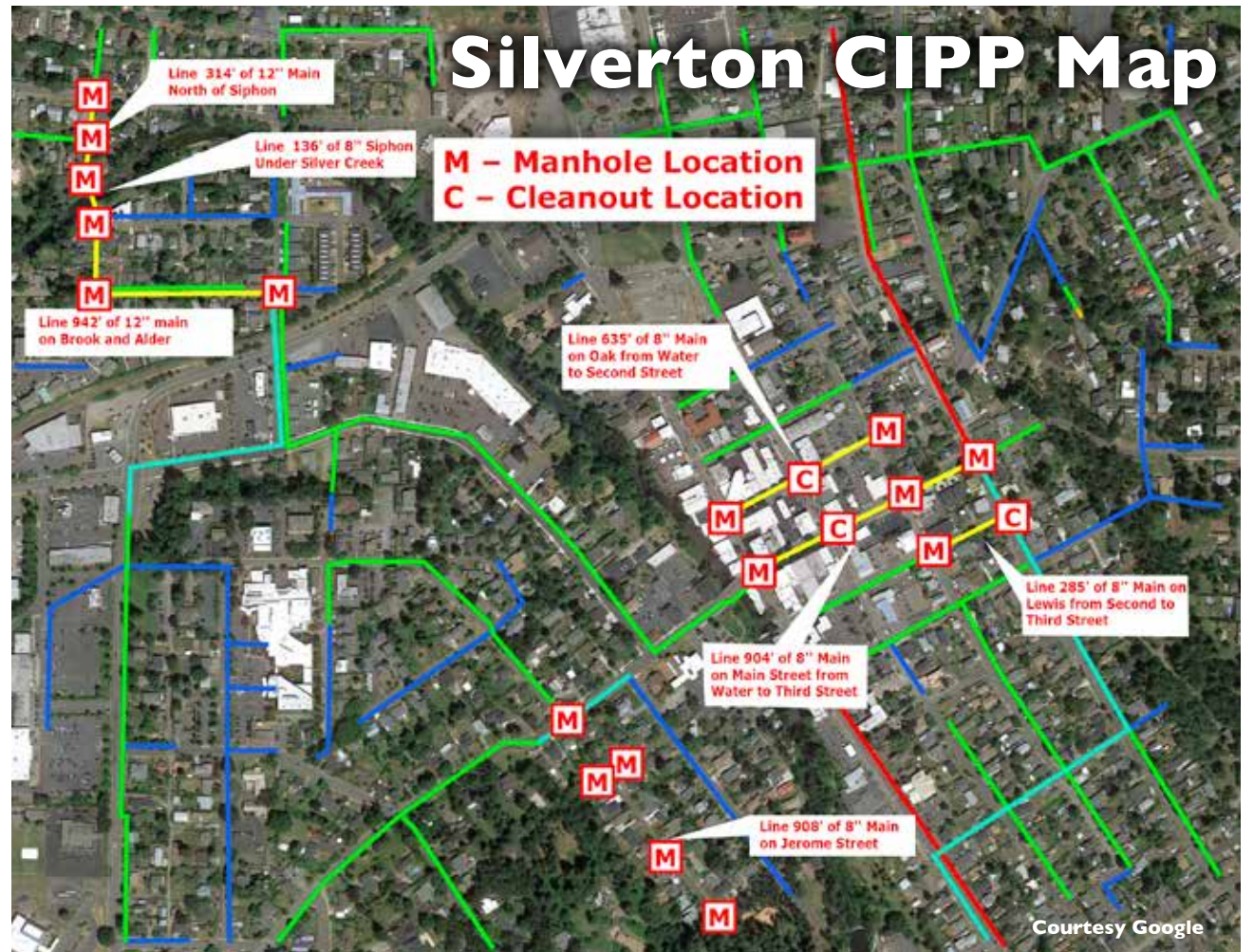
Visit the following link to stay informed about the Main Street Project: <https://silverton.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions>

Silverton Welcomes New Employees

Please help us by sending a warm Silverton welcome to our new staff!

- Jeffrey Brekas
- Emily Linhart
- Sam Willits
- Elliott Sikes
- Nick Riedel
- Christopher Bibby
- Haley Hibbs
- Caleb Frost
- Justin Applebee
- Evan Clark

Inflow & Infiltration Maintenance



City of Silverton Public Works annual Inflow and Infiltration maintenance will start mid-January 2024, to reduce the Inflow and Infiltration of storm water into the City's sanitary sewer system.

Speed Zone Change



Through a recent speed zone study conducted by ODOT per City's request, it is determined the speed limits must be changed in two areas of South Water Street (Hwy 213). Lane Street to Mountain View Road NE to 30 mph. Mountain View Road NE South to 45 mph. New signage has been installed and is now in effect.

Silverton Police Captain Attends FBI National Academy

In July through mid-September, Capt. Todd Engstrom attended the ten-week FBI National Academy located at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Capt. Engstrom was one of 12 Oregon Law Enforcement leaders chosen for this highly competitive training for Law Enforcement Command Level executives during the past year.

Oregon is allotted three students per session and it's common for applicants to wait several years for a slot. Only the top 1% of Law Enforcement leaders nationally are selected to attend the National Academy. Throughout the course of a year, the FBI National Academy holds four sessions in which students register for upper level and graduate level college courses, many taught by nationally recognized subject matter experts. In each session, classes are comprised of students from both the US and from overseas countries. On average, a session will be comprised of 225 students with an average of 20-30 international students.

Students register for a variety of courses ranging from leadership, ethics, forensics, and communication to name a few. There is also a physical fitness aspect of the training throughout the session, which culminates with the infamous "Yellow Brick Run," a 10K cross country run and obstacle course.



Captain Todd Engstrom.

Capt. Engstrom completed a variety of courses that will assist him in his leadership position here at the Silverton Police Department. In fact, he was able to take several courses towards his master's degree while attending FBI NA.

In addition to his courses, Capt. Engstrom volunteered and worked with many of the international students, learning about policing in other countries. From his experience, Capt. Engstrom was impressed with the quality of the course instructors,

course content and discussion of problems faced by all law enforcement agencies. He was also able to make several friendships throughout the session, many which will last a lifetime.

While attending the session, Capt. Engstrom spent time with the United States Parks Police and was able to ride in one of their helicopter air units, giving him a bird's eye view of Washington DC.

Capt. Engstrom is extremely appreciative of the opportunity to attend the National Academy and he brought back many new ideas for the department. He was also able to compare his experience with that of his father, who also attended the National Academy many years ago while serving as a police chief in Northern California.



Second Street Right-of-Way Improvements

Construction is steadily progressing on the Second Street improvement project with the majority of underground utilities installed. As of December 2023, efforts are focused on completing the new road and sidewalks between North Second Street between Lincoln and Whittier. Several of the key updates on progress are listed below.

- New public utilities installed (Sewer, Water, Stormwater).
- New fire hydrants installed.
- Work for new pavement and sidewalk along North Second Street underway.
- Preliminary completion date Jan. 17, 2024

For any questions regarding this project please contact the City of Silverton Public Works Department public at 503-873-8679.



CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Civic Center is under construction. Exterior walls have been framed and exterior sheathing is complete. Additionally, interior framing, mechanical, electric, and plumbing are generally complete on the first and second floor. Interior finishing and case work is progressing and the lobby floor polish has been completed. Landscaping is underway with completed irrigation, the planting of foliage, and grading and seeding of the southern portion of the site. Currently the site awaits a completed trash receptacle area, and a generator pad. Project completion is anticipated for spring of 2024.

Intake & Water Line Project



Silverton Creek Intake & Water Line Project started on May 24, 2022, and is anticipated to be completed Jan. 31, 2024. The Silver Creek Intake is the secondary water source of the city. It supplies raw water to the Silverton Water Treatment Plant for processing for the City's drinking water.

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everything fully completed and cleaned up by March.

Improvements to North Second Street and Mill Street are underway. These improvements will greatly increase pedestrian safety and help with stormwater mitigation. The finished street will be much easier to drive on as well. We know the traffic congestion issues have been a struggle for the neighborhood and we thank the neighborhood for their patience and understanding. We will continue to try to find solutions to lower the congestion.

Some great news for pedestrians, bicyclists, and car traffic on South Water. ODOT has agreed to lower the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph on South Water to the edge of town. The signs are already installed.

The Parks and Recreation Task Force has done a great deal of work on getting the updates to the Parks and Rec. Master Plan ready to present to Council. We are currently planning the trail system at Pettit Lake put in this coming summer. This is a significant green space that will be a great addition to the Silverton Park system for hikers, bicyclists, and people who love to fish. We also hope this will take some usage demands off the Reservoir. The land use changes for the property off Ike Mooney Road are on track as well. The tentative plan is to see bike trails and a disc golf course put in there this summer. There are also plans for Pickleball courts by the senior center sometime this summer.

The Silverton All-Ability Park is essentially 95% done. The project has been delayed because we ran out of good weather. The last major step requires a full week of temperatures above 40 degrees with almost no

rain. As a part of the Rotary team working on this project, I can say we are all disappointed that we could not get done with enough time before Winter for folks to get at least a little time to enjoy it last year. We know it will be hard, but we ask that everyone wait until the park is done before you start exploring it. Any damage to the half-finished surface will only delay the project more so please do not walk on or play with the surface material at the park. For those of you wondering, yes, the first layer of stuff that has been laid is recycled tire material. There will be a much more refined layer of hot surface that will go over that when we finish it next Spring. We are hoping in March!

The Urban Renewal Agency and Advisory Committee have been working on the downtown revitalization project on Main Street. The city will be doing much-needed Water Pipe, Sewer Pipe, and Storm Water system improvements from Water and Main Street to First Street and Main Street. While doing this project the streets and sidewalks will almost definitely need to be replaced. This creates an opportunity to increase pedestrian safety and improve traffic flow. It also creates an opportunity for lighting and aesthetic improvements to Main Street.

As you can see, a great deal is happening in Silverton. It looks like March will be a great time in the city because many things are on schedule to be completed in March.

Have a joyous holiday season!

Jason Freilinger
Mayor of Silverton

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**Starting January 2, 2024, City Hall hours for walk-in service will be adjusted as listed above to assist with records management and the transition to the new Civic Center.*

CITY CALENDAR

January

CITY COUNCIL

421 S. Water St.
6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Jan. 8

Work Session
Monday, Jan. 22

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

1456 Pine St.
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9

Work Session
421 S. Water St.
6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23

February

CITY COUNCIL

421 S. Water St.
6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, Feb. 5

Work Session
Monday, Feb. 26

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

1456 Pine St.
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13

Work Session
421 S. Water St.
6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27

March

CITY COUNCIL

421 S. Water St.
6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 4

Work Session
Monday, March 18

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

1456 Pine St.
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12

Work Session
421 S. Water St.
6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26

Upcoming agenda items are subject to change and meetings are subject to rescheduling or cancellation. 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. Visit: www.silverton.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions.

Residential Winter Sewer Averaging Has Begun

Like many other cities Silverton does not meter the wastewater you discharge, and instead uses a sewer averaging time period for all residential customers. This time period begins with your meter reading in mid-October to your meter reading in mid-April. The assumption for wastewater use is that during the winter months of November through April water usage is primarily inside your residence and is treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Each year, the average sewer usage is calculated and reflected on the bill mailed out at the end of May. Unless there is a rate change, this is your fixed sewer rate until the following May when the sewer average is recalculated. This means the sewer portion of a residential customer's bill will not increase in

the summer months due to irrigating, car washing, filling of swimming pools or any additional outdoor water use. (Customer's will be billed for the water used.)

All new and existing residential customers who don't have at least four months of usage for the averaging period will have their sewer charge based on actual water usage up to the maximum amount of \$93.77 per month (based on 1.5 times the city wide average water consumption of 516 cubic feet. This number is updated annually).

If you find a leak at your location, please fix it and notify the City of Silverton Finance Department as soon as possible at 503-873-5321 Option #1 or finance@silverton.or.us.

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