



CITY OF SILVERTON

Spring 2023

Spring Greetings from the Mayor

Spring is starting to tease us with what is to come. Around town, folks are starting to wonder if it is time to plant tomatoes. I am no expert gardener, but my grandfather and great-grandmother Freilinger were pretty darn good. They always said in Oregon don't plant your tomatoes until Mother's Day. Of course, I can never wait that long. Sometimes I get lucky and sometimes I get hit with a late freeze. Given the winter we have had I'm going to try to wait until Mother's day. Wintertime for the City council is all about goal setting and planning for the upcoming fiscal year. Springtime is all about budgets and getting things going for the upcoming year. The City Council established 6 goals for the upcoming fiscal year that starts July 1st, 2023. This spring the budget will be established and more of the details behind each goal will be established so City staff can hit the ground running on July 1st.



The first goal is to Improve/Enhance/Upgrade the City's ability to engage in two-way communication. A new website that is more user intuitive has been launched, but more refinements are coming. The goal is for the community to easily interact with City Staff through the website. Residents ask a question, and a member of staff gets back to them with an answer that meets the resident's needs in a timely manner. This still needs to be built into the website.

The City will also establish performance metrics to measure our performance in meeting the community's communication needs. Of course, effective communication in a diverse City is much more than just websites and social media. Two City Councilors will be joining the City communication team to help establish metrics and work on more traditional communication methods. Councilor Matt Gaitan proposed this plan to add councilors to the committee and have expertise on the technical side. Councilor Marie Traeger has expertise in more traditional communication methods and will bring needed insight from that perspective. I think they will make a great team.

The second goal is to Strive for Community-wide connectivity for Multi-Modal use with a focus on the Northside Addition (Mill Town). Multi-Modal means all modes of transportation – vehicular, walking, biking, and mass transit. In the next fiscal year, two projects are planned for Mill Town. There will be sidewalk and stormwater improvements on most of North Second Street. There will also be sidewalk and traffic control improvements at the intersection of Mill Street and Whittier Street. These are two much-needed improvements that are long overdue, so I am excited to see them going in. I would also like to thank Councilor Elvi Sutton and former councilor Jim Sears for all their hard work in driving this initiative. Councilor Jess Miller will be chairing the new Transportation Committee that will be working on all things transportation, as far as dealing with detailed conversations around what needs to be done, where; and what we need to plan for the future. His committee will also be looking at parking. I would like to thank those that have signed up to be a part of this committee. Councilor April Newton will be assisting by representing Silverton at the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation. This is an ODOT Commission that looks at prioritizing where state and federal dollars will be spent in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

The third goal is to enhance Silverton's Park & Recreation Facilities. Silverton Rotary is in partnership with the City of Silverton and various others in the community. Together we will be building an All-Ability Park between the City pool and the Silverton Library in a section of Old Mill Park. This will be a park for kids with all different levels of ability to come together in exciting outdoor play. The park will accommodate those that are mobility challenged, hearing or vision impaired, on the autism spectrum, or immunocompromised. The City Public Works department will begin excavation in late April. There will be a public "Park Raising" event from June 9th – June 11th (9 AM to 5 PM) when actual special park equipment will be installed. There will be professional installation supervisors from GameTime to supervise the installation. Many volunteers from Silverton Rotary will be there, but we are also looking for more in the community to help with this amazing opportunity. There will also be a fundraising event on April 22nd at High Water Grill. Come enjoy great food and drink, and great music, and learn more about the park. There will be a place to order a brick for the park and High-Water Grill is donating 10% of all food and drink revenue to the park. This will be a great time for a very good cause! The City of Silverton will also be doing an official 20-year Parks Master Plan. By the time this is published a 15 personal Task Force will have been created including me as chair, two City councilors Marie Traeger and April Newton, one planning commissioner, and 11 members of the community. In addition to creating a 20-year Parks Master Plan, this committee will be pivotally involved in driving the planning for next year's planned park improvements. The council has the following three objectives for the next fiscal year. Annex design and build the property north of Pioneer village next to Ike Mooney Rd for a Disc Golf course and biking and hiking trails. Design and build the bike and hiking trails at the Pettit Lake property. Find a location, design, and build Pickleball courts. This group will have an aggressive agenda meeting twice a month plus help to facilitate many public town hall-style meetings. The Council and I are committed to this being a very public involvement process. I am very excited about this great opportunity for the community to come together for this very important and exciting project. I would also like to thank Councilor Eric Hammond for taking on being chair of the newly revised environmental and Tree committee and all the new members of this committee for volunteering to be part of this very important committee.

Goal four is to implement the City's master plans. City staff will be doing a full review and update to the 20-year Sewer Master Plan. Almost all the goals of the previous 20 Sewer Master plans have been completed. A big focus of the next plan is getting to the point of Silverton refining our sewage to level one solids. We are in the middle of implementing our recently done Water Master Plan and are on track to make sure Silverton's clean water future is secure.

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Senior Clean Up Day

The City of Silverton Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department is organizing Silverton's annual Senior Clean-Up Day on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 8:00am-12:00pm.

The Silverton High school senior class will be working on projects throughout the City and local parks to commend the forty year senior clean-up tradition. The students will receive community service credit for assisting the City with parks preparation and clean up.



Arbor Day Foundation Names Silverton 2022 a Tree City USA®

On February 17, 2023 Silverton received notice that it was named a 2022 Tree City USA® for its fourth consecutive year. Silverton achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements; maintaining a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, dedicating an annual forestry budget of a least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Silverton City Council proclaimed April as Arbor Month at the April 03, 2023 City Council meeting. Acknowledging that trees are vital to our individual and community well-being and future prosperity and because all of Silvertonians have a stake in the future health and replenishment of our urban forests, there should be more than just a single day or week to participate in tree-related activities. Silverton will honor Arbor Day by planting a tree in Old Mill Park. More information can be found on the cities website at <https://silverton.or.us/publicworks/page/urban-forestry-program>.



Tree Planting Event
April 26, 2023
Old Mill Park
421 S. Water St.
9:00am

Silverton Public Works Department Will Participate in National Public Works Week

The City of Silverton will participate with the rest of the country in National Public Works Week May 21-27, 2023. The highlight of the week's activities will be a Public Works Fair in Coolidge McClaine Park that will have a large equipment "petting zoo" for Silvertonians to be able to interact with some of the large equipment used by Public Works to keep Silverton clean, green, and running lean. Details of National Public Works Week activities will be forthcoming on the City's website and Facebook/Instagram pages in early May.

City Manager's Corner

Drinking Fountains

Five new drinking fountains with bottle filling features have been installed. They are located at Silverton Reservoir & Marine Park, Old Mill Park, Pioneer Park, Coolidge McClaine Park pavilion (bottle filling feature only), and Lincoln Park.



2nd Street Upgrade

The City budgeted \$2.4 Million in 2022-23 to reconstruct 2nd Street from where the east side sidewalk ends opposite of Home Place Restaurant north to Lincoln Street. The project includes total road reconstruction, curb and gutters on both sides, and sidewalks on the east side. Utility improvements include a new storm water system on 2nd Street and a new water main from the south end north to Washington. The City also added sidewalk and traffic calming improvements at Mill and Whittier to the intersection design when Firwood Design Group was awarded the engineering design contract in September of 2022. Work completed for this project includes:

- Survey of 2nd Street and Mill-Whittier intersection.
- Geotechnical report of 2nd
- Specifications have been submitted to the City to incorporate into the bid documents.
- 90% drawings have been submitted to the City for review.
- Selection of a contractor to complete potholing of existing utility lines to check for potential utility conflicts with proposed new utility lines.

Construction is set to begin this summer.

Stay Informed

Did you know that you can receive email notifications from the city regarding anything from City Council and Committee updates to Public Works News? Visit: <https://silverton.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions>

Silverton Welcomes New Employees

Please help us in extending a warm Silverton welcome to our new staff!

Shauna Godlevsky, Associate Planner

Jamie Ward, Assistant to City Manager/ City Clerk

Cameron Garber, Public Works Maintenance

Joshua Becker, Public Works Maintenance

Christopher Montoya, Public Works Water Quality

Residential Sewer Averaging Ends in April

2022-2023 Residential Winter Sewer Averaging Ends Soon. Since the City does not have a way to account for the amount of wastewater that is discharged, the City has come up with a fair way to charge for wastewater system use. The assumption for wastewater use is that during the winter billing months of November through April water usage is confined to inside your residence and goes down the drains to the wastewater sewer plant to be treated. Customers will see their new average reflected on their May utility bills. Residential customers have the option to “opt-out” of the averaging method and have the usage charge based on actual water consumption for each month all year long. If you wish to “opt-out” of the program you must complete a form and submit it to the Finance Department by April 30th. That form can be found on the cities website at: <https://silverton.or.us/finance/page/sewer-averaging>. If you wish to Opt back in you must complete the same form and have it submitted by April 30th. Residents that wish to opt in during the year will need to wait until the following sewer averaging period. Please call the Finance Department at 503-873-5321 option #1 or email finance@silverton.or.us with any questions.

Civic Center Update

The Civic Center is under construction. The steel frame is erected roof installed and the second floor has been poured. The exterior walls are framed and exterior sheathing is being installed. The interior framing is mostly installed on the first floor and framing work has begun on the second floor. Mechanical, Electric, and Plumbing is being installed on the underside of the second floor. The construction contract amount was initially \$14,750,000. There have been a number of change order requests as part of the project that to date have added an additional \$106,386.70 to the contract. Additional change order requests under consideration that have yet to be added to the contract amount total \$57,456.15



Water Curtailment Program Begins May 1, 2023

On March 07, 2022 the Silverton City Council signed Resolution 22-05 repealing resolution 16-13, implementing a water curtailment plan and establishing penalties for violating the requirements of the plan. The Water Curtailment Plan is designed to minimize the impacts of emergency water shortages by reducing the demand. The Plan includes five levels. With each level the City progressively moves to higher goals of reducing water demands to deal with an increasingly lower drinking water supply. The Plan focuses on Abiqua Creek since it is the City’s primary water source, but includes Silver Creek, Silverton Reservoir, and any other water sources the City may develop over time. Each level includes the following: “triggers” which define the level; the actions to implement and water reduction goals in response to the triggers; and finally the penalties and/or fines to enforce compliance with each level. The plan provides the City with the flexibility to adequately deal with emergency water shortages.

On Monday, May 1, 2023 Silverton will automatically enter into level 1- Low Alert and continue until September 30, 2023 unless the City moves into level 2 or higher. For more information on the Water Curtailment Plan please visit <https://silverton.or.us/publicworks/page/water-conservation> or call Public Works Department at 503.874.2206

Silverton Police Captain Promotion

The Silverton Police department conducted an internal process involving external and internal interview panels for the candidates. Sergeant Todd Engstrom was promoted to Captain, effective Monday, April 3rd.

Captain Engstrom is a 28 year veteran of the Portland Police Bureau and has been with the Silverton Police for 1 ½ years. Capt. Engstrom brings a wide range of leadership, education and skills experience to his new position. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University. While with the Portland Police Bureau, he has experience in Patrol, Mounted Patrol (Horses), Administrative positions, and the Training Division as a coordinator and survival skills instructor. With Silverton Police, he was a Sergeant, working as a Patrol Supervisor, instructor and background investigator. Additionally, Capt. Engstrom is an instructor at the Dept. of Police Standards, Safety & Training instructing students attending the Police Basic Academy. Capt. Engstrom will be attending the FBI National Academy this summer, an 11-week course for command

officers of which only 1% of all law enforcement officers nationally are selected.

This is a highly competitive process as Oregon is able to send only 12 Officers per year to one of four sessions held at the FBI

Academy in Quantico, VA.



Captain Engstrom & Chief Anglemier

Capt. Engstrom, a long time Silverton area resident, will be instrumental in helping lead the department, working with the City Council, City Manager and the Community.

Silverton City Council



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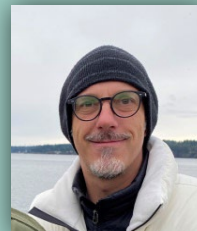
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The Silver Creek intake should be fully updated this calendar year and are looking to update the Water treatment plant the following year.

The fifth goal is to address Silverton's Housing needs. Accessory Dwelling units are already allowed by Silverton's code, but we are looking for ways to make them more affordable to build. The Affordable Housing Task Force is looking to identify one property for future Affordable Housing projects. It can take years to get to the build phase, so we are working on selecting one location and planning for development. This project will need funding from Federal and State sources. This Spring the Task Force is researching types of projects and determining what types of public/private partnerships we will need to get this done. I would like to thank Councilor Eric Hammond and the others serving with me on this Task Force.

The Sixth goal is appropriately to utilize URA resources and capabilities. We will be publishing an RFP (Request for Proposal) to address infrastructure needs on the section of Main Street from the Water Street intersection to the 1st street intersection. This will focus on traffic control, replacing very old sewer and water lines, installing a stormwater system, making the street safer to walk through, replacing old sidewalks, and increasing lighting. This will also be a very public process with town hall style meetings that will probably happen in the fall or winter of next year.

As you can see the City Council and City Staff have a lot going on in the coming year. I am very pleased to see attendance at City Council meetings is rising and people in the community are as excited as we are to start digging into all these projects. The next city council meeting will be 6:30 PM on May 1st in council chambers at 421 S Water St.

I look forward to seeing many of you at High Water Grill Saturday, April 22nd and at the Pet Parade on May 20th!

Jason Freiling
Mayor of Silverton

Silverton Police receives Re-Accreditation from the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.

Silverton Police was awarded its fourth accreditation by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance in January 2023. Accreditation is a nationally accepted method of ensuring Police agencies are utilizing best practices by actual examples, in addition to policy review and an on-site assessment. Accreditation uses two methods of review: The first, is an electronic policy review, and second is an on-site review of the department's practices. Of the 106 standards that must be met, Silverton Police must meet or exceed standards in 98 areas, (the other eight standards do not apply to our small department).

Accreditation enhances understanding of policies and procedures by police employees, assures consistent recruitment, and promotion, and that employment practices are fair, equitable and non-discriminatory. Lastly, accreditation provides for greater administrative and operational effectiveness and decreases the exposure to civil liability and costly settlements.

Accreditation benefits the community by complying with best practices in efficient and effective delivery of police services, enhances community understanding of the Police Department in the community. The goals and objectives set, creates a forum in which citizens and police work together to prevent and control crime. It also provides a better understanding of the challenges and impacts on the Police and the desires of the community.

The Police Department believes in operating with best practices and Accreditation demonstrates to the community they are achieving those best practices by being certified by an outside audit for compliance. Additionally, Chief Anglemier is a member of the OAA Board, which helps in staying connected to on-going changes to ensure the Silverton Police Department continues to provide professional police services for our community

City Calendar

April

City Council

421 S. Water St. |6:30pm
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 03, 2023
Work Session
Monday, April 17, 2023

Budget Committee

421 S. Water St. | 6:00pm
Thursday, April 20, 2023
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting
1456 Pine Street | 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Work Session
421 S Water St. | 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Cancelled

Affordable Housing

421 S. Water St. | 6:30pm
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Homeless & Housing

Zoom | 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 26, 2023

May

City Council

421 S. Water St. |6:30pm
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 01, 2023
Work Session
Monday, May 15, 2023

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting
1456 Pine Street | 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 09, 2023
Work Session
421 S Water St. | 6:00pm
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Affordable Housing

421 S. Water St. | 6:30pm
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

June

City Council

421 S. Water St. |6:30pm
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 05, 2023
Work Session
Monday, June 26, 2023

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting
1456 Pine Street | 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Work Session
421 S Water St. | 6:00pm
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Cancelled

Affordable Housing

421 S. Water St. | 6:30pm
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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. To do so visit www.silverton.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions.

Silverton Pool Closes for Annual Maintenance



The Silverton pool, operated by the Silver Falls YMCA, will close for annual maintenance; and to remove the pool enclosure (vinyl tent) for the warmer months ahead. The pool will be closed from Thursday, April 13, 2023 to Sunday, May 14, 2023. The official reopening date is Monday, May 15, 2023.

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