



May 2, 2020

News You Can Use!

Silt's Helping Hand: Food Voucher Program

Open to Silt Residents Experiencing Financial Hardship

The Silt Board of Trustees last Monday night approved a direct aid program for individuals who may be struggling. The "Food Voucher" program is described as a program to distribute food vouchers in \$20 increments for use in local businesses. Trustees hope the program will have the added benefit of encouraging others to patronize local businesses. It is funded by \$6,000 from the General Fund.

The Town is excited to have an opportunity to offer a helping hand to our community members that have lost their jobs or experienced a financial hardship. The program is hoped to benefit not only community members who need assistance, but to help to stimulate the economy, as well.

Participating Silt businesses include

- Burning Mountain Pizza and Subs
- Miner's Claim
- Brickhouse Pizza
- Skip's Farm to Market
- Misty's Coffee
- Taqueria Garcia

Unemployed or underemployed folks "experiencing financial hardship" or with a household income of less than \$50k are invited to participate in the program. Those requesting vouchers must provide a physical address (to avoid duplicates), mailing address, statement that they are in need. One voucher per person will be distributed at one time. Additional vouchers will require a separate application. Household limit four vouchers. The program is designed to expire on May 31 or whenever vouchers run out.

Those wishing to obtain a voucher should send an email including the above information to communitydevelopment@townofsilt.org and call 970-876-2353 x 110 for more information.

Board of Trustees Meeting Monday Night, 6 PM

Silt's Board of Trustees (BoT) will meet Monday night at 6 PM, once again remotely, to conduct Town business. The virtual board meetings, made possible by an emergency resolution passed in March that gives them the ability to meet remotely during times of emergency. The BoT took the action in order to maintain "social distancing" among citizens, the Board and Town staff, and since Town Hall has been closed for the same reasons.

The Board explained that because it values and considers citizen input significant to its work, tech options used for such meetings must include the public.

Monday's agenda will feature:

- Presentation on a model metropolitan district service plan by consultant attorney Robert Cole of Collins, Cockrel and Cole.
- Discussion of a proposed "Small Business Loan Program" to assist businesses in this time of trouble.
- Marijuana licensing moratorium update

Participants either "link" in or call in and be able to hear and/or see the proceedings, as well as make a public comment during that time in the agenda. Meetings will also continue to be broadcast, as usual, on community television, as well at <https://www.townofsilt.org/>, "Livestream Broadcast" in the left hand column.

Specific information on how to participate can be found on the Town of Silt website at www.townofsilt.org.

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- Join Silt's Highwater Farm as it prepares for its first planting season. "The Heavy Lift" is starting a farm by Highwater's staff, community supporters and volunteers. Community support is important to the success of the project will allow the farm to provide food for our community this year. Please consider coming out to volunteer or make a contribution today! Contact Sara at sara@highwaterfarm.org.
 - Lost in the shuffle is Silt's very busy Community Development Department! Department members are offering all building and planning services, as usual. Call Comm Dev at 970-876-2353 x 108 for more information.
 - "Birthday Brigade" and "Post a pick up pic" popular additions to Town. Call Nicole at 970-876-2353 x 110 to inquire about the Birthday Brigade for your child and don't forget to post a photo on Facebook when you pick up a meal at any of Silt's restaurants!
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Support Silt Local Business

How can you help? Buy gift cards, order take out, pre-pay for services, post pics and a narrative about a trip to your favorite Silt restaurant or store!

FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP REQUIRED

To volunteer with Lift Up, you must call the Garfield County Volunteer Clearinghouse at (970) 456-2804 to register prior to going to the site. The Lift Up website is here: <https://www.liftup.org/>.

To volunteer at one of the drive-thru pantries, you MUST call the Garfield County volunteer clearinghouse at 970.456.2804 to register prior to going to the site. If your desired site is full, your name and contact information will be placed on a list. It is important for everyone to continue to maintain social distancing practices so we can only allow the required number of volunteers.

Silt Employees Still Busy Providing Essential Town Services

In the face of the COVID-19 crisis, all essential Town services, including police, water/wastewater, and public works operations are still being provided, as usual. Town Hall may be closed for another few weeks, but several Town employees are working remotely. Residents may conduct business with the Town by phone or online. Residents are encouraged to call the department or office with which they wish to conduct business for information on how to interact with that government function.

Online services are available as usual at Xpress Bill Pay at www.xpressbillpay.com or to drop payments into the box provided outside of Town Hall.

A complete contact list for Town departments and offices is available at www.townofsilt.org and at the end of this newsletter.

Garfield County Public Health updates pertaining to coronavirus are available online at www.garfield-county.com. Residents are encouraged to subscribe to the Garfield County Emergency Management feed at www.garfieldcounty.net, on which information is being updated as it comes in from state and local agencies. Residents can also register to receive

emergency notifications from the Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority at <https://garco911.com>.

CO-HELP is the state of Colorado's call line for the coronavirus. People who have general questions about COVID-19 can call CO HELP at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-4622911, for answers in many languages, or email them at COHELP@RMPDC.org for answers in English.

No Water “Shut-offs”; Late Fees on Past Due Accounts

The Town of Silt will not be turning off water service to those who are past due on their accounts during this crisis. This does not mean that water customers will not be responsible for paying the amount due once the COVID –19 situation resolves, but the Town will work with customers to establish a payment plan.

In the meantime, the Town **will not** charge late fees or interest on past due account balances, either.

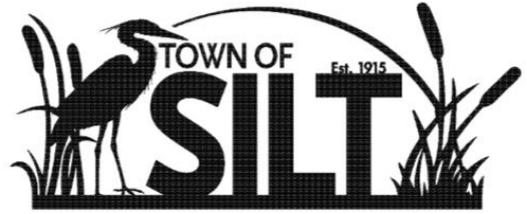
Those customers who are sheltering in place are encouraged to pay their outstanding water/wastewater/irrigation/trash balance through the Town's Bill Pay service. You may access this service at www.xpressbillpay.com.

Customers should also be aware that the Town's water staff members will not be entering homes or businesses to work on meters or other Town equipment for their safety and that of the Town's customers. With Town Hall closed to the public, the best way to get additional information regarding account balances is to call or write to Janey Dyke, jdyke@townofsilt.org.

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.
- Concerts, events, planning and zoning, building in Silt, contact Community Development Director Janet Aluise at janet@townofsilt.org.
- Town Ordinances, election laws, liquor licensing, Town records, Skyline Cemetery, contact Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre at Sheila@townofsilt.org.
- Utility billing questions regarding water, wastewater, irrigation or trash, contact Janey Dyke at jdyke@townofsilt.org.
- Police concerns including traffic and crime, contact Chief Mike Kite at mkite@townofsilt.org. □
Water and wastewater, contact Utilities Director Jack Castle at jackc@townofsilt.org.
- Opportunity Zones, Economic Development or anything else the Town is involved in, contact Town Administrator Jeff Layman at jlayman@townofsilt.org.



**TOWN OF SILT PLAYGROUNDS
ARE CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**



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