



SUPERIOR NEWS

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Open Burning

Mineral County for us Montana Residents has a very generous open burning season. Starting in March thru April we can burn slash and landscape materials. I finally get to burn a summers worth of lawn clippings in spring of each year. We also have a permit system that allows residents and contractors to burn the same material in May. You just need to get a permit first. The USFS was the point of contact for the permit now Mineral County Dispatch is automating the system. As locals we just do not get to alarmed by smoke from slash piles or landscape material burns during this seasonal event.

Now enter the **Out of State Cell Phone crowd**. Seems everyone out of state driving I-90 wants to call 911 to report a sighting of smoke. In their opinion “where there is smoke there must be a raging forest fire”. Dispatch has to do something with these calls so they get handed off to the Fire Chiefs. I and the USFS respond to way more smoke calls from freeway drivers than real fire calls escaping from a burn pile. This is a terrible waste of resources responding to smoke during burn season.

What you can do to help! When our out of state family and friends come for a visit just explain it is Burn Season and they can expect to see lots of smoke drifting skyward. It is perfectly normal here in Montana so leave the Cell Phone parked in the pocket. If they suspect an Escaped Burn (not just a pile) then by all means call 911 and tell the dispatched they suspect a “escaped burn”. Steve Temple, Superior Fire Chief

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FIREWORKS LAW

Fireworks may be sold in the Town of Superior

From June 24 through July 5

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to sell or offer to sell fireworks. It shall be unlawful to sell fireworks to persons under the age of eighteen (18).

Fireworks CAN NOT be set off or exploded BEFORE

July 3rd or AFTER July 4th

between

10:00 pm and 7:00 am

Except on July 4 Fireworks can be set off until Midnight.

It is against the LAW to throw firecrackers or other fireworks on or in any public streets or alleys, into or at automobiles or other conveyances, at or on persons or animals, to handle or use fireworks in such a manner as to injure or damage persons or property, or to handle or use fireworks in Town Parks.

PARKS—SPECIAL EVENTS

The Town of Superior requires a permit for special events held in Town Parks. A deposit of \$150.00 must be submitted with the permit application. The park use permit application is available at the Town Office or on the Town's website.

Special events in the parks require special event insurance. Please contact the Town for more information.

HOUSE AND BUILDING NUMBERS

Visible house and building numbers are extremely important for the Fire Department, Ambulance and Law Enforcement when responding to an emergency. Help them find you.

Owners of all houses and commercial buildings are required by ordinance to post the house or building number, consistent with the Mineral County E911 Emergency Addressing System.

The individual numbers shall be not less than four (4) inches in height in block style letters and shall be in a contrasting color to the background. The number shall be displayed in one of the following ways.

1. If the number is displayed on a house or commercial building, the number shall be placed upon the front of the house or commercial building in such a position as to be plainly visible to all traffic coming to the premises from either direction.
2. If a house or commercial building is more than 50 feet from the improved portion of the street or road or is not clearly visible from the street or road, the number shall be displayed on a sign adjacent to the street or road on which the property fronts. Such signs shall be attached to a fence post at a height that assures that the number will not be obscured by winter snow or snowplowing.

STREET AND ALLEY EXCAVATIONS

Anyone who needs to dig in a Town Street or an Alley **must** contact the Town Clerk's Office and complete an application for a permit for the dig. The permit must be completed and approved prior to the dig.

The permit will require the time, place (location) and purpose of the dig. A deposit is required at the time of the permit. The deposit will be returned upon inspection and approval of the finished repair.

The street or alley that has been disturbed by the dig must be restored to the way it was before it was disturbed. If the disturbed area settles at a later time you are responsible to fill the area until no more settling occurs.

The contractor or the person doing the excavation **must** call 811 before you dig or the excavation will not be allowed.

SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS

Planning to make a new sewer or water connection to the Town's sewer or water system? Planning to make a reconnection to the Town's sewer or water system? IF SO, YOU MUST:

1. Contact the Town before you dig. Call 822-4672
2. Submit an application and the required fees prior to connection.
3. Dig
4. Public Works Connect to the water or sewer main.



CHECK IT OUT

**Large Print Books
and
Graphics Collections
and
Classic Collections**

Mineral County Library
has several Mobile
Hotspots
Available for checkout.
The Mobile Hotspots
can be checked out for
2-weeks.
For more information
call the
Library at 822-3563

MontanaLibrary2Go

Download magazines, eBooks & audiobooks.
<https://montana.overdrive.com/>

Until December 2022 the State Library is offering free access to The Great Courses (over 250 unique courses taught by experts in their fields); Universal Class (500+ self-paced online courses, ranging from cake decorating to accounting and bookkeeping) and Method Learning, Method Test Prep (to help students prepare for and score higher on SAT and ACT tests). If there seems to be enough interest, the State Library may extend this. Schools contact library about enrolling in test program with Sora (student reading app).

The classes in the MontanaLibrary2Go are listed in Libby under Extras.

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 4-Book sale, flea market, hot dogs, bake sale-on library grounds.

This summer – theme of Summer Reading Program will be: Oceans of Possibilities. Summer reading is critical for students to retain skills learned in the previous year. Students who don't read are at risk of falling behind. Parents can avoid this by making sure kids take time to read

Library CLOSED

May 30 for Memorial Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday:

“Confabs”, a discussion group on a different subject each month (details at the library) 11:00 am

“Hobnobs” A children’s socialization and study Group—with in-depth exploration of a different subject each month. 1:30 pm

Tuesday:

CESSS The Day —Cards, Envelopes, Stickers, Stationary, Stamps, COME and write a card, we supply everything.

Lunch at the Library (bring your own lunch)
11 AM to 2 PM

CAKLS (Crochet & Knitting) meeting
2 pm to 3 pm

Wednesday:

Story Time 11 am

Thursday:

Bees Book Group – 2 PM to 3 PM

ALL WELCOME

COME JOIN US!!



Minutes now on FACEBOOK

Mineral County Library

301 2nd Ave E, Superior
Monday through Thursday—9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday — 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Closed Friday and Sunday
Phone Number: 822-3563
Call 822-3563 if requesting curbside pickup.

Sewer System Improvement Project

The Preliminary Engineering Report has been completed by Robert Peccia & Associates, Engineers. The Preliminary Engineering report is a review of the entire sewer system, an estimated cost of the total project, and proposed funding for the project.

The Town of Superior will be dredging the sludge in the sewer lagoons, relining the lagoons, stabilizing the settling lagoon banks,, updating the aeration system, updating the blower system and the blower building. The estimated total project cost is \$4,824,295.

The Town of Superior is applying for grants for the sewer system improvements project. The Town has been awarded \$2,447,295 in various grants for the project. The Town has committed \$400,000 of local funds from the Sewer Replacement and Depreciation Reserve fund for the project. The Town has applied for a DNRC RRGL grant in the amount of \$125,000 and a Montana Coal Endowment Program Grant (MCEP) in the amount of \$750,000. The Town has applied to Mineral County for a grant of \$500,000 of their ARPA Minimum Allocation Grant Funds. Later this summer the Town will apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant in the amount of \$600,000. Our goal is to complete this project without raising rates or getting loans, *if possible*.

DO NOT FLUSH GARBAGE OR BABY WIPES

“Out of sight, out of mind” is the attitude most of us have when it comes to flushing the toilet, or popping the bathtub drain, or running the dishwasher. But all that wastewater goes somewhere, and in Superior it’s the wastewater treatment facility.

Flushing Garbage, baby wipes or other non-organic products damage the pumps and disrupt the treatment process.

Wastewater treatment facilities are designed to treat organic materials —body wastes and toilet paper — not hazardous chemicals.

To prevent excessive costs being passed on to the customer and to ensure cleaner water being released into the rivers and streams surrounding our community, there are a number of things you can do...

DO NOT FLUSH

BABY or FLUSHABLE WIPES

****household cleaners *beauty products *medicine *paint *lawn care products
*automotive fluids *motor oil *grease & food *disposable diapers *condoms
*feminine hygiene products *photographic chemicals***

EXTRAS

- The schedule for the Council meeting Agenda and council packets is: All items to be on the Agenda and information for the council packets must be to the Town Clerk by the Thursday before the meeting at 2:00 p.m. This allows the information to be put in the packet and the Agenda posted. Someone may speak at a meeting about a non-agenda item during public comment. The Council can not take action on matters brought up under the public comment period until the item is scheduled on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- Agendas will be posted at the Town Hall, Post Office and Darlow’s. The Agenda will also be posted on the Website.



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COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Council meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 105 Cedar Street

July 11, 2022

August 8, 2022

September 12, 2022



JOIN OUR TEAM

The Superior Fire Department Wants YOU!

The Department trains twice a month, usually on the first and third Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

BENEFITS

- *Free Training*
- *All equipment supplied*
- *Workman's Comprehensive Insurance provided*
 - *Plus Additional insurance*
 - *Stipend*
 - *Pension program*
- *Community involvement*

If interested, stop by the Fire Hall at Cedar Street. The Chief is frequently present at the Fire Hall during the week. He can also be contacted by calling 822-4900 or at the Town Hall at 105 Cedar Street or firechief@blackfoot.net

