



# SUPERIOR NEWS

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## *Sewer System Improvement Project*

The Town of Superior Sewer System Improvement Project is moving forward.

The Town’s Engineers are working on the design and plans for the project, which will be completed by October 2023. The Design and plans will be reviewed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality before the project can be advertised for bids. The MDEQ review will take at least 60-90 days. The project will be bid in December 2023. Construction should start in June of 2024. We are planning for construction to be completed by November of 2024.

The Town of Superior will be removing sludge in the lagoons and disposing of the sludge at a landfill – 2 cells, Fixing Lagoon Dike Settling, installing new Liners & Baffle Curtain, installing a new Aeration System – installing Blowers, Building, and Diffusers, installing SCADA for Headworks, constructing Headworks Building, UV and Headworks Water Services, Sewer Main Replacement by CIPP, Manhole Modifications – Raise Lids under Asphalt and Lift Station Improvements.

Total estimated project cost is \$4,600,000.

The Town of Superior has been awarded a Renewable Resource Grant/Loan Program (RRGL) in the amount of \$125,000.

The following is a list of the funding that has been awarded to the Town for the Sewer System Improvements project and the grants the town has applied for.

Superior ARPA Local Fiscal	\$222,132
Superior ARPA Minimum Allocation	\$197,163
Superior Local Funds	\$400,000
ARPA Competitive Grant Round 1	\$2,000,000
Mineral County ARPA Minimum Allocation for the Town	\$200,000
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	\$750,000
Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP)	\$750,000
<u>Renewable Resource Grant/Loan Program (RRGL)</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
<b>Total Current Funding Awarded</b>	<b>\$4,644,295</b>

Our goal is to complete this project without raising rates or getting loans, *if possible.*

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### Mayor & Town Council

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## Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles

- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school

- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a stop sign or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic

- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas

- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way

- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians

- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow and red lights start flashing. It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children

- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop

- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus

- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

On most roads, **bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles.** Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist

- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass

- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals

- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this

- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods

- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

## ***VOLUNTEERING IN SUPERIOR***

Superior needs and depends on Volunteers of all ages for many things. There are many ways to volunteer. The following is a list of some of the possibilities for volunteering your time or talents to help enrich our community and to have some fun at the same time.

Fire Department	Hospital/Nursing Home	Chamber of Commerce
Ambulance Service	Mineral County Museum	Search and Rescue
Senior Citizen Center	Annual Car Show	Friends of the Library
Hospital Guild	MC Community Foundation	4H Clubs
Mineral County Food Bank	Mineral County Fair	Youth Sports and Clubs
Schools	Summer Reading Program	Library
Lions Club	Women in Timber	Performing Arts Council
We Care Foundation	Retired Senior Volunteer Program	Veterans Services

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections every year, but when you Volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*



## **EMILY ORNELAS RECYCLING CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!**

The recycling center is open for 6 hours 2 days a week.  
The shifts for the recycling center are 3 hours each.

For information to volunteer contact the Town Office at  
406-822-4672 or stop by the office at 105 Cedar Street, Superior.

### **Superior Recycling Center Recycling Guidelines**

PLEASE RINSE all containers to remove food debris

**OPEN 10 am — 4 pm Wednesdays & Saturdays**

**Glass**---Please rinse, remove caps/lids, labels are okay to leave on. No lightbulbs, mirrors, window glass or broken pieces.

**Paper**---all types of paper can be recycled. Paper with food debris, like a pizza box, or wax coated is NOT recyclable.

**Cardboard**---please break down and flatten to maximize the space in the recycle container.

**Newspapers**---please do not tie your bundles as the string or twine is not recyclable.

**Magazines**---include any type of glossy paper, mailers, and catalogs. **Junk Mail**---all fliers, postcards, include window envelopes.

**Tin/Steel Cans**---soup cans, juice cans. Labels are okay. Push lid inside for safety. PLEASE RINSE.

**Aluminum Cans**---beverage cans don't need to be crushed.

**Plastic**---with the #1 or #2 and #5 recycling symbol on them. Look for the number inside the chasing arrow triangle (international recycling symbol) please removed lids and caps. RINSE and STOMP your plastics flat if possible, to maximize the space in the recycle container.

**Plastic bags** --- Plastic bags are NOT recyclable at this recycle



**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.

“Get Libby, Palace Project and Kanopy from the App Store”

Until June 2024 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). The classes in the Montana Library2Go are listed in Libby under Extras.

The new platform Palace Project to pull-together all e-material in one spot now includes history titles and special recommendations from the State Library.

New to Library offerings—Basic level of Kanopy streaming service with unlimited viewing of kids titles.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- See our monthly calendar for other author events.
- Michael Rich of Area 6 Agency on Aging visits regularly to speak with anyone who needs information on Medicare, help with filling out forms, and other questions. Call 406-822-3563 for more information
- Watch for Oktoberfest on the Library lawn, probably on October 28, with hot dogs, bake sale, prizes, parade of costumed kids around the building.

**Library CLOSED**

Monday September 4, 2023—Labor Day  
 Monday October 9, 2023—Columbus Day  
 Thursday November 23, 2023—Thanksgiving

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday:**

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

Confabs attendees are determining what descriptions should be added to the Mineral County Museum donated pictures, then will hang them throughout the building.

**September**—Jane Brockway will speak about bluebird houses.

**October**—Devoted to Quilting.

“Hobnobs” will start September 11.

**October**—Learning totes from State Library will cover either bats or space.

**November**— work on ornaments and gifts.

**Tuesday:**

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

**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

Help with Heather (Computer/Technology)—  
 Noon to 1 pm by appointment

**Saturday:**

Circle (Story and Crafts) – 11 am

ALL WELCOME COME JOIN US!!

FRIENDS of the LIBRARY MEETING

3rd Wednesday of EACH MONTH  
 2:00 pm

No meeting in December

**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.

## **DOG LICENSING—EVERY DOG IS REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE**

A person keeping, harboring or maintaining a Dog over six months of age in the Town of Superior must register and license the dog.

### **LICENCE FEES**

Annual license fee is \$10.00 for unneutered male and Un-spayed female dogs Lifetime license fee is \$5.00 for neutered male or spayed female dogs.

### **ALL DOGS MUST HAVE A RABIES VACCINATION**

- Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required for all dogs
- Proof of neutering or spaying is required for a lifetime license
- Annual licenses expire on January 1 following the issuance of the license.
- Lifetime licenses are renewable upon proof of rabies vaccination.
- Any dog found off the owner's premises without a license tag will be considered unlicensed even though a license has been issued for the dog.
- License tags are **not** transferable from one dog to another and it shall be unlawful for any person to place a license tag upon a dog for which it has not been issued.

### **DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE**

Dogs must be under restraint at all times, owners shall no allow dogs to run-at-large. The definition for restraint: Controlled by a leash not longer than six (6) feet; or at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to the person's commands; or within a vehicle with permission of the owner; or within the property limits of premises controlled by the owner or other consenting person.

### **PENALTIES**

Fines for violations of the Town Dog Ordinances are as follows:

1st offense—\$50.00

2nd offense— \$200.00

3rd offense—A fine not exceeding \$500.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and the option to remove and dispose of the dog.

### **NUMBER OF DOGS**

The maximum number of dogs that can be kept in the Town of Superior is 2 dogs over the age of six months.

#### **Exception:**

1. Special permit approved by the Town Council for 3-5 dogs
2. A Kennel license for 5 or more dogs approved by the Town Council.

## **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 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 105 Cedar Street

October 9, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023



## JOIN OUR TEAM

***The Superior Fire Department Wants YOU!***

The Department trains every 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](mailto:firechief@blackfoot.net)

