

SUPERIOR NEWS

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hello everyone, it's that time of year again! Holidays, travel, and of course the weather changing. We here, at the Fire Department, like to call this 'Crash Season'. There are so many more travelers on the roads every year and there never seem to be enough plow or sand trucks. Please be careful and cautious out there and remember to slow down and move over for all of our first responders!

Some big things have happened for our department this year. Some good, some not so much. We got our new Chief in January, which meant saying goodbye to our retired one. We got some great new additions to our already fantastic crew, but had to say goodbye to one of our very own. We lost Firefighter Ezra McGuffey this summer. Man, what a pleasure it was to have him around through the years. He will be missed dearly. We were honored to get the chance to assist with his services, and I believe it was a moment that I won't soon forget.

I hear a lot of people say that volunteerism is a dying breed of people. I don't believe that. I see it every day. This community is one of the hardest working bunch of people and has the biggest hearts I have seen in all my travels. Even some of the new people moving here, a couple of them are new firefighters and even a paramedic! (We could always use more!)

I just wanted to say thank you. To all my great volunteers, the people behind the scenes in the clerks positions, our council members and board members. Together we all make this possible.

Chief Scott Dodd

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Mayor & Town Council

Mayor Roni Phillips

Ward 1:

Bessie Spangler

Kelly Dillon

Ward 2:

Shirley Iwata

Wanda James

Ward 3:

Thomas McCloskey

Stephanie Quick

A Reminder to Bring Your Pets Inside During Cold Weather!

Pets left outside in cold weather face the danger of hypothermia, frostbite and even death.

If your pet stays outside always provide shelter outside with DRY, blankets, hay or straw the shelter. Animals drag a lot of moisture into their bedding areas from snow, rain and mud. Check their bedding often and change it whenever it is wet.



Also, outdoor pets need more food during the winter because extra calories allow them to produce more body heat.

Do your best to keep your animal warm, including putting a jacket or blanket on them if needed.

Know the warning signs if your animal is getting cold, including shivering, whining or lifting paws up.

Make sure to wipe off your dog's or cat's legs, feet and stomach when they come in out of the snow or ice.

They can ingest salt, antifreeze or other dangerous chemicals if they lick their paws.

Another hazard for small animals left outside in the cold is seeking warmth by crawling into car engines. When the engine, is started, the animal can be seriously injured or killed by the fan blade or belt. Always check for animals before starting your vehicle.

Town Ordinance 8.04.040(a)(2) Cruelty to Animals requires pet owners to provide daily food, water and shelter adequate to protect the animal from the weather.

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Snow plowing will be done at 4 inches or more. Snow is plowed half to one side of the street or avenues and half to the other side. Remember, it is unlawful and unsafe to shovel your snow into the streets or alleys!

Snowplowing will be done in the following order:

1. Schools
2. Avenues and Streets
3. Alley's upon request

Right of ways are done by request and as time is available. If vehicles are moved the snow will be pushed as close to the property as possible.



Looking for more information about Superior Public Schools?

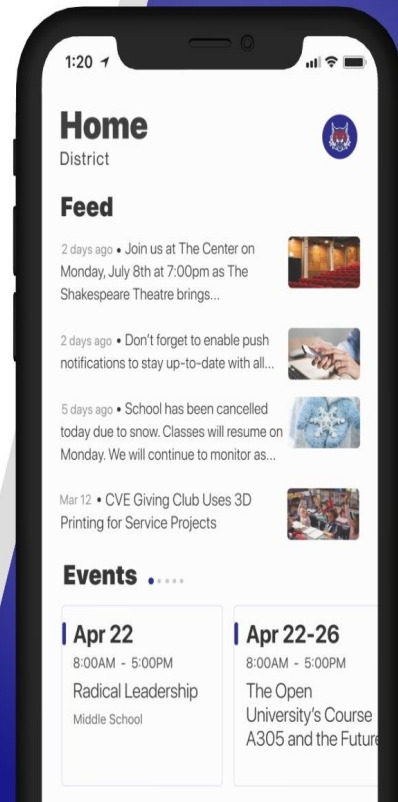
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to take a brief perception survey for our school!
Or visit our website! Thank you for helping make
Superior Schools SUPERIOR!*



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
- **December 9** - Bees Christmas party - Hygge - All past and future interested patrons invited.
- **December 16** - Library Christmas party, with Santa

Additional Hotspots Available to check out!!

Contact Library at 406-822-3563

Library CLOSED

Monday December 25, 2023— Christmas Day

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.

December—Ceramic Ornaments; wooden ornaments with washi tape; macramé

January & February - homeschooling projects (also planting)

“Hobnobs” -1:30 pm

February, head-start on seedlings

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—**December:** books set in winter; **January:** report on the Christmas book.

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
 Friday and Saturday — 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Closed Sunday
 Phone Number: 822-3563
 Call 822-3563 if requesting curbside pickup.

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 were submitted to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality in October 2023. MDEQ approval is needed before the project can be advertised for bids. The MDEQ review will take at least 60-90 days. The project will be bid in February 2024. Construction should start around June 2024. We are planning for construction to be completed by December 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 and blower building, constructing Headworks Building, UV and Headworks Water Services.

The total estimated project cost has increased to \$6,704,295. The cost increase is mostly due to inflation and higher construction and material costs with every City, Town, and County bidding projects at the same time and not enough contractors. Also, during design, the engineer contacted MDEQ and located as-built drawings of the lagoons that show rip rap and 1-foot cover soil over the liner that will need to be removed and a portion disposed of at a landfill. The cover soil will have biosolids mixed in and will need to be hauled to a landfill in Missoula. This added a significant cost. The pricing for a 2-story headworks screen in front of the deep lift station to protect the pumps also increased costs. We are bidding the entire project and the headworks building as an Additive Alternate that can be awarded if funding is available or not.

The Town of Superior has been awarded \$4,674,295 in grants and funding for the project. There is a possibility of a loan for remaining funds needed through the State Revolving Fund. There is also a possibility of the State Revolving Fund Program forgiving a part of the loan up to \$750,000. The Town continues to look for more funding.

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
Renewable Resource Grant/Loan Program (RRGL)	\$125,000
Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) Planning Grant	\$30,000
Renewable Resource Grant/Loan Program (RRGL) Planning Grant	\$30,000
Total Current Funding Awarded	\$4,674,295

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

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

January 8, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 11, 2024



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

