

SUPERIOR NEWS

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT

On June 4, 2024 Town of Superior voters will decide whether or not they wish to have their form of local government reviewed.

The Town Council of the Town of Superior approved a resolution at their regular meeting on Monday February 12, 2024 that will place the option of creating and funding a local government study commission on the primary election ballot.

If approved, the study commission would have three members. Those members would have up to \$18,500 to spend for the review process. The funding for the commission would be an additional levy of an estimated 13 mills.

The purpose of the study commission is to study the existing form of government and powers of the Town and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana. The current form of government for the Town of Superior is a Charter form of government with self governing powers consisting of the Mayor and six (6) Councilors. There are two (2) Councilors representing each Ward of the Town.

If a majority of the electors vote in favor of creating and funding a study commission in June, the three non-partisan members will be elected in the November general election. At the end of the two year study any proposed changes to the form of government recommended by the Study Commission must be submitted to the electors in November of 2026

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Mayor & Town Council

Mayor Roni Phillips

Ward 1:

Bessie Spangler

Kelly Dillon

Ward 2:

Shirley Iwata

Wanda James

Ward 3:

Wayne Cashman

Stephanie Quick

YARD AND GARDEN WATERING CONSERVATION TIPS

- ◆ Water before 8 am or after 6 pm. Do not leave sprinklers or hoses running all day or night
- ◆ Install timers or underground sprinkling systems
- ◆ Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems
- ◆ Avoid watering on windy days
- ◆ Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, which increases evaporation
- ◆ Make sure sprinkler is placed so it only waters lawn or garden, not pavement
- ◆ Water trees & shrubs with deep root systems, longer & less often than shallow rooted plants
- ◆ Water in several short sessions rather than one long session
- ◆ Raise the lawn mower cutting height
- ◆ Use hose washers between spigots and water hoses to eliminate leaks
- ◆ Check hose, connectors and spigots regularly

GRASS AND WEEDS

Owner(s) or Agents of Owner(s) are required to cut or remove weeds from property under their control and one-half (1/2) of any road or street abutting the property. It is the duty of the property owner(s) or their agents to maintain their property so that it shall not be considered a fire hazard or a public or private nuisance.

Grass over 8 inches is considered weeds.



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.

Looking for more information about Superior Public Schools?

Download our mobile app or visit our website at [ssd3.us!](http://ssd3.us)

It's everything Superior Schools,
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*We would love your feedback! Scan the QR code
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

No special events scheduled at this time.

Watch our Facebook page for more information!

Additional Hotspots Available to check out!!

Contact Library at 406-822-3563

Library CLOSED

Monday May 27, 2024— Memorial Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday:

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

April—Gardening, starting vegetables, greenhouses

“Hobnobs” -1:30 pm

March-

Several field trips planned-Courthouse, Sheriff’s Office, other county offices

April-

Cricut cuts—prepare drinking cups for use at the library

May-

Preparing for Fair projects

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—March—Free for all.

April—Book with “light” in the title and May—Book with flowers on the cover.

Help with Heather (Computer/Technology)—

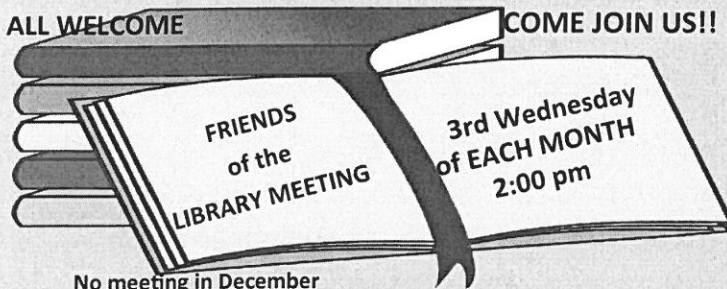
Noon to 1 pm by appointment

Saturday:

Circle (Story and Crafts) – 11 am

ALL WELCOME

COME JOIN US!!



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.

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

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

April 8, 2024

May 13, 2024

June 10, 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

