



JULY 2021 BUTTE-SILVER BOW NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Summer has arrived welcoming longer days and shorter nights. July is sure to be an exciting time for our residents, as we get outside and celebrate with family and friends this 4th of July holiday season. The Fireworks on 3rd and the parade on the 4th will represent more this year than it has years past. The 2020 pandemic showed us that we can never take anything for granted.

With the hot, dry weather, the region has experienced early drought conditions, due to the lack of snowfall and spring rains. Butte-Silver Bow residents are now asked to start summer water restrictions early. Our residents are asked to water on alternating days determined by your address. Odd numbered address on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses on even days. Please understand and respect why these restrictions are necessary.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Butte-Silver Bow Health Department

Butte-Silver Bow is second in the state – behind Missoula County – in terms of the percentage of population fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. As of Monday, June 14, 55 percent of Butte-Silver Bow's eligible population – those ages 12 and up – were fully immunized against the virus. However, there is much work remaining. June 2021 has been declared a National Month of Action to mobilize the administration of at least one COVID-19 vaccination dose by July 4 to 70 percent of the eligible U.S. population. In Butte-Silver Bow, as of June 14, almost 60 percent of the eligible population (59.72 percent) had received at least one vaccination dose. To reach the 70 percent goal, Butte-Silver Bow's Unified Health Command is planning a variety of pop-up vaccination clinics this summer – vaccinations will be accessible to everyone who wants one (those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). There is no better time to get vaccinated – beginning June 24 and continuing through Sept. 30, weekly drawings will be held to award two \$10,000 prizes and three \$5,000 prizes to those fully vaccinated. Get your vax on!

Butte Public Library

For July, assuming all the things go well in June with the Coronavirus, we will continue to have our Summer Reading Programming on Thursdays. Our Schedule this year is:

- July 1st we will be out at Stodden Park with the Forest Service at 2:00.
- July 8th is Chalk! - we have packets of sidewalk chalk to use outside or take home available until gone.
- July 15th, we have a Take home Scavenger Hunt Kit available until gone.
- July 22nd, we have a Weaving Llama take home Craft Kit, available until gone.
- July 29th we will be doing a Story Walk at Father Sheehan Park at 2:00.
- We should also have a video up on our Facebook page by the Tiernan Irish Dancers.

We also will have Story time on Fridays at 11:00 for Books and Babies, and 11:15 for regular story hour.

Community Enrichment

Be on the lookout

It is that time of year again and the Weed Control and Community Enrichment crews will be out working on the Right of Ways in the County. Please give them the space needed to work safe.

Butte-Silver Bow Clerk and Recorder

Effective 7/1/2021, the price for a certified death certificate will be \$7.00; the price to record a document will go up to \$8.00 per page. These price increases were made by the 2021 legislature to support the State Board of Funeral Directors and the GIS functions of the State of Montana, respectively.

Clerk of District Court Jury Notifications

The Clerk of the District Court will be mailing post cards again this year to notify potential jurors for the 2021-2022 jury term. The use of post cards substantially reduces the cost of printing and mailing the notices. The cards contain a link for jurors to complete the jury questionnaire online and e-mail the finished questionnaire to the Clerk's office. Printed copies of the questionnaire are available for those who prefer them. Anyone who has questions regarding district court jury service can call (406) 497-6350 or e-mail clkofdistcourt@bsb.mt.gov.

Butte Civic Center Update

July 2021

- July 1st Drug court graduation (Tentative)
- July 2nd stage set up in south parking lot for KXLF Parade Broadcast
- July 3rd Parade floats line up in parking lots
- July 4th Building open for parade participants, starting point for the Parade, KXLF will be live broadcasting from the south parking lot.
- July 16 thru 31 Butte High School Volleyball camp three courts set up in the main arena, one court in the Annex.

Tickets Currently On-Sale:

- September 11th - Foreigner
- November 17th - Price is Right

Community Development

- Rail Park Construction is underway in Montana Connections Industrial Park - \$8 million Project
- Sugar Loaf Loop Road is under construction in Montana Connections Industrial Park
- Infrastructure Analysis/Needs Assessment is being completed for the South Butte TEDD
- A Preliminary Architectural Report for Permanent Supportive Housing is underway through a CDBG Planning Grant
- The Uptown Master Plan held public meetings in the end of May with a draft scheduled to be finished in August
- The East Butte RRA will be holding its final meeting for FY 2021 on Thursday, June 17th
- The Greenway is gearing up for a major construction project this summer.

Management Information Systems

Butte-Silver Bow is one of three communities to be selected for the National League of Cities "Capstone Challenge Series - Broadband availability in your city with ESRI". Butte-Silver Bow IT, GIS and Economic Development staff will team with ESRI to develop and map information essential to determine the existing Broadband availability within our community. Broadband coverage is the new critical infrastructure. The Esri team will work with Butte-Silver Bow to develop an app available to our residents to test broadband speed and get data on broadband capabilities across the county. We will then be able to analyze the data and provide recommendations on equity, reach, and needed additional investment. We are committed to providing reliable, fast and affordable broadband access to all of our residents.

Notice Of Pending Attachment Of A Tax Lien (MCA 15-17-122)

On Monday August 2, 2021, the Butte-Silver Bow County Treasurer will attach a property tax lien to property on which the 2020 taxes are delinquent. The delinquent taxes, including penalties, interest and costs are a lien upon the property and that unless delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are paid prior to August 2, 2021, a tax lien will be attached and may be assigned to a third party.

A complete list of all property on which taxes are delinquent is on file in the office of the Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer and is open to public inspection and examination on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For further information please contact the Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer at 155 W. Granite St., Room 206, Butte, MT 59701 or at 406-497-6303.

Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives

An exhibition featuring seven masterpieces from the collection of Senator William Andrews Clark, one of Butte's famous Copper Kings, will run June 10 to August 13, 2021, at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives.

"William Clark and the Art of the Gilded Age" is sponsored by Butte-Silver Bow Archives and the University of Montana's Montana Museum of Art and Culture. The exhibit will include significant paintings from the Baroque to the Industrial Age by European artists, including French painters Jean-Charles Cazin, Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, Jules Dupré, Jean-Honoré Fragonard, and the Englishman Thomas Gainsborough.

"Given the great wealth amassed by William A. Clark throughout his mining enterprises in Butte, it seems fitting for the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives to host a selection of his art in 2021," said Ellen Crain, director of the Butte-Silver Bow Archives.

In coordination with the exhibit, a series of lectures, architectural tours, and book signings will be held in Butte, informing on the collection, the man, and the Clark legacy in Butte and across Montana. A full schedule of events can be found at buttearchives.org.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and can be viewed during the Archives' normal business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 17 W. Quartz St.

BSB Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services

The Department and CFWEP will be in the field this month implementing the Butte Reclamation Evaluation System on reclaimed sites across the Butte Hill. The evaluations are utilized to determine areas that may need to be addressed by Department staff. The evaluations look for areas that may be impacted by storm water or may need vegetation enhancements to ensure that the reclaimed sites remain protective of human health and the environment. All reclaimed sites undergo this formal process every four years, but Department staff conducts routine maintenance activities on a regular basis.

The Residential Metals Abatement Program is sampling yards, earthen basements, and attics throughout town. The RMAP always welcomes requests for sampling activities. The program is also conducting routine residential soil and dust removal projects. For more information call 497-5040.

Public Works

Water Division

The construction crew has gone as far as they can with the 36inch line running South towards the Treatment Plant. The H&H construction project of the I-15 crossing will start later this month. The project consists of three bores. One under the South bound lanes one under the north bound lanes and one under the frontage road. We (BSB) are ready on both the south end and north end to connect to their project. We did some fuels reduction work up at the Basin Creek Reservoir. We dumped all the firewood that we extracted from the outskirts of the reservoir into the parking lot for the public to take free of charge; the lot would be empty the very next morning.

Metro Division

Construction has been wrapped up at the Madison Street Sanitary project. This was a project to eliminate some cross connections from storm to sanitary or the other way around. These discoveries were made during the Smoke Testing project we did a couple years ago. By doing projects like this and changing out sewer lids that have holes in them it will lessen the amount of storm water we are treating at the treatment plant.

Roads

Crews should start ramping up to do some paving projects this week. They are busy flushing and sweeping the streets after the winter of sanding during snowstorms. Tom and his crew are still trying to get organized at the new facility.

Streets to Pave this season:

- Colorado from Galena to Silver - completed last week
- Alabama from Platinum to Silver - completed two weeks ago
- Colorado from Silver to Platinum
- Dakota from Silver to Platinum
- Platinum from Nevada to Washington
- Mercury from Shields to Arizona
- Alaska from Woolman One block North
- Greely Area where we put in Storm infrastructure last fall
- McKinley and Main St. area where we installed water main last fall
- We have some maintenance areas on Basin Creek road and on Beef Trail Road
- Dewey and Washoe Intersection.

After these projects are complete, we will assess how much time and what the weather will be to get to other projects.

Landfill

The landfill is busy right now with everyone spring cleaning. They are witnessing record breaking days on the weekends. Cell 4 is up and running, working very well so far.

Shop

Jerry is also still trying to organize. But the new shop is working fine so far.

Water And Sewer Treatment

The treatment plants are busy as usual. We have enforced watering restrictions this summer because of our lack of moisture through the winter. We are hoping that our users will try and conserve the best they can.

Butte-Silver Bow Transit

Operates bus service Monday-Friday from 6:45 am – 6:45 pm and on Saturday from 8:45 am – 4:15 pm. The Oregon Ave Route will be stopping at Stodden Park during the summer months at :08 after hour.

To view schedules and inquire about para transit services, please visit www.buttebus.org.