

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Relief fund helps 26 small businesses**

Twenty-six businesses in the city have received grants from the grass-roots Silverton Small Business Relief Fund. Just over \$50,000 is going to small firms that requested financial aid after the coronavirus pandemic slowed or froze their profits.

The fund's committee is accepting more applicants from businesses, as the fund still has at least \$20,000 to allot in a second wave of grants, said Angela Fischer, Rotary Club executive secretary and committee member.

Recipients in this first wave of grants are as follows: Gather, Live Local Café, Heavenly Yogurt, Gear Up Espresso, White Oak Wellness, Astonishing Adventures, Silverton Self Defense, Silver Creek Lanes, Beloved Cheesecakes, Annie Smith Photography, Palace Theatre, Silverton Tattoo Company, Silverton Where Bar & Bistro, Somewhere in Time, She's the Cat's Meow, Serena's Skincare, Salon Blondies, Curt's Barbershop, Jennifer Gerig LMT, Shayla Lynn Jewelry, Silverton Ballet & PAC, Books-n-Time, Silverton Stop 'n Go, Small Town Hair, Silverton Fitness, and Tan Republic.

**Reservoir, some outdoor spaces open now**

With Marion County approved for Phase 1 re-opening, the City of Silverton has partially opened some public areas.

Starting May 22, four types of areas in Silverton are now open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as long as visitors practice social distancing measures, including staying 6 feet apart. Available to the public once again are: Silverton Reservoir and Marine Park, open spaces in public parks, trails, and some public restrooms. Playgrounds, outdoor sport courts, Silverton Community Pool, and Judy Schmidt Memorial Skate Park remain closed.

Silverton City Hall is planning to partially re-open soon, offering service to walk-up customers needing to pay bills, get permits, report crimes and do other in-person business. City Manager Christy Wurster said a full opening will likely coincide with the governor's approval of Marion County for Phase 2 opening.

For questions about parks and other city properties' reopening. Call 503-874-2206 or email cstarner@silverton.or.us.

**Utility rate increases on July 6 agenda**

MT ANGEL – At their June 6 meeting, city councilors will discuss whether to give water and sewer rates a bump this summer.

In spring of 2019, the city's Infrastructure Task Force proposed three years of "stepped" increases to keep all systems running and to avoid sliding into a deficit scenario.

Before that, Mt. Angel had last raised its water and sewer rates in 2009, with the council opting to keep household expenses as low as possible during and immediately following the Great Recession. With repairs on hold and expenses on a trajectory to outpace revenue, the task force recommended small annual increases to keep up with expenses.

So, first in 2019-20, councilors agreed to raise water rates by 5 percent and sewer rates by 10 percent. Then, in 2020-21, water and sewer rates both rose by 5 percent. A third increase of 5 percent to water and sewer rates was recommended by the task force to start July 1. Councilors will discuss the matter at their virtual meeting on July 6.

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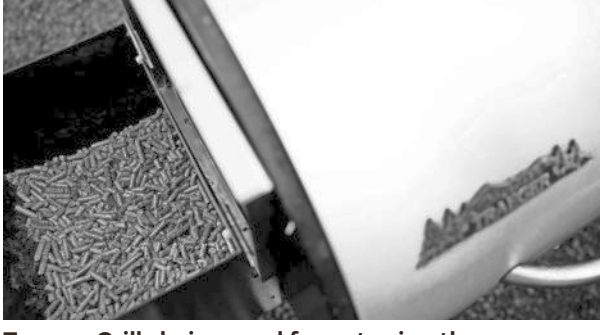
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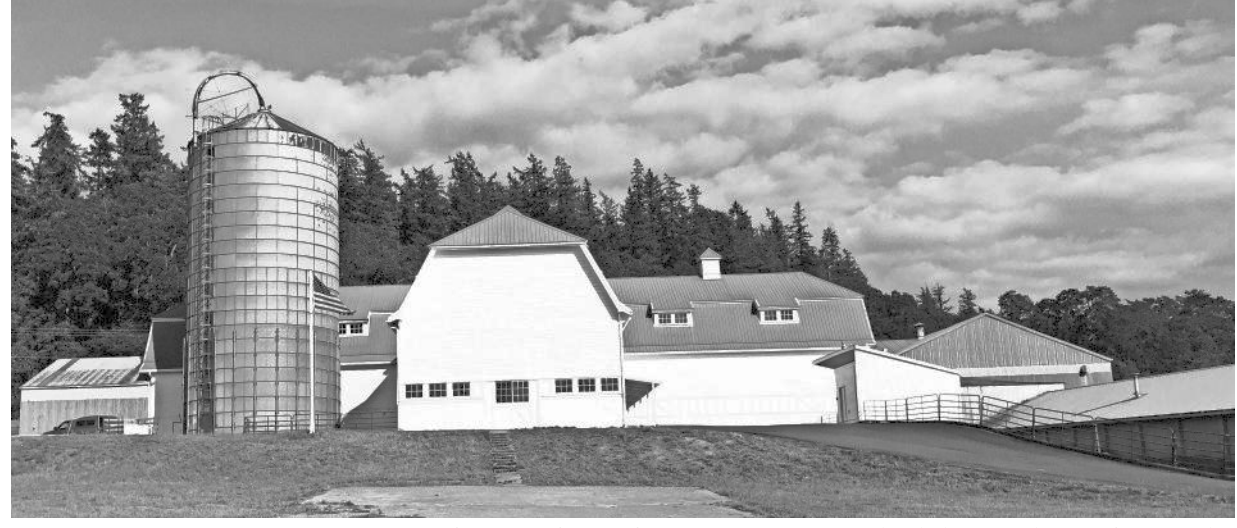
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**Traeger Grills being sued for not using the same wood in their pellets as is advertised. Photo taken in Salem on Oct. 24, 2019.** ANNA REED / STATESMAN JOURNAL



**The TRAEGER name has been removed from the front of the Traeger barn, which is in the middle of a lawsuit over copyright infringement.** BILL POEHLER | STATESMAN JOURNAL

**Traeger**

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use the wood advertised in its pellets and instead uses cheaper woods flavored with oils.

Additionally, Jenkins found it was premature to present the case to the court.

"No class has been certified here," Jenkins

wrote in his opinion. "Accordingly, this suggestion is premature in the sense that there is no class presently before the court."

Because the case was dismissed without prejudice, it could be refiled in another court.

Pellet grills work differently than normal wood or charcoal burning grills as they heat wood pellets to create smoke to

cook food.

The Traeger family of Mt. Angel, which developed the first pellet grill in 1985 and patented it in 1986, sold the company to a venture capitalist in Florida in 2006 for \$12.4 million, court records show.

The company was purchased by Jeremy Andrus and private equity firm Trilantic Capital Partners in 2014 and moved its headquarters to Utah from Oregon in 2015.

But the company is a Delaware limited liability company headquartered

in Salt Lake City, according to the ruling.

The proposed class action in Utah district court alleged Traeger sells 14 different types of wood in the pellets it sells as the Traeger Brand.

The suit alleged the pellets the company sells

as apple, cherry, pecan, mesquite and hickory contain less than 1/3 of the advertised wood and the oak and alder pellets contain varying amounts of the advertised woods depending on where they are manufactured.

It alleged the wood used was flavored with oils to create the flavor of the advertised woods.

Traeger has used its same production process the past 16 years, according to the company.

Traeger's advertising says it uses "100% natural, food-grade hardwood" in pellets, with small amounts of food-grade soybean oil added as a lubricant for its machines in the pellets.

The pellets sold under the Traeger brand state "All Natural Hardwood" on the packaging.

The Yates case purported that consumers who purchased Traeger pellets were financially harmed by paying over the actual market value of the products.

In its motion to dismiss, Traeger Pellet Grills argued the suit didn't prove actual damages under Utah law and restitution under California law that proved consumers suffered a loss by paying more than actual market value for the products.

In December, Joe Traeger and sons Brian and Mark Traeger settled a lawsuit in a Florida court with Traeger Pellet Grills that alleged the names of the Traeger family members were improperly being used in advertising.

But a suit between Traeger Pellet Grills and rival grill maker Dansons continues in an Arizona court over unfair competition.

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A public meeting of the Silverton Fire District will be held on June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm at 819 Rail Way NE, Silverton, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Silverton Fire District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 819 Rail Way NE, Silverton, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or online at www.silvertonfire.com. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Bill Miles, Fire Chief/Budget Officer Telephone: (503) 873-5328 Email: billmiles@silvertonfire.com

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES**

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-2020	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-2021
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,888,316	1,764,939	1,681,813
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	189,696	89,950	86,650
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	290,913	420,446	151,000
Reverend from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	227,387	194,000	182,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	126,459	191,614	144,853
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,739,134	1,783,189	1,865,420
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>4,461,905</b>	<b>4,444,138</b>	<b>4,111,736</b>

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Personnel Services	791,957	965,490	1,059,162
Materials and Services	664,435	925,390	679,776
Capital Outlay	364,871	695,582	254,798
Debt Service	370,546	380,090	384,353
Interfund Transfers	227,387	194,000	182,000
Contingencies	0	100,000	135,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	2,042,709	1,183,586	1,416,647
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>4,461,905</b>	<b>4,444,138</b>	<b>4,111,736</b>

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM \***

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Fire and EMS Services	4,461,905	4,444,138	4,111,736
FTE	7.16	7.16	8
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE			
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>4,461,905</b>	<b>4,444,138</b>	<b>4,111,736</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>7.16</b>	<b>7.16</b>	<b>8</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \***

The General Fund is estimated to have an overall decrease in revenues and expenditures by 3%. Personnel Services include funding for existing 7 FTE and two new half-time positions bringing the total to 8 FTE. No change in sources of funding.

**PROPERTY TAX LEVIES**

	Rate or Amount Imposed 2018-2019	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2019-2020	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2020-2021
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.0397 per \$1,000)	1.0397	1.0397	1.0397
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$333,056.00	\$343,442.00	\$365,780.00

**STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS**

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$3,677,350	
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings	\$106,048	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,783,398</b>	