

Silverton Business Review

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Mission Statement

"We promote Silverton by providing proactive leadership, supporting business, supplying information, serving visitors and bringing the community together in celebration and constructive discussion of important issues."

Chamber Events

- Board Meeting—Friday
Sept. 14 @ 7am at the
Council Chambers
- After Hours Thursday,
Sept. 27th @ Curves
and other Front Street
Businesses
- Silverton Business Group
Meeting Every
Wednesday at 8 am @
Silverton Inn & Suites
- Forum Lunch - Friday,
Sept 14 at 11:45 in
the Conf. Rm at Silver-
ton Health. Topic:
Mayor's Forum

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SEPTEMBER 2012

50 Years and Still Going Strong IV

Meyer Ag Construction, Inc.

General Contractors

Elmer Meyer initially worked for Mr. Fetterman and then started Meyer Construction with his partner, Frank Schweinfurth in 1957. The first office was in the Wellman building down the hall from Doc Pettit. About 1960, they moved into the Smuckers building which was behind Subway. In the mid 60's the company moved again into the Moll building.

In 1983, Elmer's three sons, Jeff Enloe (whose dad was the bookkeeper and draftsman) and Frank Schweinfurth Jr. founded T.J. Meyer and Associates. In the late 80's, the Moll building was purchased, and the post office was built.

Meyer then relocated to Kolstad Cannery (now Bruce Pac), and then in 1992 when Elmer purchased the old Silverton wrecking yard where they are currently located. In 1993 Roger Hatley was taken in as a new owner and Meyer Ag Construction was founded.

Meyer Ag Construction mainly works in the agricultural industry. In the 1980's, it was mostly wheat and grain storage and handling. In the 1990's, building grass seed facilities dominated their work. In the last decade, building fertilizer storage plants and installing the equipment has been the bulk of their work. As an example, Meyer Ag built the fertilizer storage on Downs Road and a grain elevator in Amity. And they have built the majority of fertilizer plants in the Valley. The last one was Pratum Coop.

Meyer Ag Construction has worked as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska (fertilizer plant), and in Idaho, Washington and California. They usually employ nine to ten employees, but currently have only five.

Dr. Olywn K. Davies, M.D.

General surgeon and Family Practice

Dr. Olywn K. Davies is an Oregon native. He was born in Enterprise and grew up in Salem. He Graduated from Willamette University with a bachelor of science degree and then graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School, now OHSU. He was drafted in the two year doctor draft. His first year was at Madigan Army base where he treated injuries out of



President's Message

Jane Jones

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50 Years . . . Cont.

Korea. The second year was at William Beaumont Base in El Paso, Texas where he finished his tour of duty. There were no war casualties having served between the Korean and Vietnamese Wars.

Silverton has been the only town where Dr. Davies has practiced. He opened his office on October 17, 1957. He will celebrate 55 years of medical practice on October 17. When he came to Silverton there were only six doctors compared to the 145 on staff now. There was also a physician in Mt. Angel, and one in Molalla. Dr. Davies began to practice in Dr. Van Cleave's clinic in what was the old Silverton Annex. Dr. Van Cleave left after two years and he moved downtown to the complex near where the old JC Penney store was located, Laura Ames Allen didn't like his office and built him a clinic where the dentists (Pyper and Heppler) now practice. He rented from her and later purchased the building, staying 45 years. He is now located at 410 Welch St. where he has been for 10 years. He still works a "crowded" schedule, full days Monday through Thursday and a one-half day on Friday for paperwork. He became known for making house calls in his 1956 Cloud 1 Rolls Royce. Dr. Davies has 'never kept a score' on how many deliveries and surgeries he has performed. However, he delivered babies until he was 65 and performed surgery until he was 70 years old. He has taken care of generations of the same families; and is a great listener. He is proud of the fact that he was never threatened with any law suits or his credentials questioned.

Dr. Davies has amassed many honors through the years, from the Marion Polk County Medical Society, Silverton Hospital, a honorary degree from Silverton High School in 2004, recognition for volunteering in the classroom in Scotts Mills, and "It's an O.K. Day!" banner hung downtown in celebration of his 50 years in practice. The walls of his office are covered with plaques honoring his service. Silverton is fortunate to have a committed physician, who loves his job, practicing in our community for 55 years. He truly is an 'OK' man.



Whimsy 4 Kids—Celebrates their ribbon cutting with Chamber Ambassadors and folks from the Wednesday morning Business Group meeting. Congratulations to Bonnie and Hannah for opening another great shop in Silverton! Whimsy 4 Kids is located at 206 Oak Street in Silverton. Stop by and entertain your inner kid!

A BIG Thank You To The Chief

As I thought about what I wanted to write about this month, the natural topic that came to mind was the festivals happening in August. As I started thinking about them, I thought about all the volunteer hours that go into producing a great event. Volunteers are the heart of any great festival—they work the booths, coordinate activities, support the vendors and even end up with the not so fun jobs like trash collection, scooping up after animals in the parade and breaking down the booths after the event. Without our volunteers, great events like Homer Davenport Community Festival and the Silverton Fine Arts Festival just wouldn't thrive.

A chamber is like a non-stop event, always something happening and always in need of great volunteers to keep us on track. I had the privilege of working with lots of volunteers over the 11 years I've been with the chamber, but one has been there from the beginning and stayed on though the years. Rick Lewis has served as the liaison from the City of Silverton to the Chamber Board for over 11 years. Since a normal board term is 3 years and many folks serve two terms, eleven years is an eternity of service!

Rick has been a great resource for working cooperatively with the city, by making sure their goals and ours mesh. Having someone on the inside when it comes to closing streets for events like tree lightings and parades has been helpful, but more importantly, insures that things run smoothly. Keeping businesses aware of scams, thefts and potential threats was always important to Rick.

Rick may not be the most social of board members, but when it comes to planning, organizing and working toward the chamber's mission—Rick is never shy. His devotion to the organization has been remarkable. Personally, I'll miss his smile at meetings and his calm demeanor when issues arise.

Thank you Chief Lewis for your dedication and commitment to making the community safe and the business community strong! May the fish be biting!!!!

Stacy



Director's Notes

Stacy Palmer
Executive Director,
IOM



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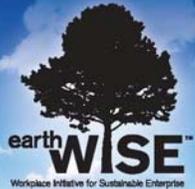
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Quick Stats

Year-to-date Visitor Center Stats*

Website:	54,793
Phone:	2,481
Email:	3,080
Walk Ins:	2,536
TOTAL:	62,890

*As of August 28, 2012

Choose Silverton: Shop, Dine, Play . . . Swim!

The Friends of the Silverton Community Pool PAC formed recently to promote the passage of the November 6 ballot measure 24-331 to provide a five-year levy to fund operations and maintenance of the year-round pool.

City Councilman Kyle Palmer spearheaded the forming of a task force in June to make recommendations to the city council regarding the pool’s funding crisis. [Currently the city funds the operations and maintenance costs and pays a stipend to the YMCA to manage the pool, but this ends June 30, 2013.] This task force melded into the Friends Committee to act upon the council’s levy initiative.



The Committee recently chose the slogan **“A pool for everyone.”**



Members of the committee (many of whom are adult lap swimmers and senior aquacizers), pool staff, and children involved in YMCA and SHS swim teams marched in the Homer Davenport Days parade to give an image to the multi-generational functions of the pool.

The committee will be contacting local businesses requesting permission to place a poster about the levy in their business. Several have already agreed to do so.

The Silverton pool was built following a 1939 levy to pay for the materials with WPA-provided labor. Even in those hard economic times, the citizens supported a pool. In 2002 the citizens voted a construction bond measure to improve the physical plant and make the pool year-round. This bond expires in November 2012. The ballot measure levy would cost \$.16 per \$1000 valuation more than this expiring bond of \$.29 per \$1000 (thus \$.45 per \$1000 valuation).

Today, when jobs are scarce and health issues are foremost, is Silverton ready to lose 21 local jobs and a valuable community resource?

For more information about posters in your business, contact Melody Clarke, 503.873.3858 or to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the PAC, contact Becky Ludden, abludden@frontier.com 503.874-9392



Welcome To Our New Chamber Members

Spoonful Frozen Yogurt

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www.Spoonfulsilverton.com
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Town & Country Lanes

Contact: Mardi Smith
3500 River Road N.
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(503) 390-2221
www.bowlcrazy.com
Recreation

Balance Bode

Contact: Leslie Curry
(480) 258-8146
Health & Wellness

**Choose Silverton
Shop—Dine—Play
Choose Chamber Members!**

September Forum Lunch a Mayoral Candidate Forum

Want to know more about the candidates running for the office of Mayor of Silverton? The September Chamber Forum Lunch will feature an open forum to learn more about their ideas and motivations.

The lunch sponsored by **Maps Credit Union** and **Allied Waste** will give attendees an opportunity to pose questions. In addition the chamber has solicited feedback from all the

candidates on their position on several business related issues and will share those printed responses at the lunch.

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 14th from 11:45 to 1:30. Cost for lunch is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for non-members. We meet in the conference area above the family birthing wing at Silverton Hospital. You **MUST RSVP** for this event, as we expect a full



house! Call or email the chamber to save your seat.

info@silvertonchamber.org or
(503) 873-5615.

September After Hours is a Walk-about

Kathy Prince, co-owner of Curves of Silverton is one of the hosts for the September After Hours. In addition to Curves, a number of the Prince's tenants will be participating as well.

So rather than one business, you'll get the opportunity to check out a number of local businesses and see their facili-

ties and what they offer the community.

After Hours is always held the fourth Thursday of the month, so for September that's on the 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

After Hours is a social networking event that allows local businesses to showcase their estab-

lishments and local business people an opportunity to connect and foster relationships that keep our businesses strong!

If you'd like to host an After Hours, contact the Silverton Chamber at (503) 873-5615 and ask for Colleen.

From "Silver Ville" to Silverton!

More than 6 years ago I moved to Oregon with the idea of opening my business and exploring the Pacific Northwest. Under 42 days of constant rainfall I looked for a place to open my business with no luck. On a foggy, sunshiny day in February of 2006 while going to Silver Falls I stopped in Historic Downtown Silverton and its friendly people made me fall in love with this town.



Guest Opinion

**Jose
de la Rosa**

**Board Member
2009-2012**

I took a walk around the Downtown and found more than 20 vacant store fronts, the Downtown was deserted, but not abandoned, I pursued renting a store front and opening a Jewelry Store in the Beautiful and Historical Town of Silverton in which I moved in and settled. I became a Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce Member so I can keep up to date on what was happening around town and plan my business accordingly. Every Wednesday morning I go to the Silverton Chamber Business Meeting to gather information to better my business strategy.

I accepted many opportunities to volunteer in different organizations especially on those promoting Economic Development for the Downtown Business District, like The Silverton Wine and Jazz Festival. I also volunteer for the Chamber of Commerce Board where we work together to market and promote Silverton and advocate for its businesses. After more than six years later I walked around the same two blocks Downtown and I can only count very few store fronts available. A lot of renovations have been made to buildings this past years and all the buildings are occupied to the max. This only means a better business community and economic vitality.

I grew up in Puerto Rico in a place called Villa Plata meaning "Silver Ville" and its River's name is Rio La Plata that means "Silver River", going around the world and back and by all mysteries I end up in Silverton and crossing the Silver Creek.

This is a great town with great people that work together to keep it so. I feel very proud to be part of this community. I am looking forward to keeping on working together with you to keep improving the great quality of life that Silverton provides to all of us.

Do you have an event you would like the community to know about?

If so, log on to the Chamber's website and submit your events. To be listed the event must be of interest to visitors and locals (no sales or business news in this calendar) and be open to the public.

**There is no fee to submit community events, priority is given to member events.
For more information contact the chamber at: (503) 873-5615 or log on to:
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Hurry- Don't Miss this Deadline!!
It's Time for Christmas in Historic Silverton
November 2 & 3, 2012

Cost for your business or craft listing is \$40.00 for a minimum printed publication of 3,500.

This publication lists businesses and crafts participating in the community event with directional maps to those locations.

Each participant will receive up to 100 two-color circulars to personally hand out to customers.

Deadline for payment and completed entry form is September 15, 2012.

Limited space is available, entries & fees received after September 15th, may not be accepted.

Circulars will be printed by October 1 and distributed the first full week of October for 4 weeks exposure before the event. A copy of last years publication is enclosed.

SAMPLE OF LISTINGS:

18 First Christian Church

402 N. First Street

Nov. 5 & 6 - 9am to 4pm

Bazaar items from 23 crafters. Quilt Raffle \$1 tickets!

Lunch 11am to 1pm - soup, bread, pie & drink

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17 Silverton Hospital

342 Fairview Street

Friday Only Nov. 5 - 7:30am to 3:30pm

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Dates & Hours Open for Event: _____

Short Description: _____

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HURRY! Payment must accompany Entry Form by September 15th to be published.

See You at Christmas in Historic Silverton!