



**Merino Fall Festival**

Fall Festival is September 23, 2023

Come Join the fun! Parade begins 9am!

Listing of events posted around Town

**Water/Sewer News**

**Sewer Project Update:**

The Board is asking for customer assistance, cleaning up alley right of way and around all water pits. Any trees and bushes in the alleys need to be trimmed back or removed to give clearance, All personal items previously stored in the alleys need to be removed from town property. This includes waste disposal receptacles. Waste receptacles are NOT to be on or next to the water pits as it causes damage to the pit and meters. The maintenance department will be inspecting alleys and roadways for items in need of being removed. Please cut/pull all weeds around water pits, but be mindful that the reader to the meter is contained within the area of the pit. The Town has a limited budget and the Town has to pay for the cleanup it may require an increase in water/sewer fees. Your assistance is appreciated.

**Ordinances**

The board would like to remind residents that if you are removing, building new, or replacing existing structures, sidewalks, or fencing you need to contact the Town Clerk for assistance in getting the correct permit or variance required to stay within the Town zoning ordinances. Failure to comply may result in having to move or remove structures that have been replaced or altered. It is the property owner's responsibility to obtain a survey to ensure property boundaries. Please do not assume that the current structure or fence is accurate. There is a Town map at the Town Hall showing zoning boundaries such as residential and commercial.

**Tornado Shelters**

Tornado shelters available at the Wildwood Church and Faith Tabernacle Church. They will do their best to have them unlocked in the event of a threat.

- MAYOR
- CAROL NYE
- MAYOR PRO TEM
- KEN SALMON
- TRUSTEES
- GARIE COUNTY
- CHAD WETTSTEIN
- CRAIG COOK
- ADAM KRIER
- ROBERT JONES
- TOWN CLERKS
- Terry Curtis
- 970-520-3395
- Water/Sewer Enterprise Clerk
- Pam County
- Town Maintenance
- KEN KNEELAND
- WATER/WASTEWATER
- DAVID BECK
- ELI KRUGER
- JAKE BAKER
- Town Hall Office Hours
- M- 4-7pm,
- T-9am-12pm,
- W- 3pm-7pm,
- Th-9am-12pm,
- F- 1pm-4pm

Town Board Meeting every second and fourth Monday of the month. Community members are welcome to attend. If you have an item to discuss please contact the Town Clerk at merinoclerk@gmail.com the Friday before the meeting to be placed on the Agenda.

### **Water Usage**

The Town Distribution ORC is reviewing consumption of water used reports each month. If your property seems to be using a higher amount than normal, you will receive a notice. High water usage can mean potential leaks in the service line and/or plumbing inside the residence.

Identification and repair of a potential leak can save money and prevent damage to your property.

Please contact The Town of Merino Distribution ORC at 970-522-1036 with any questions and to schedule an inspection to verify your meter at no cost. After payment is received it will be 48 hours before reconnect. If reconnect falls on a weekend or holiday it will be moved to the next normal business day. If shut off occurs Thursday or Friday, reconnect will be Monday.

### **Merino Water Rates**

- 0-10,000 gallons base rate \$50.00 (all accounts are billed the base rate) rates for over the base will be as follows.
- 10,001-19,999 gallons additional \$4 per 1,000 gallons
- 20,000-29,999 gallons additional \$5 per 1000 gallons
- 30,000– up gallons additional \$10 per 1000 gallons

### **Payment Methods**

The Town of Merino now accepts check/ money order, credit/debit cards, and online payments for water/ sewer bills. Please note all fees associated with using credit/debit card payment method will be the customer's responsibility and will automatically be included when making your payment. There is no charge for check, money order. If you are paying for multiple accounts, please indicate the account number or service address and the amount to be applied to each account in the memo of your check or money

### **Community Reminder**

The Merino Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind everyone that all controlled burns, no matter how small, must be called in to the Sterling Dispatch Office before you burn. Failure to call in a burn may result in a fine up to \$1,000. Please stay safe during this dry season. Sterling Dispatch 970-522-3512

### **Cemetery Fees**

The Merino Town Board has voted to increase the cost of opening and closing of burial plots. The new fee is \$500.00 total. The cost of a burial plot remains the same at \$100.00