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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

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SAFETY TIPS

Warmer weather means more outdoor work. Follow these rules to work safely.

- Keep all ladders at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.
- Water and electricity don't mix. Avoid damp conditions—including wet grass—when using electricity.

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Silverton's Columbine Park Awakens

SMPA/CoBank Donation Breathes New Life into Summer Sounds & Farmer's Market

THE SIGHTS! THE SMELLS! THE SOUNDS! THESE ARE WHAT BUILD EXCITEMENT AND DRAW PEOPLE TOGETHER. THESE ARE THE ELEMENTS OF A GOOD TIME. THESE SENSATIONS CAN MAKE A PLACE SEEM MAGICAL AND GIVE VISITORS A REASON TO WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME THERE.

If you happen to be walking down Notorious Blair Street in Silverton on a Tuesday or Friday from June through September, you're likely to be treated to the sights, sounds and smells of the Silverton Farmer's Market or Summer Sounds Music Series.

The Silverton Farmer's Market supports economic development by providing an outlet for local growers and craftspeople, both with and without storefronts, to sell their produce and prepared foods like salsa and tamales. It makes it easier for locals to make fewer trips to other towns for their shopping and it helps promote health and wellness by providing education on healthy eating choices.

Summer Sounds amplifies the impact of partner events, like the Taste of Silverton, and the Antique Car & Truck Show, encouraging visitors to turn their day trip into an entire weekend. It also bolsters the Silverton arts community by hiring Silverton-based musicians and it supports local non-profits by giving them the opportunity to sell food during the concerts.

When the SMPA Sharing Success Grant Evaluation Committee was presented with these two outstanding projects to strengthen economic development in Silverton, how could they say "no?" SMPA is giving \$1,250 to each project and those amounts will be matched by SMPA's cooperative partners, CoBank and Tri-State. Altogether, this represents a \$5,000 donation to support the Silverton economy. Now that'll make for a good time!



Be Wise. Don't Compromise. Safety Saves Lives.

At SMPA, we are always working hard to instill an impeccable safety culture. As of the date of this publication, March 28, 2019, San Miguel Power has not had a lost time accident in 1022 days. Another way to look at it is, in over 200,000 man hours, many of which were worked in hazardous conditions, no one has had an injury serious enough to require taking any time off of work or requiring light duty or a transfer of some kind. This is a remarkable achievement. Thanks to all who take safety seriously every day!



Last year, we received recognition from the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) for one year with No Lost Time Accidents. We have continued—and will continue—to take the precautions and use the practices that have earned this award.

THROUGH THE LENS THE 2019 SMPA ANNUAL MEETING

Board Election Reminder:

Members interested in Running for the Board:

- Pick up a nomination packet at either our Ridgway or Nucla Office. Complete and return the forms within before 5:30 p.m., April 22nd.
- Petitions must contain at least 15 valid member signatures from District 2 in order to qualify.

June 6, 2019

Ridgway Office, 720 N. Railroad Street.

- Member Registration: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Business Meeting: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



