



Silvertown Bandshell:  
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SAFE IS HAPPY THIS HALLOWEEN!

- Wear well-fitting costumes to avoid trips, and blocked vision.
- Trick-or-treat with a flashlight to help you see and be seen.
- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible. Use established crosswalks.



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## The Silvertown Bandshell at Columbine Park: A Boon to Boisterous Blair Street



FROM AN UNSIGHTLY VACANT LOT, LOCAL MUSICIAN, AND LONG-TIME SILVERTOWN RESIDENT, MIKE GERYAK HAS ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY BUILT A TOP-NOTCH VENUE FOR A SMALL TOWN CONCERT AND GATHERING AREA.

In both 2015 and 2016, the Town of Silvertown, with Geryak leading the charge, applied for a Sharing Success economic development grant offered by SMPA and partners, CoBank and Basin Electric.

Adjacent to the Historic Blair Street information kiosk, Columbine Park needed a lot of help. Geryak moved rocks, replanted rose bushes, decorated the grassy space and built the shell with money from the grant. "I feel this is very important," he said as he described the considerations of parking, power, acoustics, and so much more.

"The Bandshell has really opened new opportunities for the community to gather and host events which retain visitors

and draw new folks to town," said Lisa K. Branner, Community Relations Manager for the Town of Silvertown.

The new stage, later named the Mike Geryak Sound Stage, hosted, as part of its "Summer Sounds" concert series, four visiting bands. On one occasion, there was only room to stand on the street to see the performance. Also, the town hosted a summer time farmers market at the location.

In 2016, Geryak told us that this location had a lot of potential; this past year has proven him right!

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Deadline: October 19<sup>th</sup>!

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## SMPA, Basin Electric Give All Points Transit a Boost

How often do you get in your car, turn the key and just drive off to wherever you need to go? For many of us, the answer is every day. For some, however, the ability to quickly travel miles between destinations is not such a given.

For these individuals, including persons with disabilities, and many senior citizens, there is a service that provides safe, reliable transportation throughout Delta, Montrose (including the West End), San Miguel and Ouray Counties. That service is called All-Points Transit (APT).

“In addition to transporting the general public, we provide door-to-door, driver-assisted transportation to those who can not drive themselves,” states TJ Burr, Mobility Manager for APT. “We deliver these folks to local clinics, senior centers, grocery stores, etc., as well as



*In 2017, All Points Transit delivered over 86,000 trips in the 4-county region, with over 20,000 of them including a wheelchair or walker. Without this service, many of these individuals would have to move to a facility with a higher level of care.*

regional trips to Grand Junction and Montrose.”

As a 501c3 non-profit, APT depends on donations to operate. San Miguel Power, along with cooperative partner, Basin Electric is proud to support the fundraising efforts of this worthy organization. With this \$1000 donation, APT will continue to go the distance!



*Due to the fragility of the population served in addition to the very rural nature of our service area, each trip costs \$22 on average to provide, or \$44 from home to destination to home. Donations are vital to help maintain (and potentially grow) our current services and keep them sustainable in the future*

*- TJ Burr, Mobility Manager  
All Points Transit*



*APT's lone fundraiser is the Montrose Oktoberfest. This year, the festival featured Award-Winning Craft Beers from dozens of Colorado Breweries, Live Music from bands, Dragondeer and Zolopht, German Food, a Costume Contest, and a Stein Hoisting Competition. Activities for kids made Montrose Oktoberfest a well-rounded event to celebrate the Fall season as well as one of the world's most popular frothy beverages.*

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