

SHERIDAN, WYOMING

The West at its Best!

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2014



A wise person once said, "the only thing that is constant is change."

While that certainly is true, it is my job and the City Council's job as elected officials to ensure that the change is as positive as possible.

It has been an honor and a great privilege for me to serve as Sheridan's mayor for the last 9 years.

It's been an interesting and exciting journey. We've seen the economy go from boom to bust and now we are beginning to see some signs of an economic rebound.

We've worked hard to solve our budget issues in this fluctuating economy. We've invested in our neighborhoods and have committed to carrying out well laid plans for a vibrant future for this community.

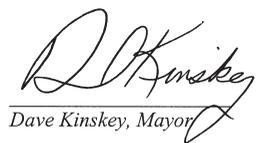
The entire community has joined forces in taking job creation to the next level. We have a great education system and Sheridan College is a great asset in helping to provide the workforce necessary to entice the right types of companies to Sheridan that provide the right kinds of jobs for our citizens.

Another summer of fun and festivals is in full swing. Third Thursday Street Festivals, Concerts in Kendrick Park, Farmer's Market, Rodeo, Trails End Concert Park, Taste of Sheridan and the First People's Pow Wows. Celebrate it all in Sheridan. There is plenty to celebrate.

Unemployment is down. The number of jobs is up. Our job base is diversifying as we add light manufacturing to our already strong base of energy jobs, travel & tourism jobs and agriculture jobs.

Sheridan has an independent and creative spirit not found in many cities and, we all know how fortunate we are to live in Sheridan and in the great state of Wyoming.

Have a great summer!

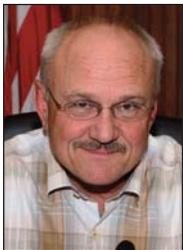


Dave Kinskey, Mayor



"To our great quality of life add a low tax environment and a small government approach in a right to work state. Add it all up and doing business in Sheridan makes business and personal sense."

SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL



"Sheridan is an absolutely wonderful community and it is my great pleasure to serve as City Council President. I am excited about the future of our community. Every day you see more young families enjoying our parks and playgrounds. Caring for our seniors remains a high priority as well."

John Heath, Ward 1



"Sheridan's quality of life is second only to its positive business climate. Community values, Tax structure, location, and Business programs, make Sheridan like no other place on Earth to live and do business."

Alex Lee, Ward 2



"Sheridan's roads and infrastructure are critical to both residential and business success. Our efforts in expanding and maintaining our essential services has greatly contributed to maintaining our Western lifestyle."

Robert Webster, Ward 3



"Sheridan is known for its natural beauty and outdoor activities. Sheridan also has a strong community that bands together, a western work ethic, a college offering courses that specifically support industries and incoming businesses, and a business friendly state and local government. Sheridan deserves attention for not just being a nice place to live, but as being a great place to do business. In my opinion Sheridan is the next place for businesses "to be" and if I was a business I'd try to be the first to enjoy that opportunity."

Kristin Kelly



"I constantly hear visitors say that they would love to make Sheridan their home! We have a terrific historic district, outdoor adventure, a beautiful community, excellent schools and a business friendly environment. Our city has focused on creating opportunities for economic diversification. It is no longer just about creating more jobs - it's about creating a wide array of employment opportunities that fit a diverse set of skills, education and experience. Sheridan is a business ready community!"

Jesus Rios, Ward 3



"Sheridan is such a unique and uncommon community, and people across the state recognize it as one of Wyoming's top places to live. We have a strong and capable workforce and a top-notch school district. Our economy is rapidly growing more diverse and significant prospects are in development, thanks in part to low taxes and a business-friendly environment. The goals of the North Main Master Plan are slowly being realized. Buildings are being painted, flowers planted, and there is an overall sense of progress. Many exciting projects lie ahead which will continue to enhance the area and bring economic opportunity. I'm proud to work alongside Sheridan's dedicated citizens in the stewardship of the town John Loucks envisioned over 130 years ago."

Shelleen Smith, Ward 1

The City has a number of exciting projects underway.



Wyoming Park Project

Work will resume on phase 3 of this project on East Burkitt in August. Check out Park Street and Wyoming Avenue – what an improvement! Again, this is one of Sheridan’s oldest neighborhoods with old infrastructure and streets in really bad shape. It’s very rewarding to see these lovely old neighborhoods revived.



Illinois Street Reconstruction

This lovely old neighborhood had been neglected for so long that the street was nearly impassable in some areas. Finally it’s getting the attention it deserves and like Wyoming Avenue and North Jefferson it will be a real show stopper once this project is completed.



Chip Seal & Rotomill

This summer City crews will be chip sealing 15 miles of streets and rotomilling and overlaying 2 miles of streets.



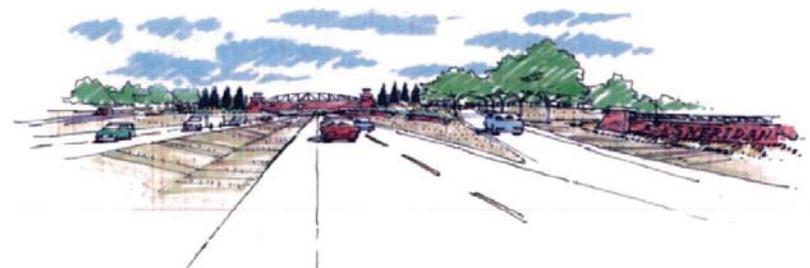
Yellowtail Drive Project

Work continues on this northward expansion of Sheridan. Infrastructure is being installed making this area ideal for local businesses looking to expand or new businesses seeking a home in Sheridan. This area will be the site of the new Large Animal Facility for Sheridan College as well as the First Peoples Learning Center. Only by extending the infrastructure do we see the growth which is so critical in bringing stable, good paying jobs to Sheridan such as Vacutech.



Lewis Street Bridge

WYDOT is constructing a new bridge on Lewis Street. The City is replacing ancient water mains and sewer lines in the area. Also, an underpass for the pathway is included in the scope of this exciting project!



New North Main Interchange

We are working closely with WYDOT and the North Main Association planning for the new north interchange on I90 to ensure that it will be a beautiful gateway that ties into our beautiful downtown and North Main.



Cemetery

A new master plan for the cemetery was completed last spring with wonderful plans for roadway and pathway improvements as well as a gathering shelter and a database with graveside location information easily accessible to visitors. This is the first ever cemetery plan. It was designed and is being implemented by a wide range of committed Sheridan residents. They say you can tell a lot about a town by its cemetery. We aim to keep improving operations at the cemetery so that it will remain a beautiful place we can be proud of for generations to come.



Huaso by James Burnes

Every City Employee should be commended for doing more with less. These hard working folks continue to deliver essential services to our citizens.



Best Recycling Program for Communities of 5,000 or more

"The City received an award for best recycling program for communities with a population of 5,000 or more. The criteria that boosted us above the rest was the 40% diversion by recycling of our total waste stream. It is truly a community award because of the excellent participants in this community that do so much to make the program work, but significant credit also needs to go to staff for all of their hard work."

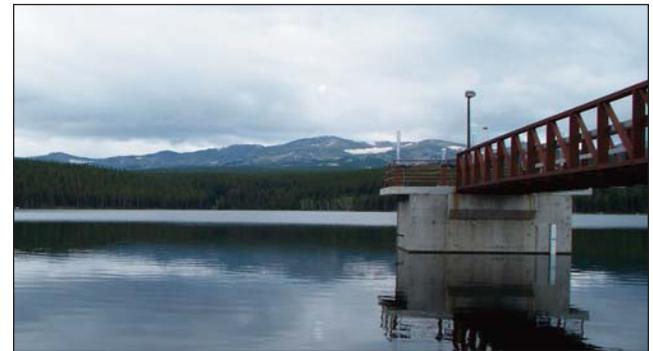


Charles Martineau, Darla Franklin & Paul Larson

City Departments

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Water Treatment Plant



Cemetery



Landfill

The landfill took in 407 tons of trash during free spring weekends and trees for trash. Just FYI - we checked and found the totals from the Free Landfill Days – we collected Household Hazardous Waste from approx. 140 people totaling approx. 4,000 lbs. (2 tons). Most of this was paint. Recycling is up by 400% from 8 1/2 years ago.



Parks



Snow Removal



Streets



Kendrick Golf Course



Waste Water Treatment Plant



Sign crew putting up Christmas decorations



Sheridan Fire & Rescue



Utilities Maintenance Crew



City Parks Crew



Sheridan Police Department



City Hall

- Building Department
- City Clerk
- Engineering
- Human Resources
- Utilities

- Parks
- Planning
- Public Works
- Treasurer

Spring flew by and summer is in full swing. It's sure to be another busy summer in Sheridan - - so many things to squeeze into a few short months.



3rd Thursday

The 3rd Thursday festivals continue to grow and offer food, fun, music, socializing and shopping in our beautiful downtown for folks of all ages.



Sheridan WYO Rodeo

Rodeo is always a big time in Sheridan drawing locals as well as tourists and former locals who come back for class reunions or just a great time. Last year during rodeo we brought back a long standing tradition with the First People's Pow Wow. This year rodeo week will include events and entertainment beginning Monday July 7th with a Teepee raising at 3:00pm and native dancers and story tellers everyday through Thursday July 10th at the Historic Sheridan Inn at 3:00 culminating with the First People's Pow Wow and buffalo barbeque at the Inn on Friday right after the rodeo parade. The Sheridan Trolley will be providing free rides to the Sheridan Inn from Grinnell Plaza - Hop On! Hope to see you there.



Concerts in the Park

Of course there are concerts in Kendrick Park every Tuesday and also a number of big names are performing at the Trails End Concert Park throughout the summer.



Taste of Sheridan

The Taste of Sheridan event will take place at Thorne Rider Park on Sunday August 10th and offers a chance to sample a number of local restaurants' specialties along with live music and camaraderie in the park.



The Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market on Thursday's starting July 17th will be held on Grinnell again this year. It's a great opportunity to buy some locally grown produce or crafts or to sell your own and see what the local gardeners have to offer.

We work hard in Sheridan and when summer comes, we play hard too!

The Sheridan, Wyoming Story

Be sure to share this good news about Sheridan Wyoming

- Named as one of the Top Five US Cities under 50,000 for Economic Strength – POLICOM Corporation
- The Number One Best Place to Build a Nest Egg – *US News and World Report*
- Top Three States for Business Tax Climate – *The Tax Foundation*
- The Best Financially Managed State – *The Wall Street Journal*

Local businesses looking to expand and businesses interested in relocating in Sheridan need to hear these important and encouraging facts about our community.

And now a word from the most important person in Sheridan..... **YOU!**

Please clip this portion and return your comments to:

Mayor Dave Kinskey
City of Sheridan
P.O. Box 848
Sheridan, WY 82801

Or, you may send an email to: ***dkinskey@sheridanwy.net***

We would like to pass along to the city employees any compliments you may have to offer.

- What aspects of city operations are you most satisfied with?

They say “the biggest room in the world is room for improvement.”

- What improvements would you like to see in city operations?
- What do you feel are the highest priorities for your tax dollars?

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Your name and contact information is optional - - but it is very helpful in case we have any questions or need to follow up with you regarding your comments. Feel to enclose additional pages if necessary.

