

Sheridan

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2015

In 1963 my dad exposed me to my first taste of “The Old West” — my first trip to Sheridan WYO rodeo. The dust, the crowds, the cowboys, the noise. Back then, Sheridan really was a piece of the Old West. And while we still have the feel of the Old West – an intact Main street, safe neighborhoods, the rodeo and parade, and surrounding ranches – I’m pleased that Sheridan is also a leader in the New West.

Today, Sheridan is still an incredible community because of our quality of life. Sheridan has many assets that make this a great place to live and visit. From hunting and fishing that we have right out our back doors to our parks, pathways, streams and recreation not found in many communities our size.

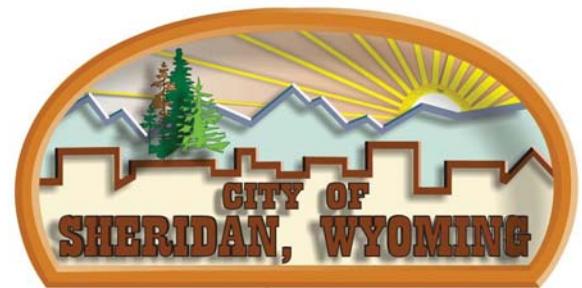
We are the city people want to visit. Our Downtown is blessed with amazing shopping; our restaurants offer a wide variety of culinary delights to put any taste bud into the stratosphere.



We thank our community groups, foundations and citizens who work tirelessly to enhance our city!

John Heath

MAYOR



SHERIDAN CITY COUNCIL



“The City of Sheridan is a great place to start a business and raise a family. Our schools are Blue Ribbon schools - which means that our students are performing at the highest level of achievement. Our success in education starts in early childhood education and continues with Sheridan College. Sheridan has an educational system eager to respond to workforce needs making Sheridan a great place to start a business. Our City's Tech Park offers the latest in technological infrastructure coupled with the beauty of the Big Horns. Sheridan, is business ready!”

Jesus Rios



“I think we've had a great year, there are many new projects on the horizon, growth balanced with fiscal responsibility and efforts to keep the beauty and integrity of Sheridan, also partnering to identify what it means to visitors, investors in the community, and members of the community.”

Kristin Kelly



“Sheridan is a wonderful place to live, raise a family and build a business. The quality of life dates back to the rich history. This is why am I proud to part of City council and this wonderful community we all call home.”

Kelly Gooch



“Welcome to beautiful Sheridan, Wy. Located in the valley of the Bighorns along the historic Bozeman Trail, where the high plains meet the Rocky Mountains. Sheridan has a reputation as one of the best places to live for outdoor recreation whether it be hunting, fishing, hiking, climbing, or camping in the mountains. Sheridan has it all. We have great public schools, a historic downtown as well as very active art and theater communities, a nationally recognized community college and one of the best PRCA rodeos in the country. So whether you are here for a day, week or month: whether you are looking for a place to retire or a business ready community in which to settle down and raise a family, Sheridan is a great place to be.”

Thayer Shafer



“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



“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



Illinois Street Reconstruction

Wrapping up in 2015 with landscaping work. 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 is a real show stopper once this project is completed.

The City has a number of exciting projects underway.



Water Treatment Plant

These upgrades are necessary to comply with regulations defined within the Environmental Protection Agency. The improvements will be completed this year, resulting in increased plant safety, reliability, and operability.



Wyoming Park Project/Phase 3

This year work is focused on underground utilities and surfacing improvements on Custer and Works Sts.



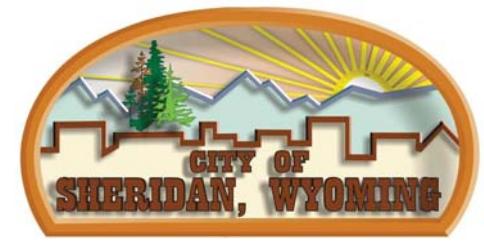
Chip Seal & Rotomill

Our annual maintenance/repair program will span over 7 miles including Thurmond, areas of downtown, and sections near the fairgrounds. These programs increase the life span of the streets and help prevent more costly repairs resulting from damage.

Lewis Street Bridge

WYDOT is wrapping up the Lewis Street Bridge project this year with the completion of the pathway, a parking lot and reclamation of the park. Look forward to using this new pathway extension this fall!





Curbside Recycling Program

In the summer of 2015, the City of Sheridan will introduce single-stream curbside recycling to its residents. The City of Sheridan launched its recycling program in 2007. Since then, considerable work has been done to enhance it: additional drop sites, addition of green waste recycling, business recycling programs and more. Recycling Center upgrades were necessary in order to efficiently handle increased recycling and allow sorting of recyclables to gain much higher commodity sales revenues. A new baler and sort center were installed in June 2015. The sort center is the only one of its kind in the State of Wyoming. Single stream recycling means that City of Sheridan residents can place all recycling in one bin: paperboard, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail, aluminum, tin and plastics. The current goal is to increase recycling from the current 1800 tons per year to 3800 tons this year.



Customer Service Division

Established in December, 2014, the City of Sheridan Customer Service Division is a centralized location for customer inquiries and service needs. Located on the first floor of City Hall, we are a team of professionals who assist community members with their utility account management, utility payments, and attainment of various event permits. In addition, we provide answers to a variety of citizens' questions and concerns. We support our community and the needs of our organization through caring, helpful service fueled by a desire to share helpful information and continually strive to improve and expand our services. Our team is committed to excellence and we endeavor to ensure that every experience with the City of Sheridan is a pleasant one!



Utility Maintenance Department

932 KROE Lane - The new highly efficient building for the Utility Maintenance Department and extra storage for the sanitation/recycling department. This busy team performs all maintenance on water and sewer mains within the city of Sheridan, SAWS water system and the Downer water and sewer district. The primary goals of the City of Sheridan Utility Maintenance Department are to provide safe and clean drinking water, an effective sanitary sewer system, and outstanding customer service in a professional and cost-effective manner.

City Departments

In the last decade economy has gone from boom to bust. Our families, businesses and government have gone through painful belt tightening.

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



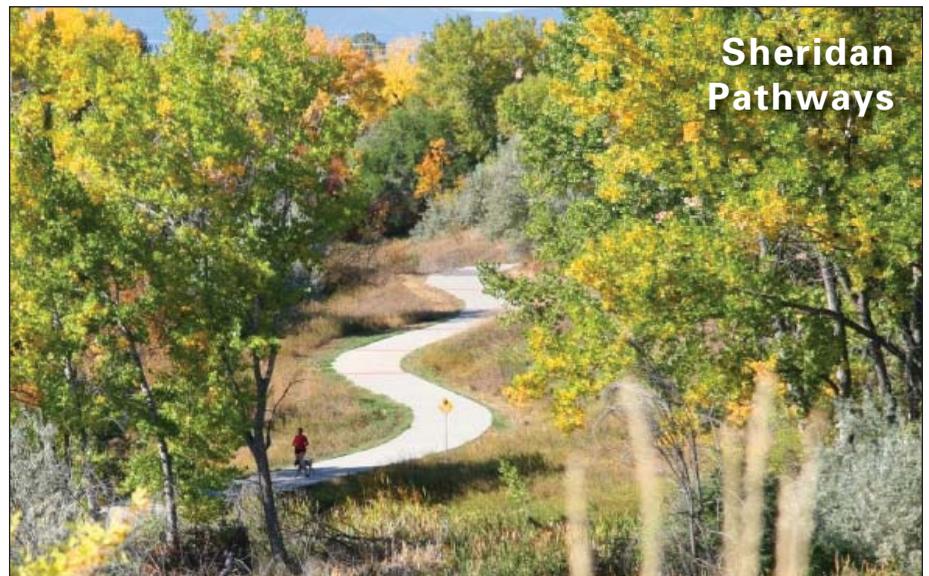
Cemetery



Parks



Kendrick Golf Course



While visiting our area, enjoy a “walking tour”–walking, jogging, or rollerblading on the scenic concrete walking paths throughout the city of Sheridan. The wildlife and flora are plentiful and beautiful on the walking paths



Waste Water Treatment Plant



Signs crew at work



Water Treatment Plant



Streets



Snow Removal



Sheridan Fire & Rescue



Sheridan Police Department



Utilities Maintenance Crew



City Hall

City Departments

- Building Department
- City Clerk
- Engineering
- Human Resources
- Customer Service
- Parks
- Planning
- Public Works
- Treasurer
- Utilities



City Parks Crew

In our own Back yard . . .



3rd Thursday

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



Photo by Diana Volk

First People's Pow Wow

First People's Pow Wow will held on the grounds on the historic Sheridan Inn, Wednesday, July 8th and Thursday, July 9th at 3:00pm come down and enjoy the beautiful traditional dancing and singing. Friday, July 10th festivities begin just after to Rodeo Parade. Hop on the Sheridan trolley in Grinnell Plaza and enjoy a free ride to the Sheridan Inn. A delicious BBQ lunch will be available for purchase.



Polo

Spectators are encouraged to come to Sunday polo for an afternoon of tailgating, and the admission is free! July and August, there are two games each Sunday, at 1:00 and 3:00 pm. There are bleachers and an announcer for each Sunday game. Concessions are available for food and drinks.



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 9th and offers a chance to sample a number of local restaurants' specialties along with live music and camaraderie in the park.



Broken Everything But My Word
by Chris Navarro • Located on Grinnell Plaza



The Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market on Thursday's starting July 9th 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.

The Sheridan, Wyoming Story

Be sure to share this good news about Sheridan Wyoming

- 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*
- Top 5 Elementary Schools in Wyoming
(all 5 in Sheridan)
— *Best Public Elementary Schools in America*
- 100 Best Small Town in America
— *Livability.com*
- 64 Best towns in America
— *Outdoor Magazine*
- #2 of top 20 Small Cities in America
— *CityDescribed.com*
- Fastest Growing Community Colleges in the
Nation: Sheridan College
— *Community College Week*

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 John Heath
City of Sheridan
P.O. Box 848
Sheridan, WY 82801

Or, you may send an email to: ***jheath@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.