Town of West Yellowstone

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue

The Town Council work session/meeting will be conducted in person and virtually using ZOOM, connect at zoom.us or through the Zoom Cloud Meetings mobile app. Meeting ID: 893 834 1297.

WORK SESSION 5:00 PM

Seat at the Table Report, Regional Housing Council – One Valley Community Foundation Discussion ∞

US-191 Wildlife & Transportation Assessment - Center for Large Landscape Conservation Discussion ∞

Mountain States Lighting, street light options

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Comment Period

Public Comment

Council Comments

Treasurer's & Securities Report Purchase Orders Claims ∞ Business License Applications ∞ • Sweet Pea Living, Transfer of

- Sweet Pea Living, Transfer of Ownership, RT Bond Waiver Request
 Bigfoot Cabin, Transfer of Ownership, RT Bond Waiver Request
- Taqueria Resendiz, new mobile food vendor (MFV)

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Town Council Meeting ∞ Town Manager & Staff Reports ∞ Advisory Board Reports

Police Officer Oath – Officer Dallen Griffel

ACTION ITEMS

Yellowstone Half Marathon Event Permit, Outside Amplification Permit

 $Discussion/Action \ \infty$

Discussion ∞

Correspondence/FYI/Meeting Reminders



Policy No. 16 (Abbreviated) Policy on Public Hearings and Conduct at Public Meetings

Public Hearing/Public Meeting

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General Town Council Meeting Information

- Regular Town Council meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the West Yellowstone Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana.
- Presently, informal Town Council work sessions are held at 12 Noon on Tuesdays and occasionally on other mornings and evenings. Work sessions also take place at the Town Hall located at 440 Yellowstone Avenue.
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A Seat at the Table 2021

Conversations about housing affordability and attainability for those who live, work, and do business in Gallatin County.

SUMMARY REPORT:

Stories and data about housing solutions collected from community members in Gallatin County.

ATTHETABLEGV.ORG

As Gallatin County's community foundation, we take a bird's eye view of the issues facing our communities, help address pressing needs, and plan for the future. By assisting other nonprofit organizations, connecting donors and engaged community members with causes that are meaningful to them, and gathering people to discuss important issues, One Valley Community Foundation contributes to what makes this region special and allows us to imagine the possibilities for an even better future. That's why we hosted the second A Seat at the Table initiative in 2021.

A Seat at the Table is a proven civic engagement event that inspires community members to engage in local decision making by collecting stories and input from numerous small group conversations focused on a single topic on the same day.

During our inaugural event in 2018, 74% of participants said that housing was the most pressing need in our county. Based on this feedback and recent housing trends, we intentionally designed A Seat at the Table 2021 to focus conversations on housing affordability and attainability for those who live, work, and do business in Gallatin County.

While housing affects each one of us, the solutions are not simple. Local leaders and funders are challenged by allocating finite resources to address the housing needs of our community members. Diverse views from community members throughout Gallatin County are important to create, fund and achieve powerful solutions. We believe that the results of A Seat at the Table 2021 will give local governments, community leaders, and donors diverse, broad, and rich public input about how housing needs can be paired with local solutions. By amplifying your voice, our community and its leaders can make better decisions that impact all of us. Thank you for your support of our second A Seat at the Table initiative.

In gratitude,

Bridget P. W.

Bridget Wilkinson PRESIDENT AND CEO. **ONE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**





"We're looking for those ideas that maybe we haven't heard or maybe haven't even given any thought to. That's one of the things that we're really hoping will come out of these sessions. New ideas and maybe new solutions for a big problem."

GENE TOWNSEND THREE FORKS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER



Methodology

After their conversations, both hosts and community themes in the responses were identified. member participants described their discussions Through A Seat at the Table conversations. and opinions through surveys. An independent community members shared their opinions and researcher* started by reviewing all open-ended ideas about how to address challenges related responses to gain familiarity with the data, and to to housing in Gallatin County. Relying on begin identifying themes and patterns in the data. community members' own words, this report Next, responses were coded, with similar ideas summarizes results from the participant survey, labeled and grouped together into clusters. After and details ideas and themes that emerged coding those responses, each theme was checked through responses to the discussion prompts, for consistency; some similar codes were combined as reported by hosts. and some responses were recoded during this phase. After coding was complete, prominent

In Fall 2021, One Valley Community Foundation hosted A Seat at the Table conversations about housing affordability and availability throughout Gallatin County, with more than 400 community members participating.

Volunteer conversation hosts posed three questions to participants:





Conversation Support

The focus on housing solutions at A Seat at the Table 2021 required additional support for participants and hosts to create a successful and meaningful conversation. There were two key products provided to all participants and hosts that provided context, data, and strategy ideas.

> A Regional Housing Study was conducted by One Valley **Community Foundation and** Future West. It highlighted the escalating costs of housing to purchase or rent, described a county-wide housing shortage, and illustrated how the costs of housing are not in alignment with wage growth. The study also provided ideas on different approaches and solutions meant to support brainstorming and conversation on the issue.

An introductory video was produced to launch the conversations. This video provided a consistent framework for all the conversations and gave participants a short overview of some factors influencing housing affordability in our community.

Common Threads

Major themes that emerged highlighted the systemic nature of the problem, strategies to address housing needs and responsibility for solving it. Each of these themes is discussed in greater detail throughout this report. "Less than 1% of housing is wheelchair accessible and 5% is limited mobility accessible. That means when housing is limited for everyone else, it is nearly 100 times more difficult for community members in wheelchairs."

A SEAT AT THE TABLE PARTICIPANT

Complex, Interconnected, County-Wide



Conflict between state laws and local efforts



State limitations on the ability of local governments to diversify forms of taxation



94% of Seat at the Table participants feel government plays a crucial role in addressing housing needs



Employers – particularly large employers – should contribute to solutions







A housing trust is a strategy for funding housing solutions



Expanded housing stock diversity would meet the complex needs of different people in the housing market



Diverse models of home ownership and housing communities would meet housing needs



Renters face complex issues, including hidden costs, scarcity, administrative barriers, high entry costs and lack of centralized applications

Please reference additional data and stories from community members on our website at www.atthetablegv.org/stories-data, or by following the QR code.



The four major findings of A Seat at the Table 2021 will be discussed throughout this report.

Cooperation and coordination among diverse partners are critical to identifying and implementing solutions.

People want to help or contribute to address the issue, but do not know how to engage in a meaningful way.

Community members expect leadership from governments, but also from employers and private entities like banks, developers, realtors and property managers.

No single solution will resolve the housing issues our community faces. Diversification of strategies and implementation will be most effective.

COMMUNITY VOICES:

"Currently I make about \$20/hr typically. Sometimes \$40 for bigger events. The average apartment costs a little over \$2000 a month and they want you to show 3 times that in income in order to qualify. At that hourly rate I'd have to put in around 300 hours a month. I get close, I'm probably hitting 260 some months. I'm couch surfing and living in a van."

"All the housing is single family and large lots without apartments and trailer courts, and all are upper market and fancy at \$500k-\$2M until you get to Three Forks then becomes more affordable. We had manufactured homes in the past - Sunlight development with access at \$50K and then they became a condo and now \$300K. So when these are out of time for affordable units they return to market rates. Allow trailer courts. We need smaller lot developments."



Who were the participants?



How did we spread the word? **Getting people together during a global pandemic is not easy!** After postponing this event for a year, we made the decision to host a hybrid event encouraging both online and in-person conversations. We made sure our marketing and training materials encouraged online, socially distanced, and even outside conversations!

Additionally, it was important to the A Seat at the Table organizing committee that efforts were made to invite diverse and underrepresented community members. Our committee members collaborated with our trusted network of partner organizations and allies to increase awareness about the importance of amplifying the voices of all community members.

We tried many things to decrease barriers to participation. We translated the participant questionnaire into Spanish and coordinated with Spanish-speaking hosts. We offered public tables where anyone could participate at varied hours and over

People at Home

a three-week time window to encourage participation for working participants. Conversations were hosted at many places, including the Gallatin County Detention Center, in each community library throughout the County, at workplace breakrooms, parks, MSU, the Fork and Spoon, and of course – online!

Housing Solution Strategies

Participants and hosts shared about what they discussed at their A Seat at the Table gathering by responding to a questionnaire. The questions asked were based on these five categories of Solution Strategies, providing a basis for discussion and responses to the questionnaire.

RESULT 1:

Employers could provide housing benefits such as:	Housing assistance programs could provide:	Housing cost subsidies (from tax dollars, donations, or grant funding) might offset costs:	Government or policy solutions include:	Financial incentives for residential home building include:
 Housing search assistance Employee housing owned by employers Financial benefits or subsidies for housing (rent or mortgage stipend, down payment assistance, commuting assistance) 	 Programming and education for home seekers or the housing insecure Financial assistance for home seekers or the housing insecure Emergency housing, such as transitional housing and shelters Education about renter rights and home ownership 	 Housing sold or rented below market rates for middle-and lower- income residents (e.g., community land trusts, deed- restricted housing, cooperative housing) Subsidized or rent- restricted housing for certain populations (usually leveraging federal funds) such as seniors and people with disabilities 	 Changes to development requirements to speed and encourage home building Changes to zoning laws to allow for different types of housing development Controls on vacation rentals Preservation of existing low-cost housing 	 Land donations Low-interest loans, or grants of public or private dollars to developers who build homes below market rates

What should be done?

- How effective do you think each of the following strategies would be for addressing housing problems in your community?
- These five strategies are listed in order of perceived effectiveness, with strategies in the Housing Assistance Programs being considered most effective:

Housing assistance programs

- **Government or policy solutions**
- **Employer benefits**
- **Housing cost subsidies**
- **Financial incentives for** residential home building

RESULT 2:

How should limited funds be spent to address housing needs?

Imagine you have \$100 to support different kinds of housing strategies. How would you distribute the \$100 across the five strategy areas?



EMPLOYER BENEFITS	\$17.89
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	\$23.31
HOUSING COST SUBSIDIES	\$19.75
GOVERNMENT OR POLICY SOLUTIONS	\$22.72
FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR RESEDENTIAL HOME BUILDING	\$16.33

COMMUNITY VOICES:

"We need philanthropy. We have seen a lot of people move here who have a lot of money and this has increased costs (cash offers) - how can we engage them in this problem?"

"Development and construction sector need to define for themselves what their minimum need is to invest in affordable housing that demonstrates their commitment to the community."

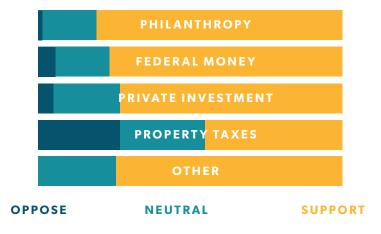
"I'm willing to vote to raise my taxes if it means contributing to affordable housing efforts."

"Property taxes can't be the only way we raise money for housing solutions."

RESULT 3: How should solutions **be funded?**

Do you support or oppose each of the following funding sources for housing solutions?

Participant and host discussions tell us that property taxes are not well supported, with almost a third of responses in opposition to using them to fund housing solutions.



RESULT 4: Who is responsible for addressing housing needs?

problems?

discussions.

How important is each of the following groups in solving the housing

As with strategies to address housing issues, participants recognized the interconnected nature of work to address problems. Participant survey responses reflected a sense of shared responsibility to address housing solutions. The responsibility of government emerged as a key theme in



COMMUNITY VOICES:

"Every group must be involved. And individuals, too. While government has a role it cannot be solely responsible. Individuals must adjust their perspective of how Bozeman will change. Businesses must pay wages that provide sufficient money to afford decent housing. Government can support diversifying housing opportunities. I have seen an increased level of participation in our community and they're starting to understand how these changes are occurring and the government processes, which opens up greater understanding of how they can participate."

"Nonprofits, government and private sector need to partner."

SOLUTION IDEAS:

The following pages are Solution Ideas presenting selected quotations for different community partner groups.

There were 67 pages of solutions captured by host notes from A Seat at the Table 2021. To read additional stories and ideas from participants, please go to onevalley.org/regionalhousing, or follow the QR code:



"City officials can create incentives for developers through permitting, taxes, and lower impact fees if they include deed restrictions."



Solution Ideas for Governments

The participant responses and host descriptions of A Seat at the Table conversations clearly demonstrate strong support for government actions to address housing problems. However, responses varied regarding what actions should be taken. These included higher taxes on part-time residential properties, maximizing density, extending temporary housing permits, simplifying applications, and eliminating some regulations.

allowed instead...make it easier to build and reduce

Policy change allowing camping trailers on public streets or driveways for limited time sheltering"

can influence the individual voter how larger scale policies influence us."

"Regional sewer treatment plan."

"Heavily tax second/third/fourth homes and/or part time residents who take housing out of circulation."

"The time it takes for the city to make a decision costs lots of extra money. This extra goes directly back into the cost of housing. The city needs to reduce the size of their rule book and make auicker decisions."

"Reduce parking requirements."

"The city could use their land, hire someone to build it, and then sell it.

"Transportation planning needs to be linked to housing planning."

> "Private or public landowners might be more likely to deed or donate land if there was some initial incentive."

> > "Educate the electorate!... Catalyze people to be informed and then act!"

to know what it takes to add residential to their residential or

> "City set aside land for residential."

"Changes in zoning rules ADU or tiny homes on the "Moratorium or limits on number of short term rental units."

"Proposals that include units that developers can guarantee will be sold below market rate could go to the front of the queue, or be fast-tracked."

"Government, local, can provide vouchers for housing for students and seniors, thereby reducing monthly payments."

"Rural communities in Montana are resistant to taxation. But loosening up the structure could allow some communities to generate revenue in a different way."

"Incentivize development. Not force it with policy."

"State level audit or analysis of tax structure - to examine how this old tax structure is impacting localities all over the state prohibiting regularly used funding sources in other states to be used here in Montana. Provide that analysis to local decision makers and engage in coordinated lobbying efforts at the state level to make some changes."



Solution Ideas for Nonprofits, Community **Organizations and Faith Communities**

Housing subsidies and assistance programs drew diverse ideas to provide financial and educational support to renters and buyers. Common topics included housing trusts or funds that could fund or offset costs of rent restrictions and subsidies, home construction, and home buyer or renter education.

stories of rent hikes and no or short

"Perhaps the MT Non-profit association or One Valley Community Foundation could help with setting up an affordable housing endowment fund."

"Connecting locals and local stories to development and local stories to realtors."

"Nonprofits should provide resources and education to employers so they know how to afford and offer workforce housing...Someone needs to offer education to landlords on benefits of Section 8 and affordable rentals, possibly nonprofits."

"We need a year round shelter."

"Many churches in the valley have land but can't develop it. Churches could lease land for modular houses and City could reduce costs for infrastructure connections."

study to help inform

"...provide bilingual home ownership classes. They don't have bilingual services."

serve."

"Policy Solutions public trust and other communities"

"Need to make a list of Housing Solutions NOT available to us. So we don't keep talking about solutions thatare not possible - or legal - here. '

"It isn't obvious where to go for offset costs by providing other gas) but this needs to be more apparent on where to get these. More marketing on availability."

"...education could be beneficial to future generations so they know how to rent or purchase a home"

> "Buy up any available land and convert any public land we can to build more housing and keep it affordable by way of things like the community housing trust."

"How can people find out about federal and other housing subsidy (and other support programs? The folks at the table don't understand how to apply for CARES Act support for housing (Montana Emergency Rental Assistance Program). Also, HRDC is such an important resource for people needing resources."

"Community Housing Trust idea...land trust for housing. They would favor more manufactured housing and especially the CO-OP model so that people can also jointly own the land so that manufactured housing is more stable."

"Real Estate Investment Trusts - buying up stock models of

> "Rent subsidies available for middle income families to make homes affordable to workingpeople/ families."

"Have funds available to curb the gap between the cost to build a home and the cost to make it affordable."

"Rent control"

"Connecting people with wealth to sponsor individuals or families



"Collective bargaining controls wages, and State. Classified employees are earning about \$13 hourly...we can't compete with fast food! We can try and advocate for higher wages."

"Dorms or shared kitchen quarters for employee housing - like seasonal employee housing"

"Big Sky business are contributing to a trust that is building housing for employees to own or rent. They will still be able to run their businesses. Other employers in the valley will need to do this as well."

Solution Ideas for Employers

Participants also thought employers could take on the role of providing housing or housing subsidies, or employer-funded housing trusts. Some participants noted that employer-provided housing has risks, which might require government policies as safeguards.

"Hospital - contribute as a major employer to housing their own staff. Also - housing influences health and they should participate."

"Companies help employees find housing, and enter homes (help with first/last rent, tips for finding housing, housing stipend)."

"Unions can play a

"Teacher housing could be put in one of the old elementary schools. Vacant now."

> "Employers help with securing childcare,

"School districts and other public agencies - give land for workforce/employee housing."

"Housing put up by employers has potential, but a big red flag: if your healthcare depends on employment and housing depends on that, you are in trouble if your employment stops. There's a book on Andrew Carnegie on unrest in 1880s. Workers who were union members trying to organize but the workers risked losing their jobs and housing leaving them nothing. It's a

"Innovative tax abatement for employers who build housing that stays in workforce housing."

"Chamber of Commerce more focused on work and business and initiatives and bonds."

"The city and

dangerous precedent. "

"How about Pooled Employee housing for transitioning new employees from being new to finding a rental or home [to purchase]. 6 month stay?"

"...a micro-lending opportunity to transfer home-ownership that could even be sponsored by some of the employers."

"Discussion of co-ops for housing and child care for employees."

situations or go home."

"Bankers/lenders could provide reduced lending fees for public employees, or service workers."

"Recommend workforce training in the trades (electrical, plumbing, building) in addition to higher ed system through partnering with Labor Unions."



"Welcome wagon and **REALTORS** should address some of these issues...share the affordable housing issue and share ideas of how people can lessen their impact or contribute to lessening the problem (i.e. let them know about an existing affordable housing fund).

"Cooperation among realtors, title companies, developers, governments... share ideas and resources."

"Engage HOA's in

"Need more programs to finance homes at all levels: need program to finance trailer homes and first homes, need assistance with down payments - Need a market where houses can be financed and buyers don't need all cash payments"

"Partner with AFL-CIO Housing

Solution Ideas for the Housing Industry

A Seat at the Table 2021 also revealed that residents of Gallatin County believe those working in the housing industry are well positioned to help solve affordable housing challenges. Suggestions included property management tools that provide assistance to renters, expanding lending practices related to loan practices, establishing opportunities for micro-loans to help fund mortgages and investments in creating a diverse supply of housing.

My siblings and I don't want to continue ranching so my parents chose to sell the land and retire. It got developed, but is there a way we can make a sale like that pay for the owners like my parents AND ensure that affordable housing gets developed?"

"Cost-free or subsidized credit checks so that first, last, and deposit on a \$2,000 doesn't cost a renter \$6,000 to move in".

"Formalize and centralize rental listings. It's HARD to find a rental! If you're not savvy and on top of a new listing within the hour, you lose out!"

"We need to be careful not to vilify the landlord - solutions that work for renter and landlord is important."

work space with livable

"Need a developer to create a decent looking mobile home part or place to park RV's and vans so people are willing to have it in their area".

Belgrade has been using a Revolving Loan Fund for years to help small businesses. Let's do that for developers on moderate and affordable housing."

"The rapid loss of trailers and

"More affordable types - condos, building up not out, mobile homes, but when these are proposed the neighbors object - we have to be open to these alternatives - be honest about it."

HRDC or Habitat."

"Build houses where the jobs are."

"More tiny homes if the with the needs and wants

"Perhaps there is a way for [developers, contractors] to put some time in on projects that are more actionable, and not necessarily as profitable... similar to a licensed attorney's responsibility to perform a certain number of pro bono hours each year."

"Funders and banks can create innovative finance solutions to multiply funds available to support people's housing needs and the needs of organizations providing housing."

"Lenders need to support loans on



Solution Ideas for Individuals

Though individual citizens were not rated as the most important group to address the housing situation in the participant surveys, host descriptions showed that A Seat at the Table participants wanted to be active in finding solutions. Many people said they were willing to be involved in advocacy, to make financial contributions, and were willing to accept personal changes in housing or their own neighborhoods. "Volunteer for local nonprofits that help people avail of housing support programs."

"Get involved (e.g. go to public hearings, provide feedback via questionnaire or send e-mail in response to the proposals or discussions) "

"home sellers... sell to locals!" "Make donations to politicians, and nonprofits that are helping create positive change."

> "Run for public office (city commission)."

"Educate ourselves and others better about this housing crisis."

> "Our legislature has compounded the problem - I am willing to advocate to return the policies and tools we lost like inclusionary zoning and other policies that help local jurisdictions meet their local demands and challenges."

"Social influencers could share that "small is cool"...the message would be that building small helps keeps things affordable, helps the climate, builds community, etc." Landowners could donate or reduce cost of land used to develop affordable housing with the promise of some kind of return in the long term." "I'm willing to support upzoning, as long as more density means more affordability. Why would we only encourage infill and dense walkability but only as a luxury for people who can afford it?"

What Are You Willing To Do?

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

Housing and affordability are hard problems to address. They are complicated and overwhelming. If we do nothing, we lose income and other types of diversity in our community, eroding our social fabric. Individuals can have meaningful influence. Here are some ways your neighbors effect change or are willing to be involved.

"Begin a coalition of lowwage folks, whose explicit purpose is to develop a bill of housing rights." "Pay all my employees higher wages.

"Three years ago, my partner and I bought a home in Belgrade. We rent the top floor to 4 tenants to create low-rent opportunities. We are remodeling the whole house, and will probably put an additional unit for rent on the property." "Help my kids pay rent so they can stay."

"My partner and I built a tiny home and we live in it full time.

"I would vote for a sales tax if the money was to be used to subsidize the cost of building affordable homes and to reduce property tax"

"I'd pay more taxes to support density".

"Willing to offer loans to family and friends for down payments"

"Accept infill like ADU's and multiplexes in my neighborhood - that has been more traditionally single family" "Part of the issue is we need to get the word out and inform the community of all the struggles and we don't want to think and realize how much of the community is struggling. I will do presentations to groups to talk about this."

"As an investor, willing to keep rent low enough to cover bills and mortgage without much profit."

COMMUNITY VOICES:

"These are articulate and passionate people, who nevertheless were respectful of one another's opinions, of the time they each took to voice their own opinions. Which is to say, I came away thinking that there is a core of longtime residents here who love this place, myself included. They are committed to solutions and to problem solving, not to lying, to blustering, to screaming, to name-calling, to disingenuity. This group gives me hope; this group reminds me why I myself continue to fight to make this the place I want to be."

"Nonprofits, government and private sector need to partner."

"Ask what can we do as a community."

"Bring people together instead of emphasizing division and creating more polarization."



HOW ARE PEOPLE FEELING ABOUT HOUSING ISSUES?

A Seat at the Table conversations affected people who joined them. People wanted to keep talking and educating others to drive change. Some participants were left questioning the efficacy of individual efforts. Others were energized by participating. For most, conversations led to reflection on the issue Gallatin County faces in dealing with affordable housing.

VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Please take time to read some of the participant stories collected throughout Gallatin County. We have neighbors and colleagues who have compelling stories to tell and, though we could not include them all here, we have provided them on our website.



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Want to be Involved?



One Valley Community Foundation will continue to support regional partners in their efforts to address housing, and also coordinate information, capital, and actionable solutions. We welcome your involvement!

Follow this QR code to learn more:



COMMUNITY VOICES:

"The right to have a chance at a decent life is more fundamental than the right to make money hand over fist. We have to educate and change minds by challenging the big money out there controlling the narrative."

"These folks want to change and be active members of the community. We need more information like seat at the table. We are busy, but we need to create time and our volunteers could do more to get the word out there."

"Be open to others' perspectives and change the mindset from disagreement to agreement (i.e. what can we agree on, what's working and how can we make the other things work)."

"Learn stories of individuals and families affected by the current housing market instead of assuming."

Thank you!

Thank you to each of the 424 colleagues and neighbors that contributed their time and ideas during the 87 housing solution generating conversations in the fall of 2021. We value your time, your expertise and your commitment to our community here in Gallatin County. One Valley Community Foundation would like to extend gratitude to the volunteer committee members who helped us with A Seat at the Table 2021. We couldn't have done it without:

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GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA, SPRING 2022: Housing Solutions In Action

Nonprofit partners, individuals and families, private developers, lenders, employers, healthcare providers and others are contributing to housing solutions in big and small ways. Here are some examples of current work being done in Gallatin County. Please visit the websites of each partner to learn more.

PRESERVATION

HRDC IX is currently refurbishing 141 permanently affordable homes for very low-income community members.

Big Sky Community Housing Trust's Rent Local Incentive Program offers cash and HomeShare incentives to keep rentals out of the short-term rental market.

Big Sky Community Housing Trust is launching a deed restriction program called Good Deeds to create permanently restricted homes for local workers.

STAYING IN HOMES

The Greater Impact Housing Team is working on eviction prevention.

Family Promise has expanded its housing stabilization and shelter programs and has increased the number of individuals served by 661%.

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) is expanding how it helps vulnerable households by providing some home repairs so a family can remain in their home.

SUPPORTIVE OR SPECIALIZED HOUSING

Housing First Village is a permanent supportive housing project of HRDC IX. These 19 homes house very low-income residents who are provided with supportive services. Habitat for Humanity is partnering to build several of the homes.

Haven is building 32 Survivor's Suites for victims of intimate and domestic violence.

Family Promise is refurbishing or operating 10 transitional living homes to prevent homelessness for families in Four Corners, Belgrade, and Bozeman.

HRDC is converting 42 hotel rooms to studio efficiencies for workforce housing in Bozeman.

Griffin Place will be a community shelter and food and nutrition center, a project of HRDC in pre-development stages.

REACH houses 40 adults with developmental disabilities. There

INFRASTRUCTURE (water and wastewater systems, roads, broadband, lights, etc.)

Manhattan is moving forward with plans to build the infrastructure needed to support more home development.

Three Forks is moving forward with plans to build the infrastructure needed to support more home development.

West Yellowstone is constructing a new wastewater treatment plant, creating capacity for future home development.

Belgrade is currently constructing a \$40 million mechanical waste-water treatment facility that will initially double treatment capacity so that homes can be built to meet population growth.

FUNDING

Some private businesses are in discussion about how to best pool financial resources to contribute to land purchases or defray construction costs of affordable home building.

Large employers like Bozeman Health are making significant investments in housing.

Big Sky's Real Estate Collective is engaging local REALTORS to voluntarily commit 1% of commissions to affordable housing.

The City of Bozeman's Midtown Urban Renewal District allocated tax increment finance dollars to 90 subsidized affordable homes in Bozeman's Midtown called 9Ten.

COMMUNITY VOICES:

"Every group must be involved. And individuals, too. While government has a role it cannot be solely responsible. Individuals must adjust their perspective of how Bozeman will change. Businesses must pay wages that provide sufficient money to afford decent housing. Government can support diversifying housing opportunities. I have seen an increased level of participation in our community and they're starting to understand how these changes are occurring and the government processes, which opens up greater understanding of how they can participate."

are 100's waiting for housing and services.

DATA

The Gallatin Association of REALTORS has published market data and housing trends in its first Gallatin County Annual Housing Report.

One Valley Community Foundation is extending the data gathered from A Seat at the Table and its Regional Housing Study, and is forming a Regional Housing Coalition, convening public and private partners to act on solutions to local housing needs. A SEAT AT THE TABLE PARTICIPANT

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Do you know about a project or community effort to address housing and affordability needs? Email tanya@onevalley.org to share.





GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA, SPRING 2022: Housing Solutions In Action



HOUSEHOLD COSTS

Family Promise has just completed construction of its Early Learning Center for 96 children. They also provide scholarships for families so they can afford childcare costs, and maintain employment.

Greater Impact provides split firewood to families to offset utility costs. They also provide car repairs.

Love INC provides personal and household items to offset household costs.

HRDC IX provides a variety of services including financial counseling, Streamline Bus services, Low Income Energy Assistance program, and more to help households remain housed or find a home or shelter.

NEW HOMES

More than 1150 homes – or 3500 beds – dedicated to workforce housing are planned over the next 5 years in Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway, projects of Big Sky employers.

Timber Ridge will be 30 income-restricted rental homes for older adults in Bozeman.

Arrowleaf & Perennial Park is 232 family and senior homes co-located with Family Promise's Early Learning Center and Community Health Partner's clinic.

Headwaters Community Housing Trust is developing 31 permanently affordable "Missing Middle" workforce homes.

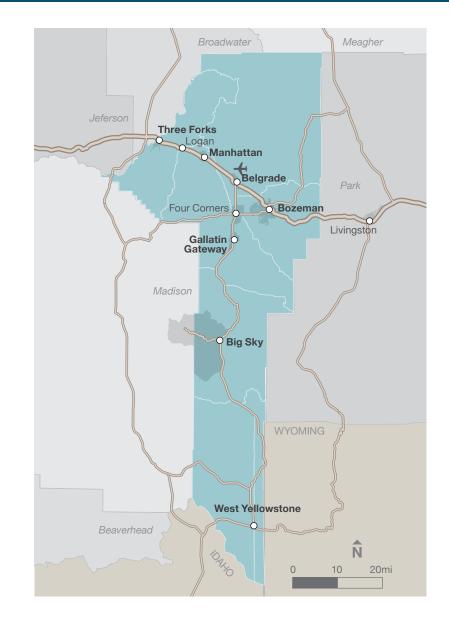
Northeast Neighborhood Association is developing 3 units of workforce housing in Bozeman called Wildlands.

Bozeman Cohousing is building a planned community of 40 smaller private homes and a large community house.

In Three Forks, numerous affordable, attached housing types such as condominiums and live/work units have been built in the past year.

HRDC is in pre-development phases to build 3 community land trust homes in West Yellowstone.

The Greater Impact Housing Team is working on Community



POLICY

Big Sky Housing Trust is working to develop a toolkit to provide information and guidance to Home Owners Associations to restrict short term rentals, and promote long term rentals.

The City of Bozeman is conducting an Affordable Housing Code Audit, which could result in changes to the Unified Development Code (UDC), zoning map, and development review process to remove regulatory barriers to the creation of affordable housing.

Three Forks will soon be adopting a new growth policy that recognizes the growing cost of housing; the Town will then create new policies, such as updated zoning ordinances, that promote more affordable housing types.

Manhattan will soon be adopting a new growth policy that

First Village, with some housing in the form of tiny homes.

The town of West Yellowstone has purchased 80 acres from the Forest Service. They are considering the development of 20 acres for workforce homes held in a land trust.

The City of Belgrade issued building permits for 630 dwelling units in 2021. 287 of those were for single-family homes, and the rest were multi-household.

Gallatin County seeks to develop workforce housing on the empty parcel behind the Gallatin County Rest Home.

Big Sky Community Housing Trust received Federal dollars to construct 25 permanently affordable apartments in Big Sky.

recognizes the growing cost of housing; the Town will then create new policies, such as updated zoning ordinances, that promote more affordable housing types.

West Yellowstone will be undertaking a process to update its zoning code.

The City of Belgrade is working with a consultant to revise its zoning code. Recommended changes so far include provisions for accessory dwelling units (ADU's) and reduced setbacks, and potentially building height increases in other residential zones.

Gallatin County's growth policy was adopted in 2021, and provides objectives related to housing needs.







<u>Overview</u>: Initiated with the support of the Big Sky Resort Area District, the Center for Large Landscape Conservation and MSU-Western Transportation Institute are developing a state-of-the-art Wildlife & Transportation Assessment for terrestrial and aquatic species along US-191 from Four Corners to West Yellowstone and MT-64 (Lone Mountain Trail). The Assessment will combine local and expert knowledge, public agency data, and engineering concepts to identify feasible sites for a range of potential wildlife accommodation options to improve the safety of travelers and wildlife.

The goals of the Wildlife & Transportation Assessment are:

- a) Lay the groundwork for implementation of best management practices to protect wildlife and human safety in the face of unprecedented regional traffic growth.
- b) Provide residents and officials of communities along US-191 with essential tools to guide decision-making.
- c) Enable public agencies to prioritize win-win design in future road redevelopment.

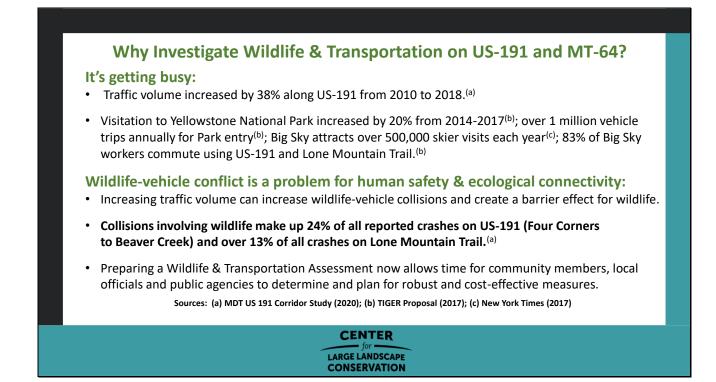
Wildlife in Gallatin County has intrinsic value. It is also an important part of the heritage and economy, and should be protected for future generations to enjoy."

"We value proactive and thoughtful planning of infrastructure, transportation networks, and community services."

-Gallatin County Growth Policy, Sep 2021

The Assessment report will identify appropriate locations for prospective site-specific design and include cost-benefit analysis of roadside warning signs (low cost, low efficacy), animal detection systems (high cost, medium to low efficacy) and physical crossing structures (high cost, high efficacy) such as culverts, bridges, underpasses and overpasses for terrestrial and aquatic wildlife passage.

<u>Background</u>: State Farm insurance consistently ranks Montana as second in the U.S. for wildlife-vehicle collisions. Historically, Montana's iconic species moved freely to and from Yellowstone National Park and habitat in the Gallatin National Forest. Now, residents, commuters and tourists face greater collision risk, while high traffic volumes, associated road noise, and edge effects increasingly threaten habitat integrity.



Fortunately, properly-sited and designed wildlife accommodation options can offer an 80% or greater reduction in wildlife-vehicle collisions, maintain or even reweave habitats, and also result in a positive return on infrastructure investment.^d

Further, use of culverts and bridges that allow for safe passage also make infrastructure more resilient to extreme weather events, such as flooding.

The Wildlife & Transportation Assessment aligns with an Areas of Greatest Need analysis underway by the Montana Partnership on Wildlife & Transportation,^e anticipated for release in Summer 2022, and the Gallatin County Growth Policy, which calls for identification of suitable wildlife crossing areas.^f Also, as the recently approved federal transportation bill includes significant funds for wildlife accommodation measures, robust information on wildlife-vehicle interactions can prepare Gallatin County to take advantage of new funding opportunities.

The information synthesized in the Wildlife & Transportation Assessment should enable area communities, Gallatin County, and the Montana Department of Transportation to assess and determine next steps toward any eventual accommodation options.

For more information, visit: <u>largelandscapes.org/191</u>

^a US-191 Corridor Study: Four Corners to Beaver Creek. Montana Department of Transportation. Oct 2020. <u>https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us191/</u>

^b Tiger Proposal. MT Highway 64 – Rural Commuter Corridor Project. Gallatin County. Oct 2017.

^c A Ski Resort Grows Under an Expansive Montana Sky. New York Times. Jan 10, 2017.

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/10/realestate/commercial/a-ski-resort-grows-under-an-expansive-montana-sky.html?

^d Case studies: US-191, Trappers Point, Wyoming; US-30, Nugget Canyon, Wyoming; CO-9, Grand County, Colorado.

^e The Montana Partnership on Wildlife & Transportation consists of representatives of Montana Department of Transportation, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Montanans for Safe Wildlife Passage. <u>https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/mwt/</u>

^f Envision Gallatin: Tomorrow Together. Gallatin County Growth Policy. Sep 2021. <u>https://envisiongallatin.com/</u>

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		22 E911 Viper 255-9712	26.98*	E911	2850	420750		101000
		22 E911 Viper 646-5170	112.24*	E911	2850	420750		101000
		22 Alarm Lines 646-5185	91.48	TWNHLL	1000	411250		101000
		22 Police - 646-7600	318.31*	POLICE	2850	420750		101000
49013		2088 Town West Yellowstone	664.25					
	05/01/2	22 utility chrgs, Chamber, 895	59.59	BLDGS	1000	411257	340	101000
		22 utility chrgs, UPDL, 892	92.72	BLDGS	1000	411252		101000
		22 utility chrqs, PS Shops, 884	42.83	BLDGS	1000	411253		101000
		22 utility chrgs. Povah Ctr, 887	79.77	BLDGS	1000	411255		101000
		22 utility chrgs, Police Dept,886	54.78	BLDGS	1000	411258		101000
		22 utility chrgs, City Park, 885	134.09	BLDGS	1000	411253		101000
		22 utility chrgs, Library, 891	43.04	LIBBLD	1000	411259		101000
		22 utility chrgs, Twn Hall, 921	157.43*	TWNHAL	1000	411250		101000
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21 Sma	artphones	3						
5 lapt	tops							
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	04/20/2	22 640-0159 Street SP	37.29*	STREET	1000	430200	345	101000
	04/20/2	22 640-0606 911 Dispatch	37.29*	911	2850	420750	345	101000
	04/20/2	22 640-1103, Operator SP	37.29*	STREET	1000	430200	345	101000
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	04/20/2	22 640-1462, S & W Super, SP	37.29	WATER	5210	430500	345	101000
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	04/20/2	2 unmetered lights 4212004	1,451.25		STLITE	1000	430263	341	101000
	04/20/2	2 RR Well 4212005	72.98*		WATER	5210	430500	341	101000
	04/20/2	2 SEWER LIFT STATION 4212006	347.27		SEWER	5310	430600	341	101000
	04/20/2	2 SEWER PLANT 4212007	434.29		SEWER	5310	430600	341	101000
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	04/20/2	2 MADADD H20 Tower 4212017	52.91*		WATER	5210	430500	341	101000
	04/20/2	2 SHOP 4212018	321.95		STREET	1000	430200	341	101000
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	14287 04	/06/22 Physical D. Griffel	863.00*		POLICE	1000	420100	351	101000
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49026		1992 Big Sky Journal	30.00						
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	031822-0	1 03/18/22 Pharmacy Voucher	23.90		HELP	7010	450135	358	101000
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	30440915	81 03/21/22 Business License Paper	64.98		FINADM	1000	410510	220	101000
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	5711184	04/18/22 1 1/2"E-coderBronzeflangekit	221.64*		WATER	5210	430550	220	101000
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	16830 04	/19/22 Flat tire repair	30.00		STREET	1000	430200	361	101000
49033		3330 Sam Mouldenauer	10.30						
	04/14/2	2 CDL Drivers License Transfer	10.30		STREET	1000	430200	380	101000
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49035		3329 Shane Brown	10.30						
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49036		2099 Quick Print of West Yellowston	e 33.07						
	20466 03	/09/22 Shipping to MTStCrimeLab	33.07		POLICE	1000	420100	311	101000
49037		3021 MSU Local Government Center	500.00						
	M189 04/3	22/22 2022MMI Registration L Roos	275.00*		ADMIN	1000	410210	370	101000
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	221093	04/15/22 PublicHearingWaterSewerRates	40.00*		ADMIN	1000	410210	327	101000
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	70151-2	04/18/22 Uniform D. Griffel	406.00*		POLICE	1000	420100	226	101000
	70378 0	4/25/22 Uniform D. Griffel	42.79*		POLICE	1000	420100	226	101000
	70263 0	4/26/22 Uniform Namebars	31.40*		POLICE	1000	420100	226	101000
49041		1770 Melanie Gospodarek	92.00						
	04/28/	22 Notary Bond Gospodarek	40.00*		FINADM	1000	410510	520	101000
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49043		1796 Barta Electric, Inc.	336.24						
	6158 04	/20/22 PovahCtrRefrigerator Room	336.24*		POVAH	1000	411255	350	101000
49044		2586 Waxie Sanitary Supply	335.06						
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of Claims 26 Total: 22,005.87

TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE Fund Summary for Claims For the Accounting Period: 5/22

Fund/Account	Amount
1000 General Fund	
101000 CASH	\$13,765.34
2210 Parks & Recreation	
101000 CASH	\$350.00
2220 Library	
101000 CASH	\$67.29
2850 911 Emergency	
101000 CASH	\$1,519.66
5210 Water Operating Fund	
101000 CASH	\$2,952.37
5310 Sewer Operating Fund	
101000 CASH	\$3,229.34
7010 Social Services/Help Fund	
101000 CASH	\$121.87

Total: \$22,005.87

Town of West Yellowstone Business License Application

Business Name: Sweet Pea Civing Applicant: Leah Sherman - US Bantique UC
Contact Person: Leah Sherman
Mailing Address:
Physical Address of Business: 120 N. Compose Street Suite 5
Phone Number: 802-279-1031 Fax Number: 11A
Email Address: 15boutiquent @greil.con Website: NA
Signature of Property Owner of Record: Jen D. John
Subdivision: Original Torus etc
Block: 16 Lot: 8
Zoning District, please mark one:
 B-3 Central Business District (Old Town) B-4 Expanded Business District (Grizzly Park) E-2 Entertainment District (Grizzly Park) PUD Planned Unit Development (Grizzly Park) Residential Districts, Home Occupations Only (Mad Add)
 □ New Business □ Change of Location □ Change of Location □ Change of Location □ Name Change
 Is this business licensed by the State of Montana? X Yes □ No Appropriate City/County/Health Dept approvals (if applicable) □ Yes □ No (please attach) If this business is located in Grizzly Park, has the business been approved by the Grizzly Park Architectural Committee (GPAC)? □ Yes □ No
Type of Business Please explain in detail the following: number of units, seating capacity, etc. Contractors should list trailers and equipment and where these items will be stored. This was formally Montana Gifts: Gallery. If Will (onfine to be a retail gift store underfeating. This is a DBA of is Bourique UC. I an asking to heave the resort tax bord waived for this Gause.
Business License Fee: \$ 50 ^{°°} Resort Tax Bond: \$Signature of Applicant
Total Amount Due: \$ Signature of Applicant UIB
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Approved by Town Council:
Date Check # Amount \$ License #

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Town of West Yellowstone Business License Application

Business Name: <u>Bigfoot</u> Cabin	
Applicant: Scripter Plesa	
Contact Person: Sensher	
Mailing Address: <u>P.O. BOX ZO22</u>	
Physical Address of Business: 21 N Canyon Since	
	x Number:
Linan Audress. <u>Unders Organis. Com</u>	ebsite:
Signature of Property Owner of Record:	Att Cana
Subdivision:OId Town	Y
Block: 28 Lot: 6	
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	UD Planned Unit Development (Grizzly Park) esidential Districts, Home Occupations Only (Mad Add)
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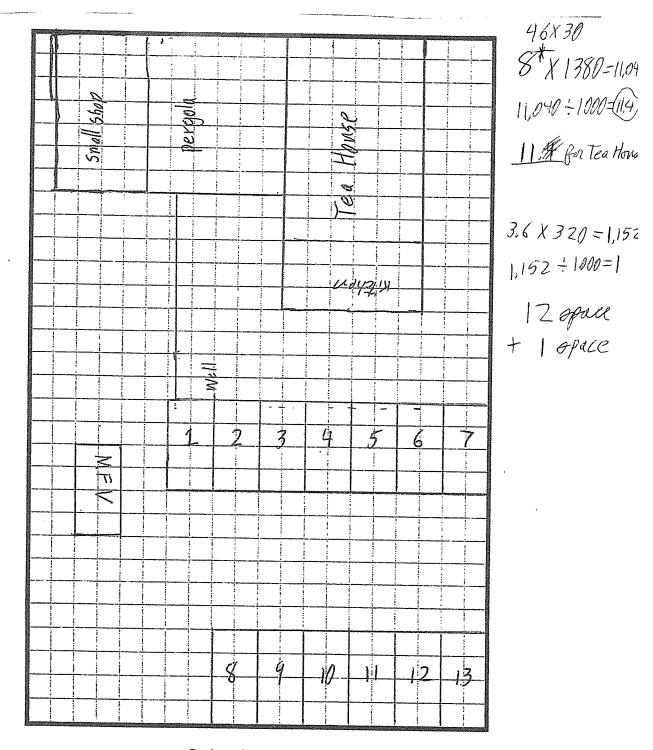
Lia UC, doing Business as "Big Foot Cabin" is asking to wave the Resont Board Tax Fee since it is a name change. I also have Business that already paid the Reson Tax Fee Sergher Pless - Newly

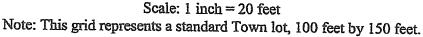
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Town of West Yellowstone
Business License Application
Business Name: <u>Resendiz</u> <u>Jaqueria</u> <u>Resendiz</u> Applicant: <u>Ramon Resendiz</u> Contact Person: <u>Jonathan Resendiz</u> Mailing Address: <u>P.O. Box 1757 D. Yellowstone</u> , <u>MT.</u> Physical Address of Business: <u>132</u> <u>Madison Ave. W. Yellowstone</u> , <u>MT.</u> Phone Number: <u>(406)641-0079</u> Fax Number: <u>—</u> Email Address: <u>Jresendizguerrero@Med.</u> Website: <u></u> Signature of Property Owner of Record: <u>Musica</u>
Subdivision: <u>01d Town</u> Block: <u>827</u> Lot: <u>5</u>
Zoning District, please mark one:
B-3 Central Business District (Old Town) Development (Grizzly Park) B-4 Expanded Business District (Grizzly Park) Residential Districts, Home Occupations Only (Mad Add) E-2 Entertainment District (Grizzly Park) Residential Districts, Home Occupations Only (Mad Add)
 New Business Change of Location Name Change
 Is this business licensed by the State of Montana? Yes □ No Appropriate Town/County/Health Dept approvals (if applicable) □ Yes X No (please attach) If this business is located in Grizzly Park, has the business been approved by the Grizzly Park Architectural Committee (GPAC)? □ Yes X No
Type of Business Please explain in detail the following: number of units, seating capacity, etc. Contractors should list trailers and equipment and where these items will be stored. <u>Mobile Food Vendor (MFV) selling a variety of Mexican Style foods</u> . <u>The MFV is a B'x 20' self contained trailer designed and bailt by</u> <u>FUP Trailer Inc. specifically to adhere to all state and local health</u>
Business License Fee: \$50
Resort Tax Bond: \$500 Signature of Applicant Jonatan Resend Bamon Resend 2. Varguer
Total Amount Due: $\$ \underline{550}$ Signature of ApplicantDate $3 - 24 - 22$
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Date Approved: Date Approved:
Date Check # Amount \$ License #
SCN BLP STX RDX

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code requirments. The MFV will be located on said property 5-7 days a week between the hours of 11a,m. - 10p.m. after which the MFV will move to a private residence of Ramon Resendiz. ent Jonathan Resendi

Site Plan SILE FIAM Business Name: <u>Resendie Taqueria</u> <u>Resendie</u> Business Owner: <u>Ramon Resendie + Jonathan Resendie</u> Business Street Address: 132 Madison Ave. U. rellowstone, Business Street Address: 132 Madison Ave. Block: 27 Lot: 5 Subdivision: Old Town MT Town (R-





WEST YELLOWSTONE TOWN COUNCIL Town Council Meeting April 19, 2022

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Benike, Lisa Griffith, Jeff McBirnie, and Jeff Mathews

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Dan Walker, Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek, Public Services Superintendent Jon Simms, Interim Chief of Police Neil Courtis, Town Attorney Jane Mersen by Zoom, Town Engineer Dave Noel, Greg Forsythe, Jason Howell, Fire Chief Shane Grube, Chris Kachur, KC Tanner-Assistant Superintendent of Public Services, Travis & Katrina Mann, approximately 20 community members by Zoom

The meeting is called to order by Deputy Mayor Jeff Mathews at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall, 440 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana. Portions of the meeting are being recorded. Due to the worldwide pandemic caused by COVID-19, the meeting is being broadcast over the internet using a program called Zoom.

The Treasurer's Report with corresponding banking transactions is on file at the Town Offices for public review during regular business hours.

Public Comment Period

No public comments are received.

Council Comments

Council Member Lisa Griffith says that she has a couple comments to make. She says that there was some correspondence this week about the freezer room at the Povah Center this week and food that spoiled because the room got too warm. She asks if that issue has been resolved. Town Manager Dan Walker responds that they are still working that out but they have ensured the room will not overheat anymore. She thanks Town Clerk Liz Roos for responding to her question about minutes and recording of meetings. She requests feedback from Town Attorney about other municipalities that use recordings as their official record of meetings. She suggests that they take a survey of residents and businesses about where they seek medical care and if that would change if the operator of the clinic changed, especially if the operator receives a substantial contribution from the Town. She says regarding the Health Care Services RFP responses, at least two of the responders indicated they would need a financial contribution to make it viable and she has questions about that. She also inquires about the status of the library lease and memorandum of understanding with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office.

WORK SESSION

Town Engineer Dave Noel addresses the Town Council regarding water and sewer rates. He directs the Council to two charts in the packet that outline how the rates may be calculated. Mathews asks for clarification between commercial and residential types of use. Noel explains that the base rates charged to both residential and commercial users are the same, but uses are multiplied by a factor and calculated using the single family equivalency calculator. He explains that about a year ago, they isolated various types of use and measured the flow produced, such as a nightly rental and hotel rooms. He also explains that state and federal funding programs often base their criteria on what is considered an affordable rate structure. If it costs more to run the system than what they consider to be affordable, then they become eligible for more funding. He also explains that the funding agencies expect the new facility to support the community for many years and takes into account future connections. Griffith inquires about the current rate structure and asks further questions about differentiating between residential and commercial rates. Noel explains that the funding agencies recommend that water and sewer rates should be equivalent to 2.3% of the median income. The council discusses if that is truly affordable and what the target rates for Gallatin County should be. Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek explains that the State expects enterprise funds to be run like a business where user fees cover the operations and maintenance costs. The Council discusses the rate analysis and asks multiple questions. Noel explains that the recommended rate takes into account the amount the Town needs to collect to pay to operate the system for the next twenty years. The rate they need to collect will be less in twenty years because of the expected increase in users.

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Public Hearing – Water and Sewer Rates

Deputy Mayor Jeff Mathews opens the hearing and reads the hearing notice. The hearing was advertised in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and posted publicly at the Town Hall, Post Office, and online. Jason Howell says this may be a great opportunity to incentivize businesses to reduce water use. He says encouraging older buildings to upgrade their fixtures and appliances to low-flow units could make a big difference to both how much water is used and how much goes back into the sewer lagoon. Jerry Johnson comments that they currently accept septage from out-of-town users, which in addition to septage haulers includes the US Forest Service compound, the airport, and Yellowstone National Park. He also comments that the resort tax was originally put in to offset tourist impacted services and they should remember that. Jason Howell comments that he has been dumping in the lagoon for 13 years and the most he has ever dumped in one month is 11,000 gallons, averaging about 56,000 per year, which is miniscule compared to everything else that is flowing into the facility. Mathews asks Howell if there is a way to determine the concentration of what is being discharged into the system from a septage hauler compared to what is already flowing into the lagoon. Howell responds that it is a different system since a lagoon system is an aerobic system and a septic system is anerobic. Jerry Johnson says that they should also consider that the effluent that is coming into the system from places like Grizzly RV Park or Fox Den RV Park is probably a bigger impact on the system than the septage haulers ever create. Griffith asks if business licenses are reviewed annually by the Council? Gospodarek explains that renewals and change of ownership are approved administratively. Griffith says that she thinks the Council should review renewal applications so they can place conditions or regulate things like the dumping at the RV parks.

The meeting discussion returns to water and sewer rates. Noel explains that low-flow fixtures will not actually fix the problems at the lagoon because the nitrogen in the system is the real problem and water dilutes the nitrogen concentration. There is a question from an online participant about where there is commercial equipment available that could remove the nitrogen from the lagoons during the summer months. Noel responds that there is, but it is very expensive to do. In reference to water and sewer rates, the Council considers options to keep rates low and discusses rates that should be charged to out of town users. They also discuss the 1% resort tax that was approved for the purpose of supporting the wastewater treatment plant. McBirnie summarizes that if they adopt the rate structure presented, approximately \$70.06 per month for sewer and \$59.58 for water, they could fund the system and debt service. Noel agrees and says that they would likely qualify for funding assistance to build the treatment facility. If they apply for funding assistance with their current rates, they will probably not qualify. Mathews says that he cannot justify increasing rates three-fold to support commerce. He says that they don't need a treatment plant to support what has already been developed, they need a treatment plant to plan for the future. Mathews says he would like to be presented with other options before they decide how to proceed. Gospodarek explains that they have not had any debt in the water/sewer systems since 2007. She says that they are hoping to have this worked out by the end of June so they can move ahead. She says that if they can assume that they can collect \$1 million per year from the 1%, they'll collect \$20 million over 20 years. She says they've received some grant funding, but there is a gap of approximately \$8 million that they need to account for. She explains that is what they are really looking to fund, the \$8 million they are short. She says that they need to raise the rates just to keep up with inflation. Chipper Smith comments online that the hotel and motel business is a cash cow and the amount of gallons used daily by tourists is a pittance, they should raise commercial rates. Jan Neish of the Island Park News asks questions about the proposed rate structure. Gospodarek explains that the target rate that the funding agencies would like to see is just over \$90 for both services. She explains that how close they are to the target rates determines what funding programs they will qualify for.

ACTION TAKEN

- 1) Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's and Securities Reports. (McBirnie, Benike)
- 2) Motion carried to approve Purchase Order #6454 to Mountain West Electric to re-install lights in the Firehole Room at the Union Pacific Dining Lodge for up to \$29,500.00. (McBirnie, Benike)

- Motion carried to approve Purchase Order #6452 to Idaho Traffic Safety of up to \$29,500.00 to repaint centerlines, parking stalls, cross walks, stop bars and miscellaneous striping. (McBirnie, Griffith)
- 4) Motion carried to approve the claims, which total \$205,729.99. (McBirnie, Griffith)
- 5) Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Town Council meeting and April 5, 2022 Town Council Meeting. (Griffith, Benike)
- 6) Motion carried to approve the Conditional Use Application for a Limited Services Campground and site plan approval. (McBirnie, Benike) See next motion.
- 7) Secondary Motion to approve the Conditional Use Application for a Limited Services Campground at 621 Yellowstone, made by Tri-State Excavating, to include the condition that the RV sites are only used for housing and may not be used for nightly rentals. (McBirnie, Griffith) Griffith is opposed, motion passes with a majority.
- 8) Subsequent secondary motion to include the requirement that all vehicles and equipment that are on Town property be removed unless authorized with an encroachment permit. (Griffith, motion dies for lack of a second.)
- 9) Motion carried to accept the recommendation from the Marketing and Promotions Fund Advisory Board to award 2022 Wild Bill Days \$28,000. (McBirnie, Benike)
- 10) Motion carried to approve the parking and site plan for Eagles Capital, LLC at 3 North Canyon Street. (Benike, Griffith)
- 11) Motion carried to approve the business license application for retail sales for the Buffalo Rider Trading Company at 3 North Canyon. (McBirnie, Benike)
- 12) Motion carried to approve the business license application for the Grill Cheese Spot mobile food vendor business license on the condition that approval from Gallatin County Health and the Fire Department. (McBirnie, Benike)
- 13) Motion carried to table the sewer capacity options agenda item. (McBirnie, Griffith)

Public Hearing: Conditional Use Application, Tri-State Excavating, Limited Services Campground. Deputy Mayor Jeff Mathews opens the hearing and asks for public comment. Th hearing was advertised in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, online, and posted publicly at the Town Hall and the Post Office. The application is for Tri-State Excavating to install three RV sites to be used as workforce housing this summer as a limited services campground. Brad Schmier sends a written comment pertaining to the application and suggests conditions such as an encroachment permit for use of public property, requiring the cleanup of the property behind the lot and the interior park. No other comments are received.

DISCUSSION

- 2) Griffith asks if Mountain West Electric is licensed to operate in Montana and asks Attorney Jane Mersen for input. Mersen says she doesn't have the answer at this time but will look into it. Fire Chief Shane Grube says that he is quite sure that the license crosses state lines.
- 3) Mathews says he understands that they are short-staffed and need to contract this out, but asks if they get up to full staff if they will continue to contract it out. Simms says that it really just depends on cost. Cassandra Mitchell, a firefighter/EMT suggests figuring out a new way to paint the streets so that visitors don't interpret the area outside of the driving lanes as a second lane. She says they have had multiple accidents due to that.

- 4) The Council asks multiple questions about the claims.
- 6-8) Griffith says that she has heard multiple comments and complaints about businesses that use public property to operate their business. She asks multiple questions about parking laws and enforcement. There is significant discussion by the Council about parking and Griffith also questions whether it is appropriate to limit the use of the property to only employee housing.
- 13) Town Engineer Dave Noel addresses the Town Council regarding sewer capacity. Noel explains that they have enough capacity left for approximately 11 SFEs. Noel prepared a letter that outlines three options that outline how to proceed with connection application to the wastewater treatment system: temporarily discontinue accepting septage from out of town dischargers, place a moratorium on all new connections, continue to allow connections but anticipate violations from DEQ. McBirnie asks if it is an option to just not allow septage during the summer months. Noel says that if they did not allow septage between May 15 and September 15, that may be acceptable. The new system will be designed to accept up to 80,000 gallons of septage per year. Noel explains that when the temperatures drop below 40 degrees, treatment at the lagoons stops because it is too cold for the processes to work. The group discusses the issue at length. Town Manager Dan Walker emphasizes that they put a lot of time and consideration into putting these options together. Mathews asks if it would be more advantageous to the Town when working with DEQ to just put a moratorium in place, which may make the Town look like it is in a more dire situation. Noel says that they already have the support from DEQ to build a new treatment plant and he doesn't think the funding agencies are paying attention to that component, they have more questions about the process they have followed than the merit of the project. Howell says that he is willing to work with the Town and if they have to limit the time of year is a potential compromise. Noel says that another possible solution is to require the septage haulers to use a bio-bag when dumping, which captures the solids and then they can be taken to the landfill. Howell clarifies that the problem at the lagoon is the amount of effluent. Noel says the issue is effluent and loading, meaning nitrogen and other components that affect the processing. Howell says that he had similar conversations with the Town's previous engineer, who also felt that the loading was ten times as high as regular discharge. He says that when they actually tested it, it was only 2 to 3 times higher and requests that they do it again. The group discusses the possibility of testing hauled in septage at Howell's cost.
- A) Town Manager & Department Reports: Town Manager Dan Walker reports that Mayor Watt is home and recovering from his recent surgery. Walker reports that they have scheduled public meetings on May 10 & 11, 2022 to hear presentations and interview the responders to the Health Care Services RFP. He says that they met with Dave Noel regarding the casting pond project and tomorrow there will be a crew on site for a structural evaluation of the Mammoth Room at the Union Pacific Dining Lodge. He reports that they were unaware that the FLAP grant project to design the in-town trail to connect to the Rails to Trails will be prepared by a federal lands group. They cancelled the RFP that was released by the Town but are still moving forward with the process. He said the Rails to Trails project is anticipated to start the second week of May. He says that they are going to discuss community clean up tomorrow during the staff meeting. He says they are accepting applications for Chief of Police through May 6. He says they were awarded a Montana Community Foundation grant for \$10,000 to support the food bank. He congratulates Shane Brown and Sam Moldenhauer for obtaining their CDL licenses last week.

The meeting is adjourned. (McBirnie, Benike)

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

DISPATCH

Weekly Report

04/21/22-04/27/22

Highlights of the Week

T-Mobile 911 services were down on Monday

Air Idaho is back at the Airport for the summer season

Received a phone call from someone claiming to have found Forrest Fenn's treasure - Tis the season

Bonnie obtained her Notary Certification

Calls for Service

WYPD dispatch took 56 calls for service

Arrests

WYPD had no arrests

Citations

3 Citations were issued

Projects

We are working on our MSAG and GIS data for NG9-1-1

We are working on Converting old warrants into the new system

Updating NIBR reporting in their new system, we have February and March to complete

Center Manager's Report

- Becky Erwin resigned from dispatch on 4/25, she gave a short notice and her last day was 4/27
- I am working on making sure the training manual is up to date and ready for 2 new hires
- Dave returns from vacation this week
- Met with a potential Dispatch candidate
- I have spoken with several other small agencies within the last 2 weeks about our RMS Crimestar. There is a large RMS company that is going out of business and due to price and availability there are several small agencies that are moving to Crimestar within the year. (Since we are the only one in the state that uses it and has used it for 20+ years we have been the go to for questions)

From:	Jon Simms
To:	Dan Walker; Elizabeth Roos
Subject:	FW: bullet points 4-28-2022
Date:	Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:36:51 PM
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From: Kyle Tanner <ktanner@townofwestyellowstone.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:34 PM
To: Jon Simms <jsimms@townofwestyellowstone.com>
Subject: bullet points 4-28-2022

locate tickets marking 532 gallitan Ave concrete sona tube inspection 321 hayden st inspection fire wall 702 electric building permit issued and inspection DRG site inspections and measurements 408 gibbon wagon wheel garbage violation email 321 Lewis plans review

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device Get <u>Outlook for Android</u>

Recreation Department April 28, 2022

- Unemployment
- Bookings for the Povah center and Pavilion
- Registering people for booster shots
- Helping people check in for vaccine
- Delivered food boxes for Social Services
- Been helping Social Services while Debbi on vacation
- Translating letters for Hispanic clients

Thank you,

Vely Vazquez

Public Services Dept. Bi-weekly Report: April 15th thru April 28th, 2022

Work performed

Equipment and vehicle updates scheduled PM's: in-services 08 GMC and replace CV shaft. Start grading alleys, marking out all curb stops and manhole castings. Begin setting out refuse containers in central business district. Inspect trash trailers and empty as necessary, litter collection, weekly recyclingcarboard route, check dog waste stations and restock bags. Move abandoned vehicles, haul away for the police department: as requested. Weekly problem areas inspection, monitor proper flow rates in SAS manholes throughout town. Inspect and clean SAS mainline on Faithful Street near Goldenstone Inn, SAS lateral connection to Pioneer Park restrooms. Remove debris from manhole in 500 block of Parkway-A. Pressure wash raven debris from sidewalks throughout central business district as well as picnic tables at Pioneer Park. Pickup all trash at town park, all alleyways, and Boundary Street. Utility locates as needed. Water service requests for 102 Electric Street, 608 Highway Avenue. Water meter replacements at Playmill Theatre, Yellowstone Country Inn and 223 Faithful Street. Finished replacing and updating all flush meters at the chamber building. Start replacing nonfunctioning paper towel dispensers. Remove angle iron from Madison lift station and start scrapping steel. Set out cone at cemetery to mark Frank and Norma Martin's gravesite for headstone delivery. UPDL Mammoth Room structural evaluation (4/20). Street cleanup from recent snowstorms, sand lots, remove ice dam in front of police department, clear sidewalks. Deliver supplies to PD, replace cadet heater in booking room. Remove snowflake decorations downtown and at town hall, remove lights on xmas tree in front of Povah Center.

Administrative

Meetings with Tri-State Excavating on upcoming projects: casting pond, short line trail. Discuss preliminary engineering report with town engineer on flow data and updates being forwarded to DEQ for Madison LS pump renovations. Supervisors meeting (4/20). Meet with Vely, Lanie and Utility Clerk to go over Sportsman Software and discuss recreation programming and registration. Get back with Megan Crow from MC2 Engineering on YNP. Respond to Aleyna Link from Landslide Technologies on DOT's project and request for water beginning May 9th. Reach out to Blackfoot Communications to get proposal on updating internet to hard fiber at UPDL for Brandi Burns. Meet with I-WorQ's software tech Sally Stewart for training, Coordinate software webinar for KC to streamline building and permitting process and applications with Jon Goble. Meet Bill Szedlar with Tractor and Equipment sales and Ryan Clark with John Deere on assessment of heavy equipment values. Reach out to RDO to order specific grade grease for street sweeper along with fill attachment. Start process of getting retired equipment listed on GovDeals. Get parts coming for water distribution lines from Core & Main and Northwest Pipe and Aquapro. Discuss water meter replacements and updates at 23 Hayden with property owner. Discussed lighting updates at chamber with Barta Electric, fault issues on north Electric Street as well as getting another switch installed on south wall in council chambers. Follow up with Commercial Tire on timeframe of getting rim back for 936. Schedule hydraulic update to main dump cylinder on CH 49 with Eagle Rock Hydraulics. Discuss scheduling of library roof renovations with Briggs Roofing. Respond to residential and business complaints, visit with residents on town wide complaints and issues. Discuss

upcoming projects with Dave Noel and Town Manager. Discuss operational needs with Ken Davis, RDO, Mountain States Lighting, PJ's Plumbing, American Pump & Equipment (Hydromatic LS pump), Aquapro. Discuss sanitary flow information needs with Heather Walk from Archer Biologicals Inc. Reach out to Interlube, Titan Machinery and Torgersen LLC on equipment and supply needs, reach out to Apex Paving again for quotes on crack sealing the north and south streets in town as well as the Grizzly Addition. Get back with Yellowstone Paving Solutions and let them know the town will be doing a pavement assessment next month. Met with Dana Griffin at Povah on (4/23) to diagnose freezer issues. Inspected capacitors and changed relay, amped compressor. Needed to schedule another technician with Rick's Refrigeration out of Livingston on (5/23) to come down and take a look, tech needs to be certified in R-290 coolant repair. Coordinate with Forsgren Engineering and Jon Brown to review best management practices for wastewater collection/ treatment facility and water distribution system. Get Jon Brown last years (CCR) Consumer Confidence Report forwarded from DEQ so he can make updates. Investigate weir levels on cells A & B at lagoon. Coordinate monthly coliform/ bac- T samples with Jon Brown. Follow up on proposals for CIP projects: crack sealing for this fall, centerline painting, vehicle/ equipment replacement quotes, leasing options on equipment, concrete updates, lighting, street pole replacements. Helped Jon Brown check water service meters that are not registering/ functioning properly. Conduct weekly COVID samples (results available on the Gallatin County Health Departments website). Review city policies, procedures, collective bargaining agreement, safety protocols and codified ordinances. Review city policies, procedures, collective bargaining agreement, safety protocols and codified ordinances. Evaluate 2022 budgetary needs and submit weekly invoices. Enter timesheets and payroll for crew. Respond to WY pump status reports and dispatch to town as necessary.

Finance Department – Week of 4/17/2022

Spoke with Dan Semmens, Bond Counsel re WWTP project

Worked on submission docs for State & Local Recovery Funds reporting

Provided accounting information to Councilwoman Griffith regarding receipts for septage from Howell Septic

Reviewed overages in cleaning line for buildings

Reviewed payroll, printed checks for claims

Attended Staff meeting 4/21/22

Ran down "discrepancy' in WWTP project cost – net present value of \$36,000,000 for Dan Semmens and myself. And provided notes to Dan of conversations with Donna A. and Ashley K of USDA RD

Volunteered for Earth Day festivities at the Holiday Inn on 4/22/22

Discussed new options for presentation of proposed water and sewer rates for next meeting on the subject with the Council with Dan W. and Dave Noel

Provided Docs to Jane Mersen re: Hebgen Basin Fire District contract

Finance Department – Week of 4/25/2022

Pursued copies of pre-selection bid documents from Columbus, MT Provided information to Jan Neish re: MCEP calculations of target water and sewer rates Submitted SLFRF compliance report on 4/25/2022 Reviewed budgetary overages in Court budget for ER contributions. Distributed Budget formats to department to fill out for upcoming FY 2023 budget year. Reviewed HBFD memo Prepared for WWTP meeting on 4.28.22 Started notary renewal training.

Meetings:

 Wastewater treatment plant meeting with D. Semmens, D. Noel, D.Walker, J.Mersen and myself 4/28/22

TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA AND THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE

Be it known to all that on this date, **Dallen Griffel,** took the following oath of office:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Montana, and the Charter of the Town of West Yellowstone, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity (so help me God)."

Let it be recognized to all that on this date, **Dallen Griffel,** by taking this oath of office was duly sworn in as a Peace Officer for the Town of West Yellowstone and the State of Montana.

Mayor Travis Watt Town of West Yellowstone

Date



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EXPOSITION LICENSE & SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Town of West Yellowstone, Montana



Event: Yellowstone Half Marathon & 5K		
Sponsor Organization: Vacation Races		
Sponsor Address: 1201 S. Hillcrest Dr. Wash	ington, UT 84780	
Contact Person: Anna Basso		
Contact Phone: 435-669-8845	Fax:	
E-mail Address: anna@vacationraces.com		
Date(s) of Event: June 10-11, 2022		
Location of Event: West Yellowstone, MT (O	Id Airport and Custer Gallatin National Forest)	

- A. **Event Detail:** Use the attached sheet to describe the event in detail and any special accommodations required from the Town.
- B. Site Plan: Detail the physical layout of the event on the attached site plan and return with the application. Provide as much detail and measurements as possible.
- C. Liability Insurance: If the event is taking place on public property, please provide a copy of the event's liability insurance naming the Town of West Yellowstone as additionally insured. Liability insurance coverage shall be in the minimum amounts of \$750,000 per claimant/\$1,500,000 per occurrence and include alcohol liability, if applicable. The Town Manager <u>may</u> grant exception to these limits based on general public health, safety and welfare associated with the request for exception, as well as the liability risk and the applicant's ability to pay.
- D. Vendor List: If the event includes vendors, provide a list of the names and addresses of all participating vendors 14 calendar days in advance.
- E. Fees: The basic fee for an event is \$25. Events that include vendors shall also pay \$25 per vendor for every vendor that does not already hold a business license in the Town of West Yellowstone.
- F. Resort Tax: The sponsor of exposition events must post a \$1500 bond in accordance with Chapter 3.12 of the West Yellowstone Municipal Code (<u>www.codepublishing/MT/WestYellowstone.html</u>). The sponsor and vendors must collect 4% on all resort tax applicable sales and remit to the Town by the 20th of the month after the month of the event. <u>All sales, including entrance and participation fees, are subject</u> to resort tax. Please review Chapter 3.12 of the WYMC for further information, including possible exemptions. The bond will be returned within 90 calendar days of remittance of the resort tax.
- G. Alcohol Consumption: Public drinking and public display of alcoholic beverages must conform with Section 9.12.020 of the West Yellowstone Municipal Code. The public place where the event will be held must be exempted by resolution of the Town Council before alcoholic beverages may be allowed. Please attach a separate letter addressed to the West Yellowstone Town Council making this request.
- H. Sound: Amplified sound may be allowed by obtaining an additional non-fee special permit from the Town Council, in accordance with Section 8.16.020 of the West Yellowstone Municipal Code. If applicable, please attach the Outside Amplification Permit Application.

Event Fee: Resort Tax Bond: Vendor(s) Fee: Total Due:

\$ 25.00 \$1500.00 \$ 150.00 \$ 1675.00

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Signature of A 3/22/22	Applicant
Date	

Date Received by the Town: 3/29/22 PR

Town of West Yellowstone Event Application

Event Detail

Please use this sheet to describe your event in detail including expected sales, type of sales, layout, show tents, canopies, fencing, cars, security, toilets, seating, stage, etc. and any special accommodations you are requesting from the Town. Please also address parking, trash collection and disposal, expected number of participants and spectators, signs, alcohol use, and amplified sound (if applicable).

The annual Vacation Races, Yellowstone Half Marathon & 5K is set for the weekend of June 10-11, 2022. This event takes place in West Yellowstone, WY just west of the town at "The Old Airport". An outdoor race expo will take place on Friday, the 10th with a 5K race to follow that evening. The half marathon distance race will take place on Saturday morning. Please reference the attached operations plan for more event details, logistics, and maps.

Complete this section if the event includes sales of any kind.

Event: Yellowstone Half Marathon & 5K

Date(s) June 10-11, 2022

Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Primary Sponsor: Vacation Races	Vendor Name: Huntsman World Senior Games
Contact Person: Anna Basso	Contact Person: Jeff Harding
Address: 1201 S. Hillcrest Dr.	Address:
Washington, UT 84780	
Phone: 435-669-8845	Phone: 435-674-0550
Type of sales: Merchandise	Type of sales: N/A
Resort Tax applicable: (YES) NO	Resort Tax applicable: YES NO
Vendor Name: Glisten Jewelrey	Vendor Name: Wander Project
Contact Person: Monnica Skinner	Contact Person: Amy Ben-Horin
Address:	Address:
Phone: 385-208-7506	Phone: 970-445-0644
Type of sales: Jewelry	Type of sales: N/A
Resort Tax applicable: (ES) NO	Resort Tax applicable: YES NO
Vendor Name: Boost Oxygen	Vendor Name:
Contact Person: Elle Westphal	Contact Person:
Address:	Address:
Phone: 970-401-1568	Phone:
Type of sales: Merchandise	Type of sales:
Resort Tax applicable: (YES) NO	Resort Tax applicable: YES NO
Vendor Name: Gnarly Nutrition	Vendor Name:
Contact Person: Ben Light	Contact Person:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Type of sales: Supplements/Merchandise	Type of sales:
Resort Tax applicable: (YES) NO	Resort Tax applicable: YES NO

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Department	Initials	Date	Comments
Pub Services	72	4/22	
H20/Sewer	15	4102	
Fire	56	4/27/27	will need to contract with HBFD for ENS
Police	Ac	4/22	
Finance	ly	42	
Administration	on	4/22	C.C. IE derain and de d
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Open Container Resolution	Yes	No	NA
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2022 YELLOWSTONE HALF MARATHON & 5K OPERATION PLAN EVENT PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED OPERATING PLAN

Event Overview

The 7th Annual Yellowstone Half Marathon is being planned for June 11, 2022. This is one of the fourteen races in the National Park Half Marathon Series, including Zion, Grand Teton, Rocky Mountain, Saguaro, Mt. Rainier, Great Smoky Mountains, Cedar Breaks, Yosemite, Glacier, Everglades, Lake Powell, and Joshua Tree. The series is designed to cater to runners that enjoy "vacation races" where the event is part of a longer vacation stay at the event location.

This race is a 13.1 mile course run through the Custer Gallatin National Forest outside the Town of West Yellowstone.

The event has two main components:

- Expo & 5K Runners pick up their bibs along with other vendor booths. A 5K is held the same evening as the expo.
- Half Marathon Race The main event, the race will be held on Saturday starting at 6:00am.

EXPO & 5K - The race will host a runner expo on Friday, June 10. Located at the Old Airport on the west edge of West Yellowstone, runners will pick up their race bibs, and we will bring in a number of running and tourism related vendors to attend. The expo will run from 11:00am until 5:00pm. A 5K will also be Friday evening from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. This course is almost the same as the first 3 miles of the half marathon. The 5K course will start and finish at the Old Airport

HALF MARATHON - The race will start at 6:00am on Saturday morning and will run for approximately 4 hours. The race will start at the Old Airport and run through a portion of the Town of West Yellowstone, before heading into Gallatin National Forest land. The course is somewhat of a loop and will finish back at the Old Airport. While the race will serve as the centerpiece event, we normally see the community offer the runners reasons to stay longer with other activities that will cater to the runner's entire family or group of friends. Normally, runners will arrive a few days early and others will stay a few days after the race.

Course Overview

HALF MARATHON COURSE: The race will start and end at the Old Airport on the west edge of West Yellowstone. The first mile runs through town but the majority of the race takes place on dirt roads and trails in Gallatin National Forest immediately southwest of West Yellowstone, MT. There will be 6 aid stations on course. This course and event is operated under a permit from the Forest Service.



An interactive version of the event map can be seen here

AID STATIONS: There will be aid stations near mile 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12. Each aid station will be equipped with water, electrolyte drink, energy gels, trash cans, and toilets. Each aid station will be manned by volunteers provided by the race.

COMMUNICATION: Aid stations and race crew will be able to communicate via cell phone and/or radios.

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL: Vacation Races will contract to have medical professionals at the finish line of the race. We will also have an EMT stationed at mile 7. We will work with the Town of West Yellowstone for on-site emergency services.

Parking

We will have plenty of parking to accommodate all of our runners. Both runners and spectators may park in the designated parking area of the Old Airport just west of Iris St.

Spectators

Spectators and runners are welcome around the finish line to cheer on runners. They can park in the designated event parking area, and walk over to the finish line.

Expo and Start Line Staging

EXPO: Bib pickup, vendors, etc. on Friday, June 10. The expo consists of several 10x10 tents which will be set up to distribute runner gear. We will also have a number of vendors on site selling merchandise, etc. There will be no food vendors on site.

Parking: Participants will park in the designated event parking space for the expo. This will also serve as the main parking area on race day.

Toilets: We will contract to have port-a-potties delivered to the Old Airport.

Trash: We pack out all of our own trash. Waste receptacles for trash, recycling, and compost will be set up. All trash will be sorted and packed out after the event.

START LINE: There will be a bib pickup tent, hot chocolate, coffee, toilets, waste receptacles, gear check truck and a PA system. The start line will be on Old Airport Rd.



Finish Line Staging

The finish line will be located on Old Airport Rd. A recovery area will separate the start and finish line. The 5K the night before will follow a similar pattern. The finish line area will include a runner recovery zone, trash receptacles, toilets, a row of tents for handing out award and

finisher medals, and a merchandise tent. Spectators and members of West Yellowstone are welcome to cheer on runners at the finish line.

Trash and Toilets

We are a "zero waste" event, meaning we set up trash receptacles at our start line, finish line, expo, and all aid stations where trash is sorted into recyclables, compostables, and trash. All trash is hauled off site by us and taken to the different treatment facilities. Toilets will be at our start line, finish line, expo, and each aid station as well.

**see course map for start line, finish line, and aid station locations.

Police and Traffic Control

There will be some traffic control in the south west edge of West Yellowstone. The first mile of both the half marathon course and the 5K course run through the Town of West Yellowstone, so there will be some traffic control needs. From Airport Rd, runners will head south on Iris St, east onto Yellowstone Ave, and south onto Electric St before heading through a gate and onto trails/dirt roads. There will be significant runner foot traffic for the first 30 minutes of both the 5K and half marathon race as they head out on course. We will utilize the West Yellowstone Police Department to aid in temporary road restrictions to provide runner safety as they pass through the previously mentioned streets of West Yellowstone.





Outside Amplification Permit Application Town of West Yellowstone

Event: Yellowstone Half Marathon & 5K

Contact Person: Anna Basso	
Mailing Address: 1201 S. Hillcrest Dr. Washington, UT 84780	
Email Address: anna@vacationraces.com	
Phone Number: 435-669-8845	
Signature of Property Owner of Record: Ama Buse	
Date(s) of Event: June 10-11, 2022	
Location: Old Airport, West Yellowstone, MT	
Amplification between the hours of: <u>5:00am</u> and	7:30pm
Description of Event: The Yellowstone Half Marathon and 5K Expo	will be on Friday, June 10th from
11am-5pm. A 5K race will follow, starting at 6:00pm to approximately 7:	30pm. On Saturday, June 11th,
the half marathon race will start at 6:30am, with an estimated amplification	on starting at 5:00am. The expo,
start line and finish line will all be staged at the Old Airport area west of I	ris St. in West Yellowstone, MT.

Signature of Applicant 4/12/22 Date

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Decision by Town Council:	Approved	Disapproved
Conditions:		
Signature of Mayor/Town Mana	ger:	
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BRIDGER DISTRICT

We want to hear from you!

Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District (NRMEDD) is updating our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Gallatin and Park Counties.

The CEDS guides effective economic development in America's communities through a locally based, regionally driven strategic planning process.

We would love feedback from all community members across Gallatin and Park Counties. Your input helps guide Federal funding and opportunities in our region.

There are two ways you can share your input:

1 - Please attend our West Yellowstone Community Meeting on June 1st (details below).

2 - Please capture or click the QR code below to participate in our online survey.



WEST YELLOWSTONE COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST 12:00 - 1:30 PM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 30 YELLOWSTONE AVE

Details @ facebook.com/BridgerDistrict