

CITY OF GILLETTE

Administration

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Michael Cole, Interim City Administrator
RE: General Information
DATE: August 18, 2023

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **August 19 - 25, 2023**

There are no meetings scheduled this week.

1. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Cyanobacterial Bloom Identified in Gillette Fishing Lake** dated **August 18, 2023** provided by **Public Affairs Director Toscana**.
2. Attached please find a **memorandum** regarding **information requested by the City Council** regarding **weed spraying** dated **August 17, 2023** provided by **Public Works Director Wilde**.
3. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding a **BBQ and Open House** on **August 24, 2023** from **4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** at **Energy Capital Economic Development** provided by **Energy Capital Economic Development**.
4. Attached please find **information** regarding a **VA-Mobile Homeless Veteran Stand Down** on **August 29, 2023** from **1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** at the **Gillette VA Clinic** located at **604 Express Drive** provided by **County Commissioners Administrative Director Denton Knapp**.
5. Attached please find **information** regarding the **4th Annual Northeastern Wyoming Prevention Summit** on **September 21-22, 2023** at the **Cam-Plex Wyoming Center** provided by **County Commissioners Administrative Director Denton Knapp**.

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News

Cyanobacterial Bloom Identified in Gillette Fishing Lake

Post Date: 08/18/2023 10:42 AM

On August 18, 2023, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) issued a harmful cyanobacterial bloom (HCB) recreational use Bloom Advisory for Gillette Fishing Lake, located in Dalbey Park, based on data provided by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The WDH issues recreational use advisories when cyanobacterial cell densities or cyanotoxin concentrations pose a risk to people engaging in swimming or similar water contact activities in areas where cyanobacterial blooms occur. HCBs may also pose a health risk to animals. Bloom Advisories are issued when a HCB is present and toxins may be present. Toxin Advisories are issued when cyanotoxins exceed recreational thresholds. Waterbodies under an advisory are not closed since HCBs may only be present in certain areas and conditions can change frequently. Advisories will remain in place until blooms have fully dissipated and cyanotoxin concentrations are below recreational use thresholds identified in Wyoming's HCB Action Plan.

If you encounter a potential HCB, the Wyoming Department of Health and the Wyoming Livestock Board recommend the following:

- Avoid contact with water in the vicinity of the bloom, especially in areas where cyanobacteria are dense and form scums.
- Do not ingest water from the bloom. Boiling, filtration and/or other treatments will not remove toxins.
- Rinse fish with clean water and eat only the fillet portion.
- Avoid water spray from the bloom.
- Do not allow pets or livestock to drink water near the bloom, eat bloom material, or lick fur after contact.
- If people, pets, or livestock come into contact with a bloom, rinse off with clean water as soon as possible and contact a doctor or veterinarian.

Swimming at the Fishing Lake is prohibited. Eating fish taken from the Fishing Lake is never recommended. While the advisory is in effect, residents and visitors to Dalbey Park are encouraged to keep pets out of the water.

For more information about HCBs, please visit www.wyohcbs.org. For information about Dalbey Park and the Fishing Lake, please contact the City of Gillette Parks Division at (307) 686-5275.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

**Harmful cyanobacterial blooms (HCBs)
are known to occur in waterbodies in this area.**

For more information and to check advisory status: WyoHCBs.org



Do not swim in or come into contact with green water, floating scums or clumps.



Do not ingest water from a bloom. Boiling, filters and other treatments will not make the water safe.



Rinse fish with clean water and eat only the fillet portion.



Avoid water spray from a bloom.



Do not allow pets or livestock to drink water near a bloom, eat bloom material, or lick fur after contact.

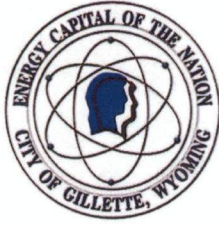


HCBs may be brown, green, or blue-green. HCBs may look like spilled-paint, grass clippings, or scums, and may leave a paste along the shoreline. HCBs can occur in or on the water, either floating or attached to plants, rocks, or other material.

If you or your pet get sick after water contact or ingestion, call your doctor or veterinarian.



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Public Works - Fleet Division

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TO: Administrator Cole
FROM: Sawley Wilde
DATE: August 17, 2023
RE: Weed Spraying Update – Irrigated Areas in Parks and Non-irrigated Areas for Streets

This memorandum will provide an update on the recent weed spraying activities carried out in our community. This report outlines the specific areas within parks that have been weed sprayed (irrigated areas) and the corresponding non-irrigated areas on streets where spraying has taken place. Additionally, the cost associated with current spraying activities is outlined for both irrigated areas and non-irrigated areas.

Parks (Irrigated Areas):

The budget for irrigated weed spraying for fiscal year 2023/2024 is \$30,000.00. The irrigated areas for contracted spraying include Hwy. 59, Hwy. 14/16, and 4J Rd. Boulevards. As of August 17, 2023, Parks has spent \$11,921.00 for irrigated weed spraying. TruGreen has the contract agreement with the City of Gillette for weed spraying irrigated areas. There are two more rounds of contractual weed spraying scheduled.

Additional weed spraying in irrigated areas is performed by Parks staff members. Various areas have been spot-treated. These are irrigated areas that have been sprayed outside the contractual agreement include:

1. Shoshone (Medians/Boulevards)
2. City West
3. City Hall
4. Sinclair (Medians)
5. Hwy 59 (Areas Not Covered Under Contractual Agreement)
6. Hwy 14/16 (Areas Not Covered Under Contractual Agreement)
7. Animal Control
8. McManamen Park
9. Dalbey Park
10. Warren/ 14/16
11. ECSC
12. Enzi (Medians)

A total of 1,709,206 square feet of irrigated area has been weed sprayed; this includes weed spraying completed by TrueGreen and the Parks staff.

Street (Non-Irrigated Areas):

Streets had \$3,500.00 remaining in the budget as of Spring of 2023. With the budget fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; the Streets Manager contacted TruGreen as they had a signed agreement with the City of Gillette. TruGreen used the rest of the allotted funds for weed spraying along 2nd Street from Brooks to the Gurley Overpass.

As of July 1, 2023, Midwest Pest Control has a signed agreement with the City of Gillette for non-irrigated weed spraying. As Streets mows right of ways, the best fight against weeds is situational. If there is a specific place in need of weed control a call is made to the Contractor and maps are provided for the specific area to be treated.

The budget for non-irrigated weed spraying for fiscal year 2023/2024 is \$20,000.00. Generally, we split the money to take care of weeds in summer months and retain some money for spring weed spraying. As of August 17, 2023, Streets has spent \$8,500.00 for non-irrigated weed spraying. Areas sprayed for non-irrigated areas include:

1. Energy Industrial Park
2. Old Westwood School (near 4-J)
3. Upper Sage Valley
4. Boysencreek Fence Line
5. Gurley (North of the Bridge to Warlow)
6. Echeta (Burma to Hwy 14/16)

If there are specific areas of concern that need addressed, please let me know where those are. Should you have any questions or require further information regarding the weed spraying activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

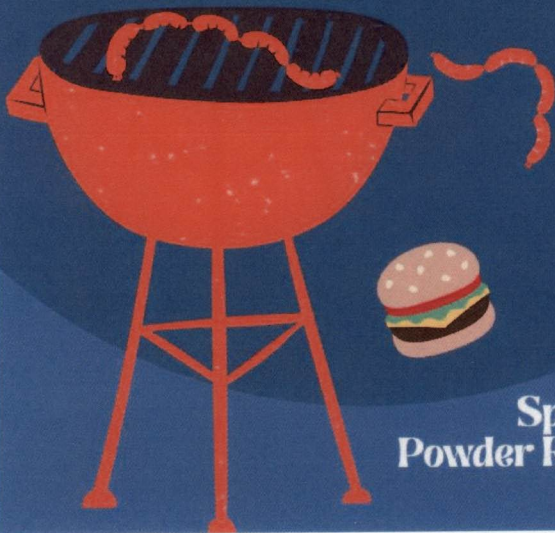
Respectfully,

Sawley Wilde

End of Summer BBQ and Open House

AUGUST 24

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM



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Veterans - Homeless – In danger of becoming – in need

VA - Mobile homeless Veteran Stand Down



Come See us for VA Information and Learning / Supplies / Gear / Just Say

August 28 – 1030 - 1130 Buffalo
August 29 – 1:30 – 2:30 Gillette CBOC
August 30 – 4:30 – 5:30 douglas

Times are subject to change depending on turn outs at each location.

Stand Down North Route

Monday 8/28/23

1030-1130 Distribute Buffalo

1330-1430 Distribute Gillette

1630-1730 Distribute Douglas

Tuesday 8/29/23

1030-1130 Distribute Thermopolis

1300-1400 Distribute in Worland

Wednesday 8/30/23

0830-0930 Distribute Cody

1530-1630 Distribute in Jackson

Stand Down South Route

Monday 8/28/23

1500-1600 Distribute in Riverton

Tuesday 8/29/23

8:30-9:30 Distribute in Lander

1230-1400 Distribute Rawlins

1415-1515 Distribute in Rock Springs

Wednesday 8/30/23

0800-900 Distribute in Rock Springs

1030-1130 Distribute in Kemmerer

1400-1600 Distribute in Afton

Thursday 8/31/23

1300-1400 Distribute in Dubois

* All times and locations are subject to change due to unknow travel and logistical issues.

4th Annual Northeastern Wyoming Prevention Summit

CAM-PLEX WYOMING CENTER
SEP 21 - 22, 2023

REGISTER

40

DAYS

10

HOURS

44

MINUTES

0

SECONDS

INTRODUCTION

The 4th Annual Northeast Prevention Summit brings together some of the brightest minds and national experts on mental health and other substance use. The two-day conference hosted in beautiful Gillette, WY will provide actionable insights, resources, and tools for anyone in prevention, treatment, law enforcement, and related areas!

If you want to purchase a table or tables for your company/organization with a check, please get in touch with us to arrange registration, contact information is below.

Katie Allen: katie.allen@wyo.gov

Ashley McRae: Ashley.McRae@campbellcountywy.gov

Joli Carr: Joli.Carr@campbellcountywy.gov

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Event Schedule



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Thu
Sep 21

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Sep 22

Opening Time/Check In/Registration 


8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Seating and Breakfast 


8:30 AM – 8:50 AM

Legislative Update 

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Wyoming Legislative Update by Eric Barlow

Life as a K-9 Law Enforcement Officer 

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM



Jacob Gordon
Lusk Police Department
K-9 Sargeant
[Speaker's Page](#)

The Lusk Police Department is thrilled to have Sgt. Jacob Gordon on staff. He will share his experiences working with a K9 partner and how this type of law enforcement works. Meet his new K9 and enjoy a demonstration!

Current Drug Trends from the street



10:30 AM – 11:30 AM



Ryan Cox

DCI

[Speaker's Page](#)

DCI will share what is happening statewide with various drug trends.

Lunch and Learn



11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Grab your provided lunch and enjoy it at your table while listening to our lunchtime speaker, Eric Canen from WYSAC. Eric will be sharing data and trends statewide for substance misuse and mental health for our youth. Prevention Specialists will also share how they work with this data to guide pr...

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Hemp Derived Intoxicants



1:30 PM – 3:30 PM



Ashley Schluck

Traffic Safety Resource

Prosecutor

City of Laramie Attorney's

Office

[Speaker's Page](#)

Delta-8, Delta-9, Cannabis, THC, CBD...What are all of these drugs and what do I need to know?

Ask A Legislator



3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Moderated by Senator Eric Barlow


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Uncovering the Look of Mental Illness 

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM


Survivors of Suicide Loss share their experience and Karen Sylvester board member WY Lifeline

Mental Health Statewide Initiative 


9:30 AM - 10:00 AM



Eric Barlow
Speaker's Page

This is How it Feels 

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM



Craig Miller
Author & Speaker
Speaker's Page

Lunch and Learn



11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Speaker will start at 12

From Trauma and Tragedy to Triumph



12:30 PM – 4:30 PM



Dr. Chris Wilson
Being Trauma Informed
[Speaker's Page](#)

We are excited to welcome back Dr. Chris Wilson! This year he will be joined by Bekah Charleston to talk about mental health, trauma, and sex trafficking.

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