



# CITY OF GILLETTE

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Michael Cole, City Administrator  
**RE:** General Information  
**DATE:** November 22, 2023

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **November 23 - December 1, 2023**

### **Thursday, November 23rd**

**Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices Closed**

### **Friday, November 24th**

**Employee Safety Recognition Day - City Offices Closed**

1. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving** dated **November 21, 2023** provided by **Public Affairs Director Toscana**.
2. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **2023 Holiday Lighting Contest Now Accepting Applications** dated **November 21, 2023** provided by **Public Affairs Director Toscana**.
3. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Ashton Floyd Named 2023 Christmas Pin Winner** dated **November 22, 2023** provided by **Public Affairs Director Toscana**.

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## News

# City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

**Post Date:** 11/21/2023 10:15 AM

City of Gillette facilities will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2023 for Thanksgiving.

There will be no trash pick up on Thursday, November 23. Solid Waste crews will run a double route on Friday, November 24 to pick up trash, yard waste and recycling for both Thursday and Friday routes.

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## News

# 2023 Holiday Lighting Contest

## Now Accepting Applications

**Post Date:** 11/21/2023 3:07 PM

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Holiday Lighting Contest. Take a moment to nominate yourself, a neighbor, a friend or any residential address in the City of Gillette!

### Contest Rules

- All homes in Gillette city limits are eligible.
- Participants must be at least age 18.

### Nominations

- Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, 2023.
- Submit your nomination with just a few clicks through our [Online Lighting Contest Entry Form](#), or send an email to [holidaylightingcontest@gillettewy.gov](mailto:holidaylightingcontest@gillettewy.gov) that includes the following:
  1. Your Name
  2. Address of house to be judged
  3. Your Phone number
  4. Your Email address
  5. A photo of the decorated home

### Judge's Choice Awards

- On December 11, judges from the Campbell County Senior Center will review all nominations and select their Judge's Choice winners.
- 1st place receives \$300, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$100
- The Senior Center judges will also select the top ten (10) homes to be judged for the People's Choice Awards. On Saturday, December 16, the Gillette News Record will run an article with pictures of the top ten homes. The Gillette News Record and City of Gillette will also post photo albums of the top ten homes on their respective Facebook pages.

### People's Choice Awards

- You can vote by liking the photos in the Facebook photo albums on the [Gillette News Record's page](#) and on the [City of Gillette's page](#). These photos will be posted on Facebook on December 16.
- Deadline for voting is Tuesday, December 19 at 8:00 a.m.
- You can vote for/like a house in each photo album (both on the News Record Facebook page and the City's Facebook page), and you can vote for as many houses from the top ten as you would like.
- The total number of likes that each house/address receives will be counted as votes. The votes from both the News Record Photo album and the City of Gillette photo album Facebook will be added up. The homes/addresses with the top three total votes are the People's Choice winners.
- 1st place receives \$300, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$100
- All winners will be announced on Tuesday, December 26.

### Publicity

By participating, each entrant grants Sponsor permission to use his/her name, likeness or comments for publicity purposes without payment of additional consideration, except where prohibited by law.

## **Contest Sponsors**

City of Gillette (Government) and Gillette News Record

## **Questions**

Please contact Public Affairs Director Jennifer Toscana at (307) 686-5202  
or [holidaylightingcontest@gillettewy.gov](mailto:holidaylightingcontest@gillettewy.gov)

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## News

# Ashton Floyd Named 2023 Christmas Pin Winner

**Post Date:** 11/22/2023 8:00 AM

During the City Council meeting on November 21, 2023, Ashton Floyd was recognized for her winning Christmas Pin design. Ashton is a student in Ms. Cosgrove's art class at Rawhide Elementary.

The City's Christmas Pin Contest has become a beloved community tradition over the last 20 years. Each fall, sixth grade students from the community are invited to submit their original sketches for the annual Christmas Pin Contest. This year, 148 students from seven elementary schools submitted entries.

Pins featuring Ashton's winning design are available to the public in the City Clerk's office, located on the first floor of City Hall at 201 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Pins are limited to one per person.

For more information, contact Public Affairs Director Jennifer Toscana at (307) 686-5202.

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