

Town of West Yellowstone

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Povah Community Center

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Purchase Orders

Treasurer's/Securities Report

Claims ∞

Consent Agenda: **October 1, 2013 Town Council Meeting** ∞

Business License Applications

Advisory Board Report(s):

Operations Manager & Department Head Reports

Assignments Report

Council Comments

Public Comment Period

Presentation: Gallatin College Ballot Issue ∞

NEW BUSINESS

Library Board Appointments, SJ Shepherd and Lacey Trowbridge ∞ Discussion/Action

Resort Tax Late Fee Waiver Request, Morning Glory Coffee & Tea ∞ Discussion/Action

Downtown Improvement District Requests ∞ Discussion/Action

- Request for \$1500 to purchase blue lights for downtown area (not budgeted)
- Request for release of \$1500 for engineering for proposed pavilion (\$28K budgeted in Capital Fund)
- Request Authorization to distribute survey

Town Attorney Recommendation to disband the Public Safety Commission ∞ Discussion/Action

Correspondence/FYI

- Resignation Letter, Officer Michael Gavagan ∞
- Government Shutdown Letters to Congressional Delegation & President Obama ∞

Meeting Reminders

Adjournment



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39236	2546 Century Link QCC	30.43							
	10/23/13 long dist chg	25.53		FINADM	1000 410510	345		101000	
	10/23/13 access fee/sm bus plan/tax	4.90		finadm	1000 410510	345		101000	
39239	2551 Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp	364.21							
	3000731924 10/01/13 elevator maint-Povah	364.21		POVAH	1000 411255	350		101000	
39243	2204 Republic Services	704.46							
	09/28/13 dumpster lease police	233.67		POLICE	1000 411258	534		101000	
	09/28/13 Chamber dumpster	235.24		CHAMB	1000 411257	534		101000	
	09/28/13 dumpster lease/shop	235.55		PARK	1000 460430	534		101000	
39246	266 Utilities Underground Location	23.66							
	3095278 09/30/13 excavation notifications	11.83		WATER	5210 430500	357		101000	
	3095278 09/30/13 excavation notifications	11.83		SEWER	5310 430600	357		101000	
39248	1514 Verizon Wireless	400.18							
	10/20/13 Dispatch 640-1460	10.44		PD ADM	1000 420110	345		101000	
	10/20/13 Parks 640-1461	76.86		PARKS	1000 460430	345		101000	
	10/20/13 PSS 640-9074	45.88		INSPT	1000 420531	345		101000	
	10/20/13 pw 640-1103	26.66		STREET	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/20/13 Soc Ser 640-1438	28.84		FIRE	1000 450135	345		101000	
	10/20/13 Pw 640-1462	103.52		STREET	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/20/13 PW 640-1463	41.24		STREET	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/20/13 PW 640-7547	22.81		STREET	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/20/13 Admin 640-1472	43.93		ADMIN	1000 410210	345		101000	
39250	2088 Town West Yellowstone	1,278.16							
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, Chamber, 895	63.94		BLDGS	1000 411257	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, UPDL, 892	53.14		BLDGS	1000 411252	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, PS Shops, 884	23.73		BLDGS	1000 411253	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, ESB, 883	164.88*		BLDGS	1000 411254	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs. Povah Ctr, 887	74.37		BLDGS	1000 411255	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, Police Dept, 886	25.65		BLDGS	1000 411258	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, City Park, 885	740.51		BLDGS	1000 411253	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, Library, 891	26.42		LIBRAR	2220 460120	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, Lift #1, 903	10.15		SEWER	5310 430600	340		101000	
	10/01/13 utility chrgs, Twn Hall, 921	95.37		TWNHAL	1000 411250	340		101000	

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39251	95 Energy West-Montana	1,061.48							
	10/27/13 nat gas - 62211 - updh	273.70		UPDH	1000 411252	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 62017 - police sta.	20.57		POLICE	1000 411258	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 12204-pub.svcs	30.93		STREET	1000 430200	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 62214- old firehall	30.93		PARK	1000 460430	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 01603 - Bldg. Dept.	34.80		INSPET	1000 420531	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 62205 - ems bldg	28.36		EMS/FI	1000 411254	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 61962 - library	32.22		LIBRAR	2220 460120	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 07154 - Povah Ctr.	191.60		POVAH	1000 411255	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas - 62207 - pub svcs	99.45		PUBSVC	1000 430200	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas -17279 -Town Hall	-100.48		TWNHAL	1000 411250	344		101000	
	09/27/13 nat gas 17569 - lift station	419.40		SEWR	5310 430600	344		101000	
39252	2716 CenturyLink	3,248.82							
	10/19/13 DSL Povah, 646-7982	56.25		POVAH	1000 411255	345		101000	
	10/19/13 DSL Fire/Town Offices 646-7962	141.20*		STREET	1000 411254	345		101000	
	10/19/13 DSL Library, 646-7953	77.20		LIBRAR	2220 460100	345		101000	
	10/19/13 DLS Police 646-0231	71.25		POLICE	1000 420110	345		101000	
	10/19/13 DSL Soc Serv 646-7951	71.25		SOC SER	1000 450135	345		101000	
	10/19/13 DSL Pub Serv Office 646-7949	71.25		BLDINS	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Sewer Treat 646-9027	38.19		STREET	5310 430600	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Sewer lift 646-5141	37.60		SEWER	5310 430600	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Fire Call Box 646-7273	37.60*		FIRE	1000 411254	345		101000	
	10/19/13 PCC Elevator 646-7481	41.57		POVAH	1000 411255	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex Finance - 16%	236.71		FINADM	1000 410510	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Police-20%	295.95		POLICE	1000 420110	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Soc Ser -7%	103.56		SOC SER	1000 450135	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Court - 7%	103.56		COURT	1000 410360	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Bld Ins - 10%	147.94		BLDINS	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Street - 11%	162.74		STREET	1000 430200	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Fire - 13%	192.33*		FIRE	1000 411254	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, PCC - 10%	147.94		POVAH	1000 411255	345		101000	
	10/19/13 Centrex, Lib	88.76		COURT	2220 460100	345		101000	
	10/19/13 E911 Viper 646-5170	98.37		E911	2850 420750	345		101000	
	10/19/13 E911 255-9710	995.84		E911	2850 420750	345		101000	
	10/19/13 E911 255-9712	31.76		E911	2850 420750	345		101000	
39289	2673 First Bankcard	388.21							
	09/09/13 USPS postage	33.05		WATER	5210 430500	311		101000	
	08/29/13 USPS postage	92.00		FINADM	1000 410510	311		101000	
	08/29/13 USPS postage	46.00		SOC SER	1000 450135	311		101000	

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	08/29/13 USPS postage	46.00		COURT	1000 410360	311	101000
	09/04/13 Dave's Jublilee	58.29		LEGIS	1000 410100	870	101000
	09/10/13 Home Depot	112.87*		TWNHAL	4005 411200	920	101000
39290	1907 Kathleen Hopkins	68.78					
	10/01/13 reimb binders	8.99		POLICE	1000 420100	220	101000
	10/07/13 reimb batteries	12.99		POLICE	1000 420100	220	101000
	09/25/13 reimb travel, 911 board meetin	46.80		POLICE	1000 420100	370	101000
39291	2189 Custom Logo	99.84					
	11607 09/19/13 dispatch shirts, Desrochers	99.84		POLICE	1000 420100	226	101000
39292	2540 Centennial Auto Repair	388.91					
	9253 10/01/13 starter issues 06 Durango	388.91		POLICE	1000 420100	361	101000
39293	1311 Teton Communications	159.50					
	125650 10/02/13 radio charger	159.50		POLICE	1000 420100	220	101000
39294	1454 Big Sky Publishing	229.45					
	971979 09/23/13 display ad, move offices	56.25		FINADM	1000 410510	870	101000
	969858 09/27/13 Lib positions, Pre-K ads	173.20		LIB	1000 410210	327	101000
39295	1954 W Yellowstone Public Library	5,429.42					
	10/07/13 balance of trust for Pre-K pro	5,429.42		LIB	2220 102130		101000
39296	2163 Island Park Services, Inc.	330.00					
	33833 09/30/13 road base	330.00*		TWNHAL	4005 411200	920	101000
39297	151 WY Hebgen Basin Refuse District	429.40					
	09/30/13 transfer station charges	429.40		PARKS	1000 460430	534	101000
39298	65 Tractor & Equipment Co	270.60					
	42cs041008 09/26/13 parts	270.60		STREET	1000 430200	369	101000
39299	471 Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc.	201.70					
	5190856 09/26/13 meter register	201.70		WATER	5210 430590	251	101000
39300	2762 Mission Communications, LLC	3,380.40					
	40022209 09/23/13 alarm system streaming	1,690.20		WATER	5210 430500	398	101000
	40022209 09/23/13 alarm system streaming	1,690.20		SEWER	5310 430600	398	101000

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39301	999999 FRANCISCO PADALLA 10/10/13 RT Bond Refund	500.00 500.00		RT	2100 214000		101000
39302	1311 Teton Communications 125583 09/17/13 set volume control	58.50 58.50		POLICE	1000 420100	362	101000
39303	2647 Bigfork Web Development, Inc. j.primmer 09/26/13 project mgmt t.elliott 06/17/13 website updates	189.95 40.80 149.15		FINANC FINANC	1000 410510 1000 410510	356 356	101000 101000
39304	2360 Altius Handcrafted Firearms 3316 10/03/13 remington 870P shotgun 3316 10/03/13 tac star shell carrier (2) 3316 10/03/13 THE Mamba shotgun sling (2) 3316 10/03/13 tactical sling adapt. plate (2) 3316 10/03/13 Fiocchi .38 spec. (2) 3316 10/03/13 gunsmithing svc	1,152.00 803.00 80.00 126.00 60.00 48.00 35.00		POLCHF POLICE POLICE POLICE POLICE POLICE	1000 420110 1000 420100 1000 420100 1000 420100 1000 420100 1000 420100	212 220 389 220 389 220	101000 101000 101000 101000 101000 101000
39305	2099 Quick Print of West Yellowstone 4427 08/30/13 scan and email 4279 09/18/13 poster-chris daniels 4320 09/26/13 copies	66.41 3.25 58.36 4.80		LIBES LIBES LIBES	2220 460100 2220 460100 2220 460100	220 220 220	101000 101000 101000
39306	2779 Treasure State Lock & Key 993030 10/07/13 fix mic& camera cell 2&3 933030 10/07/13 inventory 933030dspc 10/07/13 move hall camera 933030 10/07/13 fix mic hall camera 933030 10/07/13 lights/louvres 933030 10/07/13 4" louvres 933030 10/07/13 48" T8 bulbs 933030 10/07/13 recess light trim	374.82 87.50 17.50 52.50 17.50 87.50 7.98 97.35 6.99		DSPCTR DSPCTR DSPCTR DSPCTR DSPCTR DSPCTR DSPCTR DSPCTR	1000 411258 1000 411258 1000 411258 1000 411258 1000 411258 1000 411258 1000 411258 1000 411258	366 366 366 366 366 366 366 366	101000 101000 101000 101000 101000 101000 101000 101000
39307	2099 Quick Print of West Yellowstone 4296 10/02/13 1000 envelopes w/return police	104.00 104.00		POLICE	1000 420100	220	101000
39308	2318 Taser International S11335477 10/02/13 X26E kit black/silver, DPM	836.00 836.00		POLICE	1000 420100	212	101000

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39309	587 White & White Veterinary Hosp.	382.50							
10/10/13	Derrick Shedd - animal disposa	382.50*		ANIMAL	1000 440600	220		101000	
39310	2827 Idaho Transportation Department	53.00							
2201308800	03/29/13 cdl test - slaughter	13.00		STREET	1000 430200	380		101000	
2201327000	09/27/13 license fee	40.00		STREET	1000 430200	380		101000	
39311	999999 WESTERN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	15,600.90							
135150	09/30/13 desk in court	3,662.75		COURT	1000 410360	364		101000	
135150	09/30/13 desk in soc. svc	3,662.75		SOCSSVC	1000 411250	364		101000	
135150	09/30/13 desk in Publice services	3,288.60		TWNHLL	1000 411250	364		101000	
135150	09/30/13 desk in ops mgr office	4,986.80		OPSMGR	1000 411250	364		101000	
39312	497 MT Dept Environmental Quality	998.00							
5114005596	09/25/13 community connection fee	998.00		WATER	5210 430500	335		101000	
39313	375 Black Mountain	1,260.00							
17524	10/01/13 payroll maintenance fee	1,185.00		FINANC	1000 410510	356		101000	
17524	10/01/13 direct deposit module	75.00		FINANC	1000 410510	356		101000	
39314	2575 WY Tourism Business Improvement	45,786.31							
10/10/13	sept. 2013 collections	45,786.31		TBID	2102 411800	540		101000	
39315	951 Barnes & Noble	259.59							
in2653908	09/15/13 books	259.59		LIBES	2220 460100	215		101000	
39316	54 Bozeman Daily Chronicle	364.80							
2400650	09/22/13 library subscription to chron	182.40		LIBES	2220 460100	215		101000	
2400650	09/22/13 town office subscription	182.40		ADMIN	1000 410210	333		101000	
39317	1031 Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply	205.72							
492370	09/06/13 m. austin uniform supplies	178.97		STREET	1000 430200	226		101000	
09/25/13	f/c	26.75		STREET	1000 430200	226		101000	
39318	2824 B & B Plumbing, LLC	840.00							
1341	10/07/13 Griz Rv Park meter install	840.00		WATER	5210 430590	251		101000	
39319	489 MSE ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	207.00							
1309056	09/26/13 water samples	207.00		WATER	5210 430500	357		101000	

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39320	764 General Distributing Co.	38.10							
16841	09/30/13 ind hp 110-150	9.30		STREET	1000 430200	220		101000	
16841	09/30/13 ind hp 175-275	18.60		STREET	1000 430200	220		101000	
16841	09/30/13 acetylene	10.20		STREET	1000 430200	220		101000	
39321	2163 Island Park Services, Inc.	165.00							
33840	10/03/13 3/4 road base	165.00		TWNHLL	1000 411250	366		101000	
39322	2782 BioLynceus Biological Solutions,	2,406.79							
4872	10/01/13 55 PBI drum	2,248.40		SEWER	5310 430640	459		101000	
4872	10/01/13 shipping	158.39		SEWER	5310 430640	459		101000	
39323	2808 Parker's Sand & Gravel, Inc.	144.00							
17244	09/10/13	144.00		TWNHLL	1000 411250	366		101000	
39324	1331 West Yellowstone Foundation	7,500.00							
10/04/13	first 1/2 of bus grant	7,500.00		LEGIS	1000 410100	870		101000	
39325	2421 NAPA Auto Parts	858.27							
16566	09/30/13 auto parts/supplies	858.27		STREET	1000 430200	220		101000	
39327	40 Jerry's Enterprises	46.98							
10150050	09/07/13 gigaware multimedia	19.99		DSPTCH	1000 420160	220		101000	
10150969	09/07/13 25' cate5e cable	26.99		FINANC	1000 410510	220		101000	
39328	2377 Kathleen Brandis	261.42							
252533	09/23/13 reimb lodge exp. jud. conferen	261.42		COURT	1000 410360	370		101000	
39329	135 Food Roundup	25.57							
09/10/13	detergent uniforms	25.57		STREET	1000 430200	220		101000	
39330	73 Westmart Building Center	11,309.95							
09/27/13	supplies	28.49		STREET	1000 430200	366		101000	
09/27/13	supplies	148.14		STREET	1000 430200	220		101000	
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TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE
Claim Approval List
For the Accounting Period: 10/13

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Report ID: AP100

* ... Over spent expenditure

Claim	Check	Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Vendor #/Name/	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object Proj	Cash Account
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WEST YELLOWSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Council Meeting
October 1, 2013

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jerry Johnson, Brad Schmier, and Doc Stewart, John Costello, and Tom Cherhoniak

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Jim McKenna, Social Services Director Jack Dittmann, Finance Director Lanie Gospodarek, Chief of Police Gordon Berger, Sheriff Brian Gootkin, Dispatcher James Longworth, Sergeant Aaron Frank, Mrs. McCoy, Kathy Hopkins, Jake Schmier, Jerry Schmier, Greg Forsythe, Ed Geiger, Gail Loomis, WY School Science Teacher Sara Randle plus six students, Willie Binfet, Assistant Fire Chief Shane Grube, Kyle Goltz Fire Chief Scott Waldron, Social Services Assistant Kathy Arnado, Assistant Superintendent of Public Services David Arnado, Kurt Holtzen, Sherie Holtzen, Sheriff Deputy Matt Stubblefield, Scott Clark, Fall River Regional Manager Randy Wakefield, Cynthia Knapp, Benny McCracken, Officer Neil Courtis, Court Clerk Joyce Hanna

The meeting is called to order by Mayor Jerry Johnson at 7:00 PM in the Povah Community Center

Portions of the meeting are being recorded.

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

ACTION TAKEN

- 1) Motion carried to pay the claims, which total \$141,409.00. (Stewart, Cherhoniak) Johnson abstains from #39288.
- 2) Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the September 17, 2013 Town Council Meeting and September 24, 2013 Work Session. (Stewart, Cherhoniak)
- 3) Motion carried to approve the Application to Maintain an Encroachment made by Sara Randle and Jo Stevens of the West Yellowstone School to locate three geocaches on public property. (Stewart, Cherhoniak)
- 4) Motion carried to approve the use of the entire building of Fire Station 1 (10 South Faithful Street and 400 Yellowstone Avenue) by the Hebgen Basin Rural Fire District and establish a deadline of November 1, 2013 to begin negotiations on whether to sell or lease the building to the HBFD and the terms of such lease or sale. (Stewart, Schmier)
- 5) Motion carried to approve the Library Services Contract with Gallatin County for FY 2014. (Stewart, Schmier)

Council Comments

Mayor Jerry Johnson reports that lifelong resident Susie Whitman who has been battling cancer got a clean bill of health last week and that is great news.

Public Comment

No Public Comment is received.

Presentation: Gallatin County Sheriff Brian Gootkin

Sheriff Brian Gootkin addresses the Council and substantial crowd in attendance. He briefly introduces himself and explains that he was a deputy for several years in Big Sky before being elected as the sheriff. He says he has no time for politics and rumors and he is here to set the record straight. He says he wants to make it clear that they are not investigating the West Yellowstone Police Department. He says that if they do receive complaints about police investigations, they are obligated to follow up, and they have had multiple inquiries and complaints. He says it is not their responsibility to act as internal affairs for the police department, that is the responsibility of the Town Council. He says they are always willing to

offer assistance to the West Yellowstone Police Department. He says they did have some questions about training but understands that the Town is addressing those concerns. He also makes it clear that he will not answer any questions about the Chief of Police or any internal issues in the department. Stewart asks how many complaints have been received by the Sheriff's office. Gootkin says he cannot actually provide an accurate answer because some of the complaints have come to his lieutenants, but it does seem like there is a new call daily. Schmier asks if the Sheriff's office is stretched to cover West Yellowstone. Gootkin says no, they have a new deputy in Big Sky, which is being funded by Big Sky's resort tax. McKenna asks about concurrent jurisdiction for felonies, which traditionally has been lead by the West Yellowstone Police Department, and if that going to change. Gootkin answers that it will not. Forsythe asks about procedure for felonies. Gootkin explains that they work with the WYPD and follow up if there are any questions about an investigation. Rocky Hermanson asks for clarification about the chain of command. Gootkin says town residents are also residents of Gallatin County and therefore are under the jurisdiction of the county as well as the Town Police Department. Cynthis Knapp questions whether a new officer that has not attended the academy should be the field training officer. Gootkin says he can only respond in regard to his department, but they typically require a significant amount of training before becoming a training officer. Stewart asks Gootkin if he has any concerns about the safety of the citizens or ability of the officers to respond in West Yellowstone and he says that he does not.

DISCUSSION

- 3) West Yellowstone School Science Teacher Sara Randle addresses the Town Council and explains the geocache project that she and Technology Teacher Jo Stevens are working on with 8th and 9th grade students. She explains that geocaching is an activity that has become quite popular over the last decade. Participants hide "geocaches" of information in obscure locations and other seekers use websites or smartphones and GPS coordinates to locate the cache. She explains that their purpose today is to obtain permission to hide three geocaches on public property. The actual containers are very small and often magnetic. The three proposed locations are on the Union Pacific Water Tower, Union Pacific Stagecoach Pavilion, and close to the Union Pacific Railroad Car. Cherhoniak asks why the students are learning about this. Randle explains that the project requires safe internet practices, learning to read latitude and longitude, mapping, topography, and applying technology. Randle also explains that when people find one of their geocaches, they log it on the website.
- 4) Mayor Johnson explains that last week they held a Work Session with representatives from the Hebgen Basin Fire District concerning the future use of the office space in Fire Station One at 10 South Faithful. He says it was a beneficial meeting and there was agreement that space should be occupied by the fire department. Fire Chief Scott Waldron agrees and thanks the Council for the consideration. Cherhoniak says they also have an obligation to the YHC and perhaps they should wait until they settle that as well. Johnson says that is a good point but they have had discussion about other locations for the YHC that may work out better. Schmier also points out that when that building was constructed 20 years ago, the purpose was to house emergency services. The Town moved in "temporarily" and it turned into 20 years. Johnson also says that after reading the Interlocal Agreeent with HBFD, it is clear that the intent was to turn that space over to HBFD when the Town Offices moved out.
- A) Operations Manager/Department Head Reports: Operations Manager Becky Guay

The meeting is adjourned. (8:00 PM)

Mayor

An Introduction to Gallatin College

Southwest Montana's Two-Year College

Medical Assistant



Aviation



Welding Technology



About Gallatin College Montana State University

Gallatin College MSU is Southwest Montana's two-year college, offering associate degrees and one-year professional certificates. Gallatin College complements the four-year programs at Montana State University and ensures access to workforce development that promotes a vibrant local economy. Gallatin College collaborates extensively with area industries to develop new programs and provide responsive training options that meet local workforce needs.

Gallatin College strongly supports open access, affordability and responsiveness to local needs. High quality instruction, small class sizes, and out-of-class academic support are hallmarks of Gallatin College.

Workforce Programs

Gallatin College's one- and two-year Workforce Programs are designed to meet the needs of students who want to improve their skills and advance their career opportunities, or who are interested in a career change.

Transfer & General Education

Gallatin College's transfer and general education degrees are designed to meet the needs of students who are undecided about their educational goals, prefer small class sizes, are concerned about affordability, need academic support, or desire a more gradual entrance into the university.

Additional Enhancement

Gallatin College provides engaging learning opportunities to enable students to enhance academic and life skills, succeed in developmental coursework, excel in subsequent college-level courses, and become lifelong learners. In addition, dual enrollment, or dual credit, is designed to provide high school students with the opportunity to earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously. Dual enrollment is available at select area high schools.

Gallatin College Facts

Enrollment: 300 degree seeking; more than 900 total students

Admission: Open Enrollment (no entrance exams required)

Class Schedule: Courses offered days and evenings

Attendance Status: 39 percent part-time, 61 percent full-time

Student Gender: 47 percent female, 53 percent male

Transfer Degrees: Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts (AA)

Associate of Applied Science (AAS): aviation, interior design, design drafting

Certificate of Applied Science (CAS): bookkeeping, health information coding, medical assistant, residential building performance, welding

Primary Service Area: Gallatin College serves Gallatin and surrounding counties in southwest Montana, and is open to all students

Student Characteristics

- Adults changing careers
- Have work and family responsibilities
- Approximately half over 24 years old
- Students needing financial aid
- First-time college students

For more information

406-994-5536

gallatincollege@montana.edu

gallatin.montana.edu

WORKFORCE PROGRAMS		<i>Program Length (Full-time)</i>	<i>Class Location</i>
Aviation	Associate of Applied Science	2 years	Summit Aviation/Gallatin Field
Design Drafting	Associate of Applied Science	2 years	Hamilton Hall-MSU Campus
Interior Design	Associate of Applied Science	2 years	Herrick Hall-MSU Campus
Bookkeeping	Certificate of Applied Science	1 year	Bozeman High School B Wing
Health Information Coding	Certificate of Applied Science	1 year	BHS B Wing/Stiff Building
Medical Assistant	Certificate of Applied Science	1 year	Bozeman High School B Wing
Residential Building Performance	Certificate of Applied Science	1 year	Weatherization Center
Welding Technology	Certificate of Applied Science	1 year	Bozeman High Metals Lab

GENERAL EDUCATION/TRANSFER DEGREES		<i>Program Length (Full-time)</i>	<i>Class Location</i>
Arts General Education	Associate of Arts	2 years	Hamilton Hall & BHS B Wing
Science General Education	Associate of Science	2 years	Hamilton Hall & BHS B Wing

Companies that have hired Gallatin College graduates

Morrison-Maierle, Bozeman
 Belcan Engineering, Bozeman
 Stillwater Mining Company, Columbus
 Belgrade Urgent Care, Belgrade
 Livingston Hospital, Livingston
 Bozeman OB/GYN, Bozeman
 Bozeman Pediatrics, Bozeman
 Acorn Pediatrics, Bozeman
 KR Office Interiors, Helena

HC Design and Consulting, Bozeman
 McPhie Cabinetry, Bozeman
 Brandner Design, Bozeman
 Skywest Airlines, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Republic Airways, Indianapolis, Ind.
 EVA Air, Anchorage, Ak.
 Summit Aviation, Bozeman
 Delaware North, Bozeman



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GALLATIN COLLEGE



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Gallatin County Two-Year Education Mill Levy Election Information

Mill Levy Question as stated on the November 5, 2013 ballot

Should the board of county commissioners be authorized to make a levy of one and one half mills in order to raise \$369,856 per year based on the 2014 fiscal year mill rate for the purpose to fund the cost of operations for Gallatin College Montana State University, Gallatin County's comprehensive two-year college?

Why is the request being made?

1. The funding would support the enrollment and program growth plans of the college and meet the needs of Gallatin County students and local employers.
2. The funding supports the development of the skilled local workforce that is integral to our county's economic development.
3. The addition of the local funding to the state funding and student tuition that the college already receives will help keep the cost affordable.
4. The proposed mill levy would establish local funding support for two-year education in Gallatin County and meet the Montana Board of Regents' requirement for an equitable local mill levy.
5. Gallatin is the only Montana County with an established Comprehensive Two-Year College that doesn't levy at least 1.5 mills for local two-year education.

How will the county funding be used?

1. The county funding will be used to create additional workforce related one and two-year programs.
2. Programs that are being planned include: Small Business Management, Advanced Manufacturing and Machining, IT Support Technician, Culinary Arts and more than 20 other programs in healthcare, business, hospitality, technology and manufacturing industries.
3. These programs can require a significant investment in machinery and equipment, software, specialized facilities and program development work.
4. The funding will allow the college to serve hundreds of more students and create local employment opportunities for students.

How Much Will it Cost?

1. The annual amount raised by the county-wide 1.5 mills is projected to be \$369,856.
2. Impact on property owners is \$2.08 annually for a \$100,000 in assessed property value or \$4.15 annually for \$200,000 in assessed property value. (Assessed property value is generally less than market price)

For More Information Contact: Dean Bob Hietala at 406-994-5523 or robert.hietala@montana.edu

Gallatin College purpose

Gallatin College offers two-year associate degrees and one-year professional certificates to area residents.

Annual cost of mill levy to Gallatin County property owners

Examples:

\$2.08 per \$100,000 in assessed property value*

\$4.15 annually for \$200,000 in assessed property value*

**Assessed property value is generally less than market price*

Current programs:

- Associate of Arts (2 year)
- Associate of Science (2 year)
- Aviation (2 year)
- Bookkeeping (1 year)
- Design Drafting (2 year)
- Health Information Coding (1 year)
- Interior Design (2 year)
- Medical Assistant (1 year)
- Welding Technology (1 year)

Planned programs

- Small Business Management
- Advanced Manufacturing and Machining
- IT Support Technician
- Culinary Arts
- More than 20 other programs in healthcare, business, hospitality, technology and manufacturing industries

gallatin.montana.edu



Gallatin College MSU Information for Spring 2014 West Yellowstone

Objective: Gallatin College MSU intends to determine interest for college educational offerings in West Yellowstone. To assess student and community interest, Gallatin College proposes offering one or two business writing or workplace interpersonal skills courses in spring 2014. Both of the courses listed below are common requirements for Gallatin College one-year professional certificate programs. These courses would also provide elective college credit for students wishing to pursue four-year degrees, or would be relevant courses for individuals currently in the workforce.

WRIT 104 WORKPLACE COMMUNICATIONS 2 credits

This course reviews the basic elements of grammar and language arts skills in business writing. Emphasis is placed on writing business letters, memos, emails, and reports for a variety of business applications as well as giving oral presentations. Letters of application and resumes are also covered.

Tuition/fee cost: \$327.70

COMX 102 INTERPERSONAL SKILLS IN THE WORKPLACE 1 credit

This course covers the basic elements of communication in the business environment, including listening, speaking, and reading. It also looks at the importance of nonverbal communication, ethics, and professional courtesy. It discusses the importance of internal skills within the business and external skills with customers.

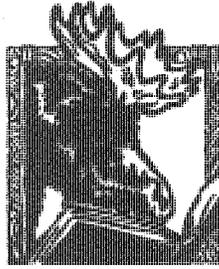
Tuition/fee cost: \$204.90

Students:

Your first step is to apply online at gallatin.montana.edu/apply by Dec. 6, 2013. After your application is complete call our Academic Advisor, Nicole Berg, 994-5536 or nicole.berg@montana.edu so she can assist in registering for the courses. Questions: call Gallatin College at 994-5536 or gallatincollege@montana.edu.

Interested adjunct faculty:

If you have professional or teaching experience with interpersonal communication or business writing, and a Bachelor's degree in business, communications, English, or a related field and are interested in teaching one of these courses in West Yellowstone, please contact Janet Heiss Arms at 994-6234 or jheiss@montana.edu.



West Yellowstone Public Library

27 September 2013

West Yellowstone Town Council

The Library Board of Trustees has approved two new applicants to be members of the Board following the resignations of Rachel Sang and Bill Arnardo.

The Board requests that the Council ratify its choice of S.J. Sheppard and Lacey Trowbridge to be the new members of the Board.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rocky Hermanson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Rocky Hermanson

Chair, Library Board of Trustees



Because there was some confusion on our part as to whether the town offices would be accepting payments during your transition, we are delayed in our payment. The only information I could find in regards to your transition was this notice in the paper that does not state if the offices would be receiving or be delayed due to office transition. We were also in Bozeman at the emergency room/doctor this past Wed~Friday, at the request of our doctor with my wife and business partner Laura for a problem related to her recent kidney cancer surgery.

(The Town of West Yellowstone offices will be moving from their current location to the new Town Hall, located at 440 Yellowstone Ave. next Wednesday, Sept. 25 through Friday, Sept. 27. Office staff may not be present in the office during regular business hours during those days.)

We are not intentionally delinquent and request that we are waved from the late fee.

Best,

Chris and Laura Burke

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and fundraising materi- als, and social media. For more information, call 646-7001 or email jenniferh@grizzlydiscov- eryctr.com.

Fly fishing conclave returns to West Yellowstone

The International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) 48th annual International Fly Fishing Fair returns to West Yellowstone this September. The conclave, which will be held Sept 26 through Sept. 28, is the largest educational experience dedicated to fly-fishing and will feature a variety of workshops, demonstrations and displays. The event features more than 70 workshops and clinics on casting, fly tying, and

on-water fishing techniques taught by well-known instructors. Class and workshops are taught by well-known instructors Bob Jacklin, Craig Mathews, Steve Fernandez, Scott Sanchez, Bruce Richards, Al Buhr, Rhea Topping, Molly Semenik and others.

Registration is in the Holiday Inn, located at 315 Yellowstone Ave. in West Yellowstone. Show day passes are available at registration for \$10. The fly-fishing show, Casting Rendezvous and other free demonstrations will be held at the Union Pacific Dining Hall. Fees vary for workshops. For further information about the fair, visit www.fedflyfishers.org.

Weekly fire

update

The transition to autumn is taking place, with a cool nip in the air.

During this time of the year, nothing warms the soul like a campfire on a chilly night. While National Forest System Lands on the Gallatin National Forest are no longer in fire restrictions, there is still a chance of wildfires. As hunting season gets underway and evening frosts settle in the area cool ratty days can quickly shift to warm windy days. With that in mind, a warming fire that barely smoldered one day can come to life and run through dry grasses and brush into heavy timber the next. Frost and warm windy fall days actually further dry grasses and brush until significant mois-

ture is received. Be sure to leave your campfire dead out and cold to the touch every time you decide to make a fire.

Free day at the YHC Museum

Stop by the Yellowstone Historic Museum on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free and all exhibits will be open and movies will be showing including: "Yellowstone Aflame," "Odyssey: The Montana Centennial Train" and "Yellowstone Earthquake" (1959 Hebgen Lake disaster). This is also your last chance to see the Thoroughfare Exhibit about Yellowstone's southeast region; the most remote location in the lower 48 states.

A "brat" dinner will

be served from 6 to 6 p.m. at a cost per person, including a bratwurst, sauerkraut, chips, drink and

Knit night

Thursday night is back for the summer. Everyone welcome to stop knit night on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Send it on Madison Ave.

Birthdays

Celebrating a birthday in the upcoming month are Isaac Vega and Barta (Sept. 23) Lindstrom and Merriman (Sept. 21).

Anniversaries

Celebrating an anniversary in the upcoming week are Kyle Rachael Burden (Sept. 21).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town Offices are moving into the new Town Hall at 440 Yellowstone Avenue, Wednesday-Friday of next week, September 25-27, 2013.

The staff will continue to try to serve the public during the move, but we do appreciate your patience during this transition. We hope to resume normal business operations in our new offices by Monday, September 30, 2013.



WOLF BAR

THROUGH FOOTBALL SEASON

MARY BAR

SUNDAY TICKET

SCREENS

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SUNDAY TICKET

Every day all of us face the challenge and excitement of making a living, making an enjoyable life for our families and taking pride in our community as a beautiful place for millions of people from around the world to experience and enjoy. In the last couple of years, you as individuals, business owners and members of various organizations, our Public Works, police and Fire Departments, our Town Council and we, as the DID, have created economic benefits, improved the quality of life and beautified the Downtown District and surrounding area.

We want to see the many successes continue and multiply. We need your help to remedy persistent concerns. We are looking for your suggestions on how to control the litter and garbage deposited in the interior parks and parkways. We would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire to guide us in our next effort.

1. Would you like to see a revised litter ordinance to address the current litter problems? I.E. It shall be unlawful for a customer to allow trash to accumulate and create an unsightly, unsanitary condition around their dumpster or garbage site including grease barrels and cardboard receptacles. It is the responsibility of each and every customer to maintain a neat and clean disposal site. In the case of shared sites, the responsibility for cleanup shall be equally assumed. Failure to do so within a six hour time period after being notified will cost the customer cleanup fees, plus a fine as provided by the town ordinance pertaining to these issues.

2. Would you like to have defined parking within the interior parks?

3. Should merchandise be allowed on the sidewalks?

4. Should businesses be allowed to board up their windows when closed?

5. Do you feel the Downtown District has improved over the last several years?

Thank you

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Becky Guay, West Yellowstone Operations Manager

FROM: James D. McKenna, West Yellowstone Town Attorney 

RE: West Yellowstone Public Safety Commission

DATE: September 16, 2013

You have asked me to analyze and comment upon the status and continued operation of the West Yellowstone Public Safety Commission. That commission was created some time ago, and consists of three persons appointed by the West Yellowstone Town Council. The commission has some general oversight authority over the West Yellowstone Police Department, and questions have arisen recently as to the validity and function of the commission.

Public safety commissions are authorized by Montana law, as follows:

Public safety commission. (1) The department of public safety shall be under the supervision of a public safety commission.

(2) The commission shall consist of three, five, or seven members. Each member of the commission shall serve a 4-year term

§ 7-32-121, MCA. The statute cited above necessarily contemplates a department of public safety. Such a department is authorized by § 7-32-101, MCA, as follows:

Department of public safety authorized. In counties having a taxable valuation of less than \$30 million, on agreement of the legislative body of a city or town with the county commissioners of the county in which it is located, there may be established a department of public safety in lieu of a police department and a sheriff's office.

Clearly, Gallatin County and the Town of West Yellowstone do not meet the requirements necessary for establishment of a department of public safety. This statute is intended to allow counties and municipalities, with small populations and low taxable valuations, to utilize a department of public safety in place of a sheriff's office and police department. Gallatin County has a taxable valuation far in excess of \$30 million, and a sheriff's department. West Yellowstone, as required by law (§ 7-32-4101, MCA), has a police department.

Ms. Becky Guay
September 16, 2013
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For these reasons, I recommend that the West Yellowstone Public Safety Commission be disbanded immediately. The Town should then, as soon as is reasonably possible, establish a police commission, and the mayor should, with the consent of the town council, appoint three residents of the town to serve on the police commission. This action is required by § 7-32-4151, MCA, since West Yellowstone has more than two full-time law enforcement officials. This statute, together with those that follow it in the state code, provide guidelines for operation of the police commission.

I hope this memorandum answers the questions you had. Please contact me if I may be of further assistance.

[DATE]

West Yellowstone, MT 59758

RE: Dissolution of West Yellowstone Public Safety Commission

Dear _____:

As you know, the West Yellowstone Public Safety Commission was created several years ago to provide some oversight over the West Yellowstone Police Department. Recently, questions have arisen as to the validity and continued operation of the Public Safety Commission. About a month ago, we asked the West Yellowstone City Attorney to review the matter and advise us about the commission. The attorney set forth his conclusions and recommendation in a memorandum, a copy of which is attached to this letter. Based upon our attorney's advice, the town council has voted to dissolve or disband the Public Safety Commission, effective immediately. This letter will serve as your notice of that action.

On behalf of the Town of West Yellowstone, I wish to thank you for your service to the Town. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

REBECCA C. GUAY
Town Operations Manager

West Yellowstone Police Department

RECEIVED
10/7/2013

Michael P. Gavagan
Police Patrol Officer
P.O. Box 1510
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-640-1685
mikegavagan@gmail.com

10/4/2013

Gordon Berger
Chief of Police
West Yellowstone Police Department
124 Yellowstone Ave., Box 1570
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

Dear Gordon,

Please accept this letter as a notification of my resignation. My last day will be on October 18, 2013.

It has been a pleasure to work as a police officer for the West Yellowstone Police Department. I have forged friendships with my co-officers and dispatchers and regret that I have to leave. Unfortunately, I feel that it is time for me to move on to new things. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity that has been presented to me here at the PD. However, it would be in my best interests if I accepted the position that the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office has offered me.

I appreciate being able to have worked for the West Yellowstone Police Department and I wish you all the best. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be part of this department; it was an honor to work here. If there is anything I can do during the transition, please let me know.

Regards,



Michael P. Gavagan

TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE MONTANA

naturally interesting

October 3, 2013

Senator Max Baucus
Office of Senator Max Baucus
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

We are writing you today to express our heartfelt disappointment over the federal government shutdown resulting in the closure of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) and our national forests, and the effect this closure has on the Town of West Yellowstone's residents, businesses and visitors.

There has been a mass exodus of visitors leaving town as a result of the closure of YNP, effectively ending the summer season for all tourism related businesses in the area. In addition to the economic hardships imposed upon the many federal employees living in the area, the Park's closure adversely impacts all YNP concessionaires, tour operators, restaurants, hotels, RV parks and campgrounds, retail stores, gas stations, transportation-related companies, and the myriad of personnel employed by these businesses. The premature lay-offs of these employees will greatly impact their ability to make it through the long winter season, and with the expiration of extended unemployment benefits, most of these workers will lose all sources of income before Christmas.

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Senator Max Baucus

October 3, 2013

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Sincerely,



Jerry Johnson, Mayor
The Town of West Yellowstone

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Congressman Steve Daines
Office of Congressman Daines
206 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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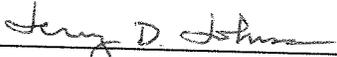
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Office of Senator Jon Tester
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2604

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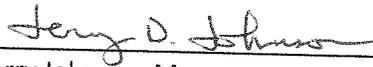
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Jerry Johnson, Mayor

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

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