

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BREAKS GROUND



June 14, 2024, was an exciting day for the Town of West Yellowstone as the groundbreaking event happened for the new mechanical Aero-mod wastewater treatment facility. The Town of West Yellowstone has been under a moratorium for years now since it has outgrown it's current lagoon system. The new wastewater treatment facility will be in the existing location west of Town.



The area where the new mechanical wastewater treatment plant will sit.

This project has been an ongoing mission of the Town of West Yellowstone for years. With a project of this magnitude it takes a series of partners to get something like this completed. First off, the partnership with the Montana Department of Transportation of Aeronautics for the use of their land for the wastewater treatment facility and with Forsgren Associates Inc. who is the engineer for this project. In late 2023, the partnership with RSCI was started as they were awarded the construction portion of this project and of course the partnership with Department of Natural Resources & Conservation for grant money along with loans to pay for this project.

The total budgeted amount for this project is \$38,552,244. The contract completion date is November 27, 2025.

The new mechanical wastewater treatment plant will be able to process 1.5 gallons of wastewater in a day. Right now the Town is experiencing a rate of 750,000 gallons on average of wastewater. The difference of this amount will allow for the sewer moratorium to be lifted and for the 80 acre development on the west side of Town.



**THANK YOU  
SPONSORS:**



More sponsorship opportunities will be available later in the summer. Email for more info: [ADMIN@THEBESTOFWESTDIGEST.COM](mailto:ADMIN@THEBESTOFWESTDIGEST.COM)

## MEET WEST YELLOWSTONE'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICERS!



Two new police officers were sworn in at the June 18th, 2024 Town Council meeting.

Officer Slowinski joins us from the Gallatin County Detention Center.

Officer Liszka is a longtime resident that was raised in West Yellowstone.



Officer Slowinski



Officer Liszka

### HAVE A BIG IDEA?

The Marketing and Promotion Fund Advisory Board is accepting applications for a multi-day big event. **The available grant is for up to \$100,000.** The deadline has been extended to August 31, 2024. You can find the application and more information by visiting [www.townofwestyellowstone.com](http://www.townofwestyellowstone.com) on the home page under "Current Issues".



### THE BEST OF WEST DIGEST NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for contributors and editors to write articles about topics that our West Yellowstone community members care about! Don't think of yourself as a journalist? That's ok! Clearly, we don't either!

**Join us for some light appetizers and discuss ways you can get involved in the Best of West Digest!**

**July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
Yellowstone Beer Company  
(upstairs)**



### TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT ON FIREHOLE AVENUE WILL BE INSTALLED IN JULY

The Business Improvement Advisory Board (BIAB) is partnering with MSU's Western Transportation Institute (WTI) to slow vehicle speeds and improve safety near four intersections along the Firehole Avenue/ HWY 20 corridor. The four intersections include Dunraven, Firehole, Geyser, and Hayden.

Pop-up style traffic calming will be installed with treatments that include curb extensions or bulb-outs, and improved signage at the Geyser crosswalk. The pilot project will be a temporary, seasonal installation from July-September this year. Data will be collected and if the project proves successful, you can expect to see it year after year.

Chief of Police, Mike Gavagan, advised the planning group that safety along the Firehole Avenue section is of great concern, as they see many drivers exceeding the speed limit especially through that corridor.

WTI, based at MSU, is the country's largest university-based research center focused on rural transportation issues. This project is funded by WTI, the Town of West Yellowstone and the West Yellowstone Foundation.



# Billings Clinic

## West Yellowstone

### Summer Hours

June 3-September 2, 2024  
 Monday-Friday 7am-7pm  
 Saturday 9am-1pm  
 (406) 646-9441



Billings Clinic is providing medical care to the community of West Yellowstone with a fully staffed clinic, with support and access to resources from our Bozeman and Billings locations.

Samone Franzese, MD, MPH



Emma Sparboe, DNP

## WEST YELLOWSTONE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Monday, July 8, 2024  
 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Community Protestant Church - Fellowship Hall

Make an appointment by calling or emailing Vitalant:  
 406.498.1206  
 smuffich@vitalant.org

FASTRACKS ARE ENCOURAGED - found at vitalant.org - online health questionnaire  
 Eat a hearty meal and drink lots of water



## WEST YELLOWSTONE JOB OPENINGS

Advertise your job openings for FREE in our July 26th newsletter! Fill out this google form to be included:



<p><b>Dispatcher, TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE.</b>        Starting at \$23.06/hour DOE, year-round, contact info@townofwestyellowstone.com or 406-646-7795 for more info.</p>	<p><b>Equipment Operator, TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE.</b>        Starting at \$24,85/hour DOE, year-round, contact info@townofwestyellowstone.com or 406-646-7795 for more info.</p>	<p><b>Substitute Driver, WEST YELLOWSTONE FOUNDATION.</b> \$18-\$19/hour DOE, occasional Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays, year-round, Contact ed@wyfmt.org or 406-646-1152 for more info.</p>
<p><b>Teachers: Elementary, Industrial Arts (Shop), English. Classified Staff: Paraprofessionals, PT food service, Substitute Teachers, WEST YELLOWSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT,</b> for more information/application visit: wolverine.life/page/employment-opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Housekeeper, ROAM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.</b>        \$20/hour, any day of the week 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. , year-round or seasonal, contact 406-640-0350 via text, phone call or WhatsApp.</p>	<p><b>Executive / Center Director, LITTLE RANGERS LEARNING CENTER.</b>        \$65,000-\$80,000, full-time year-round position, contact Melissa Knoles at director@littlerangerslearningcenter.org to apply or more information.</p>



### HOUSING NEEDED FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Please contact Superintendent Kevin Flanagan at 406.646.7617 if you might have a rental unit available for school district staff



## JULY AT THE LIBRARY

Mondays	5:00-6:00pm	English Class for Spanish Speakers
Tuesdays	4:30-6:00pm	English Class for Non-Spanish-Speakers
Wednesdays	11:00am	Toddler & Pre-K Storytime
Wednesdays	5:00-6:00pm	English Class for Spanish Speakers
Thursdays	9:00-10:00am	Spanish Classes
Fridays	3:30-6:00pm	Board Game Meetup
July 4	3:00pm	Buffalo Chip Chuck - Pioneer Park Baseball Field,
July 17	6:30-8:00pm	Book Club Discussion (North Woods by Daniel Mason)
July 24	6:00-8:00pm	Cookin' the Books (See Library for book)

## LIBRARY PICK OF THE MONTH



Discover the “secret” underground of Butte in *Montana's Dimple Knees Sex Scandal: 1960s Prostitution, Payoffs & Politicians*. In this riveting true narrative, reporter John Kuglin exposes Butte’s not-so-hidden underbelly of scandal and corruption. Beverly Snodgrass, a prolific Madam at the time, came forward to tell her story and implicate a politician fondly referred to as “Dimple Knees”. This well-researched tale unveils the shadowy dealings and controversial actions that led to the rise in “Anti-Vice” activists and a change in Butte’s path forward. Explore this explosive scandal that shook Butte, and many more great Montana stories, at the West Yellowstone Public Library!



### NEW BUS DELIVERED TO THE WEST YELLOWSTONE FOUNDATION

The West Yellowstone Foundation (WYF) received a new 13-passenger bus in June. Originally ordered in 2020, it was significantly delayed due to supply chain issues. The 2024 Ford will replace their aging 2015 bus. WYF provides public transit from West Yellowstone, Big Sky, Belgrade, Bozeman and back on Tuesdays and Thursdays for just \$10.00. Call/text 406-640-0244 to reserve your seat!

### SENIOR LUNCH: IT'S NOT JUST FOR SENIORS

Join the senior lunch crew from 11am-12pm on Wednesdays & Fridays at the Povah Community Center for a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Scott Fulton. On Fridays, fresh vegetables and fruit are available for seniors to take home.

**\$5.00 for seniors**  
**\$7.00 for all others**

### JULY MENU

- July 3: Burgers, hot dogs & baked beans
- July 5: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & green beans
- July 10: BBQ chicken, mac n cheese & mixed veg
- July 12: Sloppy joes, tater tots & mixed veg
- July 17: Lasagna, garlic toast & mixed veg
- July 19: Baked potato bar & chili
- July 24: Chicken fajita, refried beans & rice
- July 26: Spaghetti & Italian veg
- July 31: Ham & scalloped potatoes



## TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE'S FIREWORKS REGULATIONS



The discharge of fireworks are allowed in the Town of West Yellowstone between 12pm - 11 pm on July 3 and 12pm - 12am on July 4.

**DO NOT** discharge fireworks from or into any national forest, national park, state recreation area, or state highway, within one hundred feet of a church or medical clinic or within fifty feet of any business, in the downtown business area, City Park, Historic District, Grizzly Park or the new 80 Acres (aka "Old Airport"), within two hundred feet of any flammable fuel or compressed gas (propane tanks)

**DO** clean up any debris, garbage or litter that is left behind!

### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES

- **Town Council Meeting** July 2, 2024, 7pm - Town Hall
- **Marketing & Promotion Fund Advisory Board** July 11, 2024, 12pm - Povah Community Center
- **Business Improvement Advisory Board** July 11, 2024, 8am - Town Hall
- **Town Council Meeting** July 16, 2024. 7 pm - Town Hall



## YELLOWSTONE SHORTLINE TRAIL IS IN ITS SECOND BICYCLE SEASON

Nearly 20 years ago the ladies at Freeheel & Wheel dreamt of a destination bike trail starting in West Yellowstone, connecting to trails all the way to Jackson Hole. The West Yellowstone stretch of the trail is now open for non-motorized recreation! This includes a 10-foot-wide paved path with a several bridges covering approximately 9 miles and will eventually include amenities such as benches, and interpretive signage focused on the history of the area. The group plans to host a Grand Opening Celebration in early September 2024.

## WEST YELLOWSTONE ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT



The Town of West Yellowstone's 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, covering the period from January 1 to December 31, 2023, details the quality of the town's drinking water and the efforts made to ensure its safety. The report emphasizes the sources of drinking water, including rivers, lakes, and wells, and explains that as water travels, it can pick up various contaminants from natural and human activities. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets regulations to limit these contaminants, and the report encourages vulnerable populations to seek advice on drinking water safety. Public participation in water quality discussions is encouraged through town council meetings.

The report provides a detailed summary of water quality test results, including levels of contaminants like lead, copper, manganese, arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, and uranium. For instance, lead and copper levels were within safe limits, with copper at 0.312 ppm and lead at 1 ppb. Arsenic and fluoride were detected but below the maximum contaminant levels. The report also outlines definitions and measures used in the tests, noting that some people may be more susceptible to contaminants than others. Overall, the town's water sources, including wells and springs, showed compliance with safety standards, ensuring safe drinking water for residents.

Full report is available at Town Hall.



### SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL!

Sign up to receive the newsletter electronically by emailing [admin@thebestofwestdigest.com](mailto:admin@thebestofwestdigest.com).

Share your stories, your photos, feedback, discuss options for supporting us financially, or expand our team of volunteers.

Please email us at [admin@thebestofwestdigest.com](mailto:admin@thebestofwestdigest.com) if you'd like to participate in any of these ways.



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July



## Farmer's Market

1pm

MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE LAWN.

## Pie on the Porch

1pm 'till gone

HISTORIC UNION PACIFIC DINING LODGE. \$5 a slice gets you a homemade slice of heaven from some of the best bakers in Montana. Inside seating available. This annual fundraiser pleases every palate!

## Buffalo Chip Chuck

3pm-5pm

PIONEER PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND. Fling some dung to support the West Yellowstone Library!

## Free Music in Park Concert

5pm & 7pm

PIONEER PARK. Music starts at 5pm with Zech & Spicy Dave. Music will pause when the parade starts and resume at 7pm with Tessy Lou Williams & the Powell Brothers.

## Parade

6pm

DUNRAVEN->GIBBON->CANYON. Anyone can enter! Parade lineup begins at 5pm.

## Wild West Yellowstone

7pm

## Rodeo

RODEO GROUNDS.

## Fireworks

10:15pm approx.

PIONEER PARK  
or anywhere in town!

