



Come Experience Gillette at WAM Convention May 31- June 2, 2017



Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, May 30 6:00 PM

WAM Board of Directors Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 31st

8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

“Down with the Donkey” WAM Golf Tournament

Golfers wanted for an 18-Hole Reverse Shotgun tournament. All golfers must pre-register at www.wyomuni.org. Tournament check-in will begin at 7:30 AM at the Bell Nob Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8:30 AM. Tournament format will be 4-person scramble. Entry fee is \$53, which includes lunch, green fees, cart and a fantastic assortment of prizes. The field is limited to 48 players.

9:00 AM

WAMCAT Board of Directors Meeting

Noon- 5:00 PM

WAM Registration at the Pronghorn Center

When you arrive in Gillette, pick up your convention packet at the Pronghorn Center, located at 3807 College Drive.

Noon- 6:00 PM

WAMCAT Athenian Dialogue

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Welcome Refreshments

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

WAM Resolution Committee Meeting

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

WAM-JPIC Board of Directors Meeting

2:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Leadership Training Services Board of Directors Meeting

2:30 PM- 4:30 PM

Gillette Madison Pipeline Project Partnership Celebration

Come celebrate a project that will improve the region’s reliable, long-term water supply needs including drinking water wells, treatment, transmission, distribution and storage. Transportation to the Donkey Creek Pump Station will be available at City Hall, 201 East Fifth Street at 2:30 PM. **Buses will leave promptly at 3:00 PM.**



5:00 PM- 6:30 PM

Welcome Reception Aboard the BNSF Executive Business Train Cars

The Burlington Northern and Sante Fe (BNSF) Railway has graciously offered to host WAM Members on their business car fleet. Members will have the chance to ride the rails in luxurious business cars and take in the gorgeous northeast Wyoming countryside from the comfort of the lounge car, coach car or one of the spectacular dome cars that give you a 360-degree view.

7:00 PM

Razor City Restaurant Romp Dinner

Experience Gillette’s delicious and diverse restaurant offerings. During WAM Registration at the Pronghorn Center, you will receive a dinner voucher redeemable at one of the participating restaurants. Enjoy your evening out on the town!

Why “Down with the Donkey?”

Believe it or not, the donkey had involvement in the history of the Wyoming State Flag and the City of Gillette. When the state flag bill was introduced much humorous wrangling took place over whether the bison should be changed to a donkey, an elephant or a moose. In the end, the bison remained and the flag was adopted on January 13, 1917.

Further, Gillette was founded in 1891 with the arrival of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. The railroad was originally going to follow Donkey Creek with the station to be at Donkey Town, then an end of the tracks tent city. The Railroad’s engineer, Edward Gillette (1854-1936) located a shorter route, eliminating a number of bridges that would have been required had the Donkey Creek route been used. The shorter route saved the railroad considerable money. Gillette had hoped that the savings might be translated into a pay raise. Soon, sure enough, a message came from the Company headquarters, the company did, indeed, appreciate the savings. They named the town for him and thus Gillette was established.

Thursday, June 1st

6:00 AM- 7:30 AM

Stay Strong Shelley 5k Poker Run/Walk

Stay Strong Shelley is a fundraiser for Melanoma Awareness. All proceeds will benefit the Cancer Patient Support Fund to promote melanoma awareness, fund early detection screening, and financially support Wyoming melanoma survivors. The enjoyable run or walk will weave through the scenic course of Gillette's Avenues of Art. This is a non-timed 5k fun poker run/walk. Separate registration is required.



7:00 AM- 5:00 PM

WAM Registration at the Pronghorn Center

9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Exhibit Show

A wonderful opportunity to spend time with our municipal service providers! Stop in and visit the exhibitors that support WAM and Wyoming's communities. Ask how to enter to win a travel voucher worth \$1,200 and two smart boards worth over \$1,000 at the WAM Registration Desk.

8:30 AM- 9:30 AM

WAM Opening Session

U.S. Senator Mike Enzi and U.S. Representative Liz Cheney will be joining us to share updates on what efforts are being made in D.C. to insure the energy market gets back on track in Wyoming.

9:30 AM- 10:00 AM

Morning Refreshments with Exhibitors



9:45 AM- 11:45 AM

Dry Fork Power Station and Integrated Testing Center (ITC) Tour

Located seven miles north of Gillette, the Dry Fork Station is a new coal-based electric generation power plant owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative and the Wyoming Municipal Power Agency. Construction on the Dry Fork Station began in 2007; and in 2014, with the support of Governor Mead, the Wyoming State Legislature allocated \$15 million in funding for the design, construction and operation of an Integrated Test Center to study the capture, sequestration and management of carbon emissions. Seating is limited to 30 WAM Attendees, be sure to pre-register for this free tour.

10:00 AM- 11:45 AM

Durham Ranch Guest Tour

Enjoy a late morning trip out to the Durham Ranch and adventure through time as you experience one of the world's largest and oldest working buffalo ranches. With over 3,000 bison currently on 55,000 acres, the Durham Ranch has been actively engaged in the raising of bison since the mid 1960's. Seating is limited to 30 WAM Guests, be sure to pre-register for this tour.



10:30 AM- 12:30 AM

Concurrent Workshops

Strategic Planning

Learn how to be more deliberate about your community's future by developing a mission and vision that is right for your residents. When you return home you will be able to conduct a SWOT analysis, identify options, implement an action plan and evaluate your results with your council and staff.

Cyber Security for Municipalities: Planning Prevention and Remediation

Learn how your community may be at risk of cyber attacks or breaches. Discover ways you can protect your organization and how to prepare for a cyber attack or breach.

Noon- 1:30 PM

Lunch with Exhibitors



1:00 PM- 3:30 PM

Cordero Rojo Mine Tour

The Cordero Rojo Mine, operated by Cloud Peak Energy, extracts thermal coal. The coal mined is primarily shipped to electric utilities in the west, midwest and southeast United States. Cordero Rojo Mine recently won the 2015 State of Wyoming Reclamation Award, from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality, for the successful restoration of the Belle Fourche River. Seating is limited to 60 WAM Attendees, be sure to pre-register for this tour.

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Planetarium Guest Tour

The Campbell County School District Planetarium has been operational since 1981 and features the first Goto Chronos II installed in the United States. Come enjoy the star projector that can accurately show over 8000 stars and learn all about the solar eclipse events happening in August.

WALGA (Wyoming Association of Local Government Attorneys)

1:00 PM- 5:00 PM

WALGA Workshop

1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Zoning Ordinances and Telecommunication Providers: Can we live in harmony?

This session is open to all WAM Attendees and will provide an overview of federal laws regarding telecommunication and will further explore the infrastructure needs to expand the explosive growth of cellular, wireless and broadband. Current Zoning Ordinances and talk on local, state and federal proceedings about Mobilitie will also be discussed.

2:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Legislative Update

Join Senator Michael Von Flatern & Mark Harris as they provide a recap from this legislative session.

3:30 PM- 4:30 PM

Wyoming Liquor Division Update

Does your council have questions about the alcohol taxation or liquor law revisions passed this session? Join the Liquor Division Team to learn how to revise your ordinances and accommodate the new rule changes in your community.

4:30 PM- 5:00 PM

WALGA Business Meeting & Round Table Discussion

6:30 PM

WALGA BBQ at Charlie Anderson's Cabin

1:30 PM- 3:30 PM

WAMCAT Annual Business Meeting

1:30 PM- 3:30 PM

Concurrent Workshops

Human Resource Management

Learn how to manage human resource issues that include employee selection processes, staff orientation and training, employee motivation and evaluation. When you return home, you will find ways to retain and maintain a high-performance workforce while avoiding legal liability in all things related to employment law.

Regional Marketing: Building Stronger Communities and Strengthening Economic Development

The NEW Growth Alliance was created to better market the NE Wyoming region on a national scale. Come learn from this panel of leaders on how they overcame the struggles of economic development by working together.

3:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Afternoon Refreshments with Exhibitors

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Concurrent Workshops

Community & Economic Development

Having plans and goals for your community but not knowing how to address them can be frustrating. Learn the legal basis for land use planning and zoning, plus get an overview of economic development best practices. When you return home you can have educated conversations about zoning, contract management and developing a community marketing plan with your council and staff.

Roberts Rules of Order

We all can agree there are good meetings and there are bad meetings. Learn how to conduct a meeting Robert's way by getting to the point while orderly accomplishing your meeting goals. The workshop will be led by members of the local FFA Chapter.

Department of Audit Seeks Feedback

As the Legislature considers various strategies to support small city and town fiscal management, the Department of Audit is seeking your input. Bring your recommendations to this session and help the DOA understand costs and feasibility of audits and what community policies are in place for fiscal management in your town.

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Wyoming Women Mayor's Caucus

6:30 PM

WAM Banquet Dinner at the Tech Center

We will honor WAM members and our community heroes. Don Benton, Senior White House Advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency will also be joining us to provide an update on EPA rule changes. Following dinner, take a guided tour of the Tech Center's diesel, welding, electronics and machine shops. Then finish the evening off with dessert and fireworks at dark.



Friday, June 2nd

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Exhibit Show

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

WAM Municipal Cracker Barrel Sessions & Region Meetings

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Morning Refreshments with Exhibitors

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Concurrent Workshops

Understanding Your Municipal Budget

Learn techniques on how to interpret budget information, determine service needs and set goals for your community. When you return home, you'll have a better understanding of the legal requirements of the budgetary process and how to forecast revenues and expenses with greater accuracy.

Liquor Law Revisions

Does your council have questions about alcohol taxation or liquor law revisions passed this session? Join the Liquor Division Team to learn how to revise your ordinances and accommodate the new rule changes in your community.

The ENDOW Initiative

Citing the need for a comprehensive approach to diversify Wyoming's economy, join Director Jerimiah Rieman to learn more about the Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming initiative.

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch with Exhibitors

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**WAM Membership Business Meeting and Kaysen's Happy Hour
(WAM Board Meeting will follow)**

3:00 PM

Grab a snack for the road!



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