

# Old Yellowstone District Newsletter

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## 2nd Old Yellowstone District Clean-up is a Huge Success!!!

The City of Casper sponsored the second Clean-Up Event in November for the Old Yellowstone District. This time the event ran for 10 days, allowing for two weekends of work. The City picked up, emptied, and returned the seven dumpsters on a daily basis. The dumpsters were located in the same locations as the previous clean-up event. However, the results were staggering and many more businesses participated this time around. The City's Solid Waste Division was instrumental in this event. They spoke directly with business owners about disposal arrangements for hazardous waste—particularly fluorescent bulbs, latex and oil-based paints, pesticides, and flammable liquids. The clean-up focus was primarily directed towards unusable auto parts, paint cans, oils, tires, furniture, wooden

pallets, and appliances. And boy, did we pick up a lot of junk! Final figures showed:

- ⇒ 76 trips to the landfill; and
- ⇒ 534,594 pounds of junk collected.

Another clean-up event will be scheduled this summer.



## GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The Historic Architecture Assistance Grant Fund has been created by the Wyoming Main Street and Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office to provide the services of architects to the owners of historic buildings (over 50 years old). Typical projects that can be funded include a building assessment, structural analysis, analysis of building code and ADA requirements, and façade and signage schematic design. This fund is meant to support private property owners. Contact the City's Urban Renewal Division for an application if you are interested in learning more at 235.8241.

Did you know.....

- That any changes you want to make to your property including signage, fencing, lighting, additions, need to be approved by the Architectural Review Committee. Call 235.8241 for an appt. We meet every Friday.
- That the City requested an additional 9 cobra-head style lights be installed by Rocky Mountain Power in the OYD for security and brightness. Let us know if you have a really dark area that needs a boost of light.
- That the West Yellowstone Highway reconstruction project will be bid this fall by WYDOT, and work will begin in Spring 2010. The street will be reconstructed from David to Spruce, and will feature decorative lighting, benches, bike racks, planters and trees, and up-graded utilities.
- The City's Code Enforcement office is increasing its efforts in the OYD to ensure that junk vehicles, debris, and weeds are kept in check. Please respect your property and your neighborhood by following the code.
- There will be a fabulous Memorial Day Car Show in the OYD! Be on the lookout for more info or ask John Huff.

## Redevelopment Award Program Launched!!!!

The Old Yellowstone District and South Poplar Street Advisory Committee has created a redevelopment award program to recognize and promote the renovation projects in the neighborhood. Both commercial and residential properties will be honored. The Award Categories include

new construction, building renovation/reuse, façade upgrade, and landscaping. The awards program was approved by the City Council, and the recipients will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Look for the press release and mailing for the date of the award presentations.



## OYD and South Poplar Advisory Committee

This Committee, comprised of two Council members, two Planning and Zoning Commission members, three business or property owners in the area, and two alternate property owners, has been meeting monthly since last August. The local property owner representatives are Bob Harrington, Carol Martin, Paul Meyer, John Huff, and Ron Salvesson. The committee is advisory to staff and City Council as it relates to the implementation of the redevelopment plan. The Committee assisted in the interviews and selection of the local architect who serves on the Architectural Review Committee, reviewed the design plans and made recommendations regarding the street amenities that will be incorporated into the West Yellowstone Highway reconstruction, discussed the amendments to the Form-Based Code that related to signs, accessory buildings, and billboards, identified the marketing plan and timeline for the fall Clean-up Event, and developed the guidelines and categories for the OYD and South Poplar Street Redevelopment Awards. The Committee meets the third Monday of each month, and is open to the public. The location of the meetings varies because we try to hold some of the meetings at the businesses in the Old Yellowstone District. Make sure to call one of your reps to find out where the meeting is being held.

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*Shawn and Shane Rivett have done a marvelous job at turning the former Wyoming Stationery building into a beautiful residential loft. They opened up their home for a tour spotlighting the Old Yellowstone District and Civic Auditorium projects in early March. What a wonderful treat!*

## Changes in the Neighborhood.....



*Welcome to one of our newest businesses in the Old Yellowstone District—COMTRONIX—who purchased the former Mattress Stop (and former House of Stewart for the history buffs out there....) Stop by and say "Hi!"*

*Corner Upholstery and Yellowstone Scooters have also made some recent changes. Do you know what's missing from this picture?*

