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**APRIL**
- April 19
  - Management Council - Cheyenne
- April 25
  - WAM Board of Directors Mtg - Douglas

**MAY**
- May 7-8
  - Judiciary Interim Committee - Worland
- May 10-11
  - Travel Interim Committee - Torrington
- May 14-15
  - Corporation Interim Committee - Lander
- May 28
  - Memorial Day

**JUNE**
- May 31-June 1
  - Minerals Interim Committee - Gillette
- June 4-5
  - Revenue Interim Committee - Lander/Riverton (TBD)
- June 6-7
  - Labor Interim Committee - TBD
- June 6-8
  - Education and School Facilities Interim Committee - Lander
- June 11-12
  - Appropriations Interim Committee - Cheyenne
- June 13-15
  - WAM Summer Convention - Pinedale

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INFRASTRUCTURE—ON OUR MINDS DAY AND NIGHT

What is infrastructure? According to a dictionary definition it is a noun, it is the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, water and sewer systems, treatment plants, transportation) needed for the operation of a society or enterprise. Infrastructure is also described as the underlying framework or features of a system or organization, the fundamental facilities and systems serving a city, town or area, a network of assets, and basic facilities and installations that help a government or community operate. Although some may not agree with this thought, but a well-trained, experienced and committed workforce is also part of infrastructure. It is a fact that infrastructure is something municipal residents use 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, something that is expected to be efficient, functional, maintained and in good operating condition, and should be at a reasonable cost. Easy to imagine why infrastructure is on our minds day and night.

When we think of infrastructure, some common terms and phrases are certainly associated with our thinking—needed funding or there are no sources for funding; need to prioritize, where do I start; we should have made the fix much earlier; the community expects better service; and the list goes on.

Infrastructure is all around us and quite often we simply take it for granted. We turn on the faucet and water flows, we pull the plug and water drains away; few people know the necessary and required efforts to provide clean and drinkable water and needed treatment after water is used. We expect the public transit bus to be on time, no excuses. We assume the life expectancy of that brand new building will far exceed 30 or 40 or 50 years. That new vehicle, recently purchased, should be good for no less than 300,000 miles or incalculable operating hours. Expectations and realities do not always provide anticipated results.

One of the on-going challenges cities and towns have is how to fund infrastructure whether it is a new or remodeled building; a needed vehicle or equipment; new, overlay or crack sealed streets; enhanced pathway lighting; replace heating and ventilating systems; improve storm drainage systems; sidewalk replacements; long term vs short term fix; and the always present pothole----the list seems never ending.

Is there an answer to the question “how to fund needed infrastructure and who is responsible”? There is no one answer and the question is being debated at the local, state and federal levels. In Wyoming as we know, municipalities have the least amount of authority compared to other states to raise revenues locally. Cities and towns use statutorily provided optional taxes (general and specific purpose, 5th and 6th pennies respectively), issue tax exempt bonds, use grants and loans, or general funds as revenue sources.

The state of Wyoming provides funds through the Wyoming Business Council for grants and/or loans, the state revolving fund loan program is a source, and direct distribution funds are a few state provided resources. A new state resource was enacted by the 2018 Legislature that provides funds through a loan program. The recently approved program is the result of House Bill 194 that appropriates $400 million with $200 million for road or street projects. Municipalities are eligible for the loan program, interest rates are modest and percentages vary depending on the type of loan and term of the loan, and the program is
administered by the State Land and Investment Board. At the federal level the Administration has identified and prosed the need of $200 billion for municipalities as part of a $1.5 trillion package for needed infrastructure. Components of the proposal provides $100 billion through incentives with an 80-20% split, rural infrastructure grants, transformative projects, modification to the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act and the Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act, and needed funding for workforce development. An uncertainty exists as there is no specific identification as to how to fund this massive amount of dollars. Congress is developing other plans to meet the infrastructure needs which may include increasing the federal gas tax, reverse portions of the recently enacted tax reform act, and modifying the Highway Trust Fund which is spending more dollars than are being added to the fund. One thing that is certain is there is uncertainty on funding mechanisms that do exist.

The National League of Cities has published its REBUILD WITH US infrastructure plan that calls on Congress to focus on four key areas water, broadband, workforce and transportation. The plan addresses the guiding principles of sustainable investment, locally-driven projects, federal-local partnerships, expand revenue tools, and rebuild and reimagine. For more information please link to www.nlc.org/infrastructure.

Another thing that is certain—Wyoming cities and towns will continue to do their best to preserve and enhance assets called infrastructure....no doubt about it!!

In closing, allow me to quote Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
Wyoming’s 2018 64th Legislative Budget Session
WAM’s Post-Session Summary Report

The Wyoming Association of Municipalities’ Leadership Team consisting of the WAM Board, Legislative Leadership Committee (LLC), and staff provide this summary detailing the bills of municipal importance from the 2018 Legislative Budget Session. As per WAM bylaws, the WAM Leadership Team approved a legislative agenda consisting of recommendations from the Municipal Finance Report Volume II and Member-approved resolutions. Throughout the 2017 interim and the 2018 legislative session, this approved agenda was used to guide the advocacy efforts. During the Session, the LLC met at least weekly with the WAM Staff to provide a ‘one-voice’ approach toward legislation specific to your municipalities. This summary highlights lobbied legislative outcomes related to WAM’s 2018 legislative agenda or other bills that impact municipal government. Bills that WAM supported = (S); opposed = (O); and monitored = (M). Additional information can be found on the Advocacy Page of WAM’s Website.

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¹ Budget bills from Senate and House included in total tally but in the end, these are approved as one bill
² Signed by both House and Senate at time of report but not necessarily by Governor. Complete metrics week of 3/19/18

Municipal Finance Report Volume II Recommendations

- Secure at least $105 Million appropriation for cities, towns, and counties until other adequate funding options are in place.
  - SF0089 (S) approving the Direct Distribution passed to secure the $105 Million biennium appropriation to counties, cities and town using the existing formula – PASSED.
  - Revise tax laws to allow increased municipal revenue capacity, considering tools for the municipal toolbox like local option tax revisions, property tax revisions, municipal Sales and Use (S/U) tax options, increase in state S/U tax by 1%, and revisions in the current S/U tax allocation.
    - HB0136 (S) Optional municipal tax-2 - to authorize municipalities to impose tax within their municipal boundaries – FAILED.
    - HB0184 (S) Sales and use tax rate – bill that would have increased the statewide S/U tax rate by 1% and changed the state allocation from 31% to 49% – FAILED.
    - HB0043 Tobacco tax – bill that would have raised the sales tax on tobacco products – FAILED.
    - HB0098 Real estate transfer tax – bill that would have allowed a small percent of qualified real estate transfer tax to be paid to the local municipalities – FAILED.
  - Increase the cap for Severance Tax and Federal Mineral Royalties
    - No bills proposed related to this recommendation.
  - Remove tax exemptions that do not support economic development
    - SF0098 (O) Severance tax exemption – bill that would exempt oil and gas producers from paying severance tax for a period after well online – FAILED.
    - HB0172 (O) Produced water treatment – tax exemption for natural gas used in produced water treatment – PASSED.

WAM 2017 Annual Business Meeting Resolutions (Priority order)

- Resolution 2017-02 - A resolution supporting the WAM legislative agenda and the Association’s efforts in seeking appropriation of state funding for Wyoming cities and towns during the 2018 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature – see above SF0089 PASSED.
- Resolution 2017-09 - A resolution creating an optional general revenue tax for specified purpose – no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed but WAM submitted an interim topic to evaluate increasing flexibility within the existing optional sales tax statutes.
- Resolution 2017-07 - A resolution supporting and advocating legislation to amend Wyoming statute 15-1-113 (a), contracts for public improvement and Wyoming Statute 15-1-113 (f) forms of guarantee - no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed.
• Resolution 2017-05 - A resolution advocating legislation to remove the non-transient lodging tax exemption – HB0149 (S) was introduced to repeal the transient lodging tax but failed introduction to the House. It is expected that further evaluation of hospitality taxes may be an interim topic.
• Resolution 2017-10 - A resolution to create an agreement of ‘lodging’ taxation between online marketplace and hospitality service providers and the State of Wyoming - no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed, but companies like Airbnb began submitting sales tax in August 2017.
• Resolution 2017-04 - A resolution supporting and advocating that the State of Wyoming Legislature reinstate taxation on food products for financial support to Wyoming cities and towns - no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed. Further discussion on sales tax exemptions may be discussed during the interim.
• Resolution 2017-08 - A resolution to create utility and other municipal services lien authority for municipalities and joint powers boards - no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed.
• Resolution 2017-06 - A resolution advocating legislation to clarify the lien and assessment process for abating nuisances and dangerous buildings may be recovered - no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed. WAM requested that this topic be considered during the interim session.
• Resolution 2017-03 – A resolution supporting any efforts to raise the tax on all malt beverages – although WAM advocated throughout the interim to raise taxes on malt beverages, no bills specifically related to this resolution were proposed. HB0044 (S) had a similar attempt to increase the markup at the Wyoming Liquor Division but failed in the House.

Additional Bills Monitored Related to Municipal Government
• HB0001 (S) – After many hours of debate the House and Senate concurred somewhat like the Governor’s 19-20 biennium budget, with continued evaluation of funding in additional bills for education and capital construction.
• ENDOw bills proposed to forward Governor Mead’s initiative – ALL PASSED
  • SF0040 (S) Commercial air service improvement
  • SF0100 (S) Economic diversification – broadband services
  • SF0108 (S) Economic diversification and development (related to promoting WY agriculture worldwide)
  • SF0119 (S) Workforce development-priority economic sector program
• HB0013 (O) and HB0014 (O) Municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction – following both bills passing the House, WAM and WCCA met to amend HB0014 in the Senate. WAM maintained opposition to both bills. The amended HB0014 passed both Houses while HB0013 failed. WAM Leadership met with Governor Mead requesting a veto, the Governor signed the bill with a request for WAM and WCCA members to continue to work together.
• HB0049 (S) Unemployment compensation exemption – seasonal employment – after many meetings with municipal leaders, the Department of Workforce Services and the Joint Labor Committee it was determined municipal employers could not claim an exempt status under federal conformity. The bill was rewritten for seasonal employers but failed in the House.
• Wyoming Water Development bills for local infrastructure
  • SF0062 (S) Omnibus water bill, planning – passed with little debate.
  • HB0078 (S) Omnibus water bill, construction – passed but with much debate regarding the dams and reservoir expenditures from Account III. It is expected to be an interim topic.
  • SF0064 (S) Appropriation to State Engineer (SEO) – a bill to refund the annual ~$6M that was moved from Account I to fund the SEO during the 2017 session and proposed to fund the SEO annually using funds from the LSRA. The bill failed in the House.
• HB0194 (S) State funded capital construction – appropriated $400M designated to political subdivision (including cities and towns) for infrastructure and roads, apply through SLIB.
• SF0113 (M) Community development districts – this bill allowed similar county special district regulations within a municipal boundary, increasing the flexibility of funding needs within a municipality or newly annexed areas. The bill failed on 3rd reading in the House.
• HB0093 (M) – Speeding fines amendment (2) – this bill provides $5 from each non-municipal speeding violation to be returned to a fund that can be used to educate law enforcement officers state wide.
• HB0128 (O) Food trucks – a bill with intent to add a statewide food truck license, preempting local control. This bill failed in the House.
• HB0134 (O) Chicken Freedom Act – a bill with intent to override local ordinances with a statewide preemption for urban chickens. This bill failed in the House.
• HB0174 (O) Statewide lodging tax – following a summer campaign for a hospitality tax, the management council introduced a statewide 4% lodging tax. This bill failed in the House.
• SF0111 (S) Public utility regulation, joint powers entities – this bill passed providing a mechanism for WAM member communities of Ranchester and Dayton to provide affordable natural gas to their valley.
• SF0004 (S) Bingo and pull tabs – this bill that gave license authority and fees to local government failed, but may be discussed in the interim.
• SF0017 (S) Cease and Transfer priority list – bill passed that details the biennium municipal landfill projects.
• SF0045 (S) State fair board – 2 and HB0130 (M) State fair endowment – both these bills passed to clarify the role of the State fair board and increased ability to raise funds through an endowment. WAM successfully lobbied to add a position on the board from the Douglas municipality.
• SF0120 (S) Government efficiency project – this bill follows a study that details several ways the State government can improve efficiencies.
• Election Legislation – all Passed
  • HB0002 (M) Election law violations – penalties and enforcement
  • HB0040 (M) Election code revisions
  • SF0046 (M) Elections notices and resolutions
• Blockchain and cryptocurrency legislation – WAM monitored the five bills that solidified the framework to allow Wyoming to lead in this technology (HB0019, HB0101, HB0070, HB0126, and SF0111) – all PASSED.
• Wyoming retirement plan
  • HB0109 (M) Public employee retirement plan-contribution – PASSED with a line-item veto to clarify language.
  • HB0110 (M) Wyoming retirement plans – member accounts – PASSED.
• Gun legislation
  • HB0168 (M) Stand your ground – 2 (self-defense) – PASSED without Governor signature.
  • HB0141 (M) Concealed carry in places of worship – PASSED.

WAM’s Proposed Interim Topic Status
WAM submitted the following topics for the Legislature to consider during the 2018 Interim session. The Management Council will meet in April to assign the selected topics to joint interim committees. The final interim schedule will be released in May 2018.

1. Legislation that clarifies the lien and assessment process for abating nuisances and recovery of dangerous buildings.
2. Requested continued evaluation from Joint Revenue Committee to increase local government own source capacity, removal of exemptions unrelated to economic development, and evaluate state S/U tax and local government allocation.
3. Unemployment compensation law changes to exempt the municipality for paying unemployment insurance to employees that have been terminated due to willful misconduct.
4. Evaluation of existing public notice print requirements to modernize and reduce costs.
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dan Burden, Director of Innovation and Inspiration at Blue Zones and co-founder and former Executive Director of the Walkable and Livable Communities (WALC) Institute: In his work, Dan brings together many disciplines and issues — such as street design, public safety, economic development and land-use planning — to create a holistic vision for healthy communities that are pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly. He is considered an international expert in walkability, bikeability, traffic calming, and road diets. Dan was recently named one of the “Top 100 Urbanists of all time”.

Joe Gilpin, Vice-President, Alta Planning+Design: Joe’s work with small towns and rural communities across the country will provide key insight into many of the issues and potential solutions for Wyoming Communities. His engineering and planning experience includes bicycling, walking, and trails projects, including the creation of facility design guidelines and standards for agencies across North America.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, May 21st:
- PechaKucha Presentations: 12 slides in 6 minutes from 8 organizations across the state. Learn from your peers and neighbors about ways to build a healthier community. Prizes awarded!
- Welcome Banquet & Keynote Speaker Dan Burden, Director of Innovation & Inspiration at Blue Zones: How to Live Longer and Happier Lives Through Livable Communities

Tuesday, May 22nd:
- Promoting Active Living Panel Discussion: Healthy Partnerships to Grow Biking and Walking Infrastructure with various Wyoming health care experts.
- Active Field Trips: Explore Jackson’s world-renowned trail & pathway system.

Wednesday, May 23rd:
- Community Builders: Early-morning workshop, Mobycon: Mid-morning workshop.

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Do you ever feel your constituents don’t really know who you are and why you serve your community?

Every elected official has a story and telling it to your residents can often bridge gaps and misconceptions. As your citizens understand why you serve, how you spend your time outside of office, and your goals for their community, these gaps are often closed, and your community binds together. During the WAM Winter Conference Kate Debow shared that storytelling is a valuable tool during a campaign and throughout public office. Over the next several months I will be reaching out to Wyoming’s municipal elected officials to discover what makes them tick and why they decided to become public servants. If you are interested in sharing your story, email me at Katie@wyomuni.org. I also challenge you to circulate this month’s questions to your Council and consider sharing the responses with your community on your Website, social media or even a local newspaper.

This month it’s my pleasure to provide a Local Angle from Council Member Shay Lundvall, Gillette and Council Member Landon Greer, Cody. As you read their stories ask yourself, “Do you have a different perception of Shay and Landon? Do you find them more approachable? Does their stories resonate with you?”

What Shay has to say...

How did you get involved in Municipal Politics?

“I worked for the City of Gillette as the Parks Supervisor when I graduated college. At that time, I became very interested in how politics work. I began attending council meetings and workshops and then became involved in local Boards. I chose not to become involved in everything, in order to be effective. As a member of the Gillette Chamber, then serving on the Board for three years, I realized that consistency and quality communication are critical, yet often lacking. As a citizen and now as a Council Member, I try to bring consistent, quality and thoughtful communication into decisions. I have found it is important to put aside egos and share all the necessary information, good, healthy, discussion ensues, and better decisions are made for the city as a whole.”

What are a few of your council’s top priorities you are most passionate about?

“A few of our Council’s top priorities:

- To ensure our citizens have enough water. The Madison Pipeline is very important to all of us.

- To capture the best first impression that our community has on people when they either attend an event, drive through with a realtor, or pass by in their car. We expect excellence and we hope that passion is conveyed so that when they come here, they want to stay here.”

How do you choose to spend your free time?

“I choose to spend my free time traveling, working out and training for strongman competitions, spending time with my wife and kids. I also enjoy reading about leadership and pricing.”

Meet the Examiner aka Shay Lundvall, Gillette
What value do you bring to your Council and/or Community?

“I believe my approach is balanced, tough but fair. I believe I bring an altruistic personality to a board room and I am one that works to seek understanding before making a final decision. Though, it’s not a perfect process every time, I want to hear the facts and that allows for healthy discussions. I believe I bring a competitive side that challenges Council to think through the situation and have our heads on a swivel so that no stone gets left unturned. I also believe I bring solutions to problems and not just problems. I am innovative and forward thinking that I believe this community and Council need as we look ahead in the next five to 10 years. I am a strategic planner and thinker which allows for thorough vetting so that we can position Gillette to continue to be the Energy Capital of the Nation.”

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How do you choose to spend your free time?

“I spend a lot of time with family and running kids around to activities. I also enjoy riding dirt bikes and Rzr’s.”

What are a few of your council’s top priorities you are most passionate about?

“In Cody, we are currently dealing with zoning changes, specifically short-term rental regulations. We also spend time combing through the budget every year and have recently changed our budgeting method to priority based. This has been an interesting and good change for transparency.”

What value do you bring to your Council and/or Community?

“I think my youth (relative) brings a different view point that represents the younger citizens in Cody. I am not afraid to speak my mind and offer opinions on controversial issues.”

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"WAM’n it UP in Pinedale"

2018 WAM CONVENTION
June 13th-15th at Sublette BOCES, 665 N. Tyler Ave

Tentative Agenda
Wednesday, June 13

8:00 AM Check In
9:00 AM Tee Off

**Rendezvous Golf Tournament, 55 Clubhouse Road**
Golfers wanted for an 18-Hole Shotgun tournament. All golfers must preregister at www.wyomuni.org. Tournament format will be 4-person scramble. Entry fee is $55, which includes lunch, green fees, cart and a fantastic assortment of prizes. The field is limited to 40 players.

Noon - 5:00 PM
**WAM Registration at Sublette BOCES, the 2018 WAM Convention Center, 665 N. Tyler Ave.**
When you arrive in Pinedale, come visit your 2018 WAM Convention Team to get everything you’ll need for this event.

Noon - 3:00 PM
**WAM Resolution Committee Meeting**

Noon - 1:00 PM
**WAM-JPIC Board of Directors Meeting**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
**WAMCAT Board of Directors Meeting**

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
**First-timer Ice Cream Social**
Come get the **SCOOP** on WAM! Is this your first WAM conference? Want to connect with new faces? Don’t miss this social hour!

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
**Wyoming Gubernatorial Candidate Forum**
Join Wyoming’s Governor Candidates for a mindful discussion on their visions for the position, the state, and the relationship with cities and towns.

5:00 - 7:00 PM
**Welcome Reception at the Museum of the Mountain Man**
700 East Hennick
Come experience an era of the mountain man, the Plains Indian, the Oregon Trail and the developments of this region! Enjoy connecting with your fellow municipal colleagues and learning more about a multi-generational history of embracing and celebrating the men and women who opened the West and expanded a country.
Thursday, June 14

6:15 AM Check In/Same Day Registration
7:00 AM Race Starts

Pathway to Our Future 5K
Join the celebration of Pinedale’s NEW pathway that will lead you through this scenic community! All proceeds will support the operation and maintenance of the trail. Participate by biking, running or walking. This is a non-timed 5k race. Preregistration is encouraged to ensure participant t-shirts. Be sure to checkout the morning workshop, Pathways in YOUR Community!

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
WAM Legislative Leadership Committee (LLC) Meeting

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
WAM Board Meeting

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Exhibit Show
A wonderful opportunity to spend time with your municipal service providers! Stop in and visit the exhibitors that support WAM and Wyoming’s communities. Don’t miss out on Exhibitor Bingo where you can win great prizes including a travel voucher worth $1,200! Learn more at the WAM Registration Desk.

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
WAM’s Opening Session: We’re talking TEAMWORK!
Start the day off with some laughs and learning how to define and implement effective teamwork with Nick Arnette! “Finding something funny is an ability to identify a problem; usually the reason we laugh at something is because we can relate to it.” ~Nick Arnette

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Morning Refreshments with Exhibitors

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Pathways in YOUR Community  Elective Credit
Learn about the outcomes from a 2016 legislation creating a Bicycle and Pedestrian System task force that joined forces across agency and community leaders to better understand the opportunities, benefits, and challenges of bicycle and pedestrian pathways. Pathways can improve tourism impressions, citizen quality of life, and community safety.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Road to Diversification  Elective Credit
Recent Wyoming legislation created pathways to diversification by building broadband partnerships, increasing air service, improving Wyoming’s workforce, and unlocking cryptocurrency and block chain business opportunities. Join state and business sector experts to explore how local government can be involved in the next steps.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Trash Talking  Elective Credit
With no future funds currently appropriated to the State’s solid waste Cease and Transfer program, be part of this discussion with Travis Evans (Trihydro Corporation) and Craig McOmie (Department of Environmental Quality) to discuss the past progress and future plans for municipal solid waste in Wyoming.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Leading Up  Elective Credit
Join Amber Powers to examine the context of Leading Up: the appropriate timing, use, and doing so with authenticity and honor. Leading Up doesn’t insinuate a grab for power, it is simply a way to better communicate, cooperate, influence, and work effectively with those decision-makers that do not fall below you on an organizational chart.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Roles & Responsibilities of Municipal Officials  Fundamental Credit
Whether you are new to municipal government or just looking for a refresher of the operations of local government, this course will be for you! We will answer the following questions (and many more) What does “Home Rule” really mean? What does it mean to be a First Class City? What is a Council/Manager Form of Government? What are Council’s statutory roles and responsibilities? Is there a template for how to conduct a Council Meeting? Check it out!
Thursday, June 14 Continued

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Lunch with Exhibitors

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
WAMCAT Member Business Meeting

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Ultra Petroleum Energy Mobile Workshop
Elective Credit
Enjoy a 25-mile bus ride across the scenic Pinedale Anticline! Participants will enjoy the region’s beauty while learning about the industry’s efforts to protect the wildlife and ecosystem and what is involved in the process of developing natural gas. Preregistration is required, with limited seating.

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Paint a Masterpiece! Guest Activity
Unleash your inner artist! Enjoy the afternoon with local artist and owner of Pinedale Arts & Crafts, May Orm, as she provides step-by-step instructions through the process of making your own masterpiece! No experience is required and all art supplies will be provided. Preregistration is required, with a limited number of seats. This workshop is included in Full Guest Registration or $35 for just the event.

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Broadband: Let’s Get Connected
Elective Credit
A continuation of the discussion from WAM’s Winter Conference. Attend this session to gain a more in depth understanding of what broadband is and how its connection impacts our state. A panel of telecommunication industry experts will discuss the technical aspects of broadband, different broadband products and services for residential and business customers, and much more.

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
How to have a great attitude, work as a team and keep your sense of humor!
Elective Credit
Join us again as our keynote speaker Nick Arnette shares how to maintain a positive outlook during these changing times, how to define teamwork, and learn tips on stress relief and enhancing humor both at work and at home.

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Meetings & Public Records for Government Operations
Fundamental Credit
This session will cover what is expected of municipal officials in public meetings, conflict of interest scenarios and how to stay out of hot water with the Open Meeting Law.

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Afternoon Refreshments with Exhibitors

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
WAM Member Business Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
WAM Banquet Dinner & Awards Ceremony

PINEDALE IS RANGER COUNTRY USA
Friday, June 15

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Exhibit Show
Don't miss out on meaningful discussions with your municipal supporters and vendors. Ask them what they can offer your community as you participate in Exhibitor Bingo! You can win great prizes including a travel voucher worth $1,200!

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
WAM Board Meeting

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
WAM Cracker Barrel Sessions

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Morning Refreshments and Exhibitor Drawings for Prizes

10:30 AM - Noon
Pinedale Watershed and Treatment Facility Mobile Workshop
Pinedale is one of the few municipalities where the natural water supply meets the filter avoidance criteria so they are not required to filter drinking water. Join Josh Wilson, Pinedale's Public Works Director, on a scenic tour of this completely gravity fed, tankless water facility with water from one of the deepest, cleanest lakes in North America, Fremont Lake.

10:30 AM - Noon
WAM's Closing Session: Strategies for Operation and Management Efficiencies
Many of us have felt the pressure of shrinking revenues and increasing demands for services. Join this panel discussion and gain “guiding principles” to help improve your municipal operation and management systems. Panelists will share their approaches to balancing budgets while making sure community priorities are addressed.

Noon - 1:00 PM
WAMTOWN GRILL DOWN
WAM is searching for Wyoming’s greatest GRILL MASTERS, who want to prove to WAM Members they are the best! Join in on a friendly competition, judged by your municipal leaders. More information on this event will be coming soon!
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