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## **Greys River Road Waterline Replacement and Pathway Projects Update**

The waterline replacement project is moving along down Greys River Road; most of the main line has been installed and the contractor is almost to the south end of the road. Some crossings and connections still need to be completed along with flushing and testing of the waterline. The pipeline has been quite close to the road, and some road repairs may be needed when the crew is done. The lighting conduit will need to be placed in the ground between the pathway and right of way before the pathway project begins. The **Greys River Road Pathway Project** was approved in October 2019. Significant traffic presents a problem to pedestrians and bicyclists traveling to either the Forest or to the Alpine Business District. This pathway will improve safety and promote more active lifestyles to our residents and visitors. This project will also improve alternate modes of travel in our town. Alpine is a recreational hub year round and one of the fastest growing towns in Wyoming and this growth is expected to continue. Pedestrian facilities have not kept pace with the growth in Alpine. This project originally had a deadline of December 31, 2022, however an extension was granted. With the waterline replacement project and the addition of conduit for lighting the pathway the deadline would not be able to be met. This project will be completed in 2023 an exact date is not yet known.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Great Western Antler Rendezvous**

June 18th–July 2nd

**Alpine Mountain Days** June 24th–26th

**4th of July**—Parade at 7 p.m.—Fireworks at dusk.

**August 19th–20th**

**Alpine Car Show** Rockies Snowmobile Club. More information can be found on our website. [www.alpinewy.org](http://www.alpinewy.org)

### **2021 Water Quality Report**

~The Town of Alpine's water quality report is available in the Town hall @ 250 River Circle or on our website @ [www.alpinewy.org](http://www.alpinewy.org).

## HOW TO BE AN ENGAGED CITIZEN

When we're juggling work, school, hobbies, chores and family time, participating in your local government seems like a great idea in theory. But how do you possibly make time for it?

The good news is that participation doesn't have to be difficult or time-consuming. There are many things you can do as a citizen to uplift your community and the people in it. Some of them will cost you little to no effort, but with such a tangible impact on your neighborhood, how could we ever call them 'small things'?

Let's take a look at **different ways to get involved and leave your mark on politics and public life** – without having to clear your calendar.

**How to be an active citizen in your community:**

### 1. Stay up to date on (local) politics

Do you know who's in charge? Who has the decision-making power, and what are their plans for your community? Knowledge is power, so make sure to stay informed on what happens around you. Read the local newspaper or the town newsletter with your Sunday morning breakfast. Follow local politicians on social channels and, if you want, ask questions directly. Talk to your neighbors about the decision-making in your community and share your thoughts, or attend town meetings if you can find the time. Our council meetings are streamed live on Facebook and have been for about a year. You can also visit the town website @ [www.alpinewy.org](http://www.alpinewy.org) and read the meeting minutes at your leisure.

### 2. Volunteer in your community

Get your hands dirty if you can! Every small act of volunteering goes a long way. After all, you're directly impacting the existence of important organizations, charities and individuals in your municipality. It doesn't matter whether you're walking a shelter dog every weekend, signing an online petition about a local cause, or serving beers at a local fundraiser. A community is built on its active members, and volunteering now and then is a great way to make a difference.

### 3. Share your ideas and spark the debate

Is your municipality having public meetings? Great! That means that

your administration is actively asking for your input. After all, who knows better what a community needs than its citizens?

Does your town have social media? Are you local administrators email addresses made available to you? On those platforms, you can share your ideas, voice your concerns, and discuss local topics that matter to you. An added bonus? Participating on a digital platform gives you a clear and direct overview of the course that your administration is planning to take. Like we said, knowledge is power!

#### 4. VOTE!

We get the chance to let our voices be heard every couple of years at the ballot box. It might not *feel* very impactful when you're checking the name or party of your choice, but the importance of casting your vote can't be understated.

Elections allow citizens to keep the administration accountable, and to weigh in on the direction and prioritization of policy. **Safe to say, getting informed and voting for your favorite candidate is one of the best ways to engage as a citizen.**

#### 5. Support local businesses

For them, it makes a huge difference where you buy your croissants, zucchinis or latte macchiatos. Instead of shopping in bigger chains, try spending your hard-earned money at a local business. It'll make your community flourish!

#### 6. Keep our community clean

You don't want to live in community full of dirt, litter, and out of control weeds, your neighbors don't, either. Keeping our community clean and healthy is an individual responsibility for everyone. Start with your own properties.

#### 7. Take matters into your own hands

Agreed, this one takes a little more time and effort. But is there a certain topic that's close to your heart, and are you passionate about making a change? Put your proposal on the council's agenda, join a group of like-minded peers, or why not join local politics? Become a member of a local

party, help them with the campaigning in your city or municipality, or even get on the list yourself!

### Ways to be civically engaged

As citizens, we hold more power than we think. We can drastically change and improve our communities and the lives of the people in them if we put our minds to it. So let's get to work! How are you going to start?  
(Lodewijckx, 2019)

**Upcoming Elections** Election time will be here soon. Our Primary Election will be on **August 16, 2022**, and the General Election is **November 8, 2022**. The polling location will be at Alpine Civic Center. Absentee ballots are available from the County Clerk's Office 45 days prior to an election. To request a ballot, you may call the County Clerk's Office at (307)877-2027 or (307)877-2021 or by e-mail to one of the following: [jpainter@lcwy.org](mailto:jpainter@lcwy.org) or [abrunski@lcwy.org](mailto:abrunski@lcwy.org).

**Make sure you vote! Every Vote counts.** Candidates for Mayor: Kennis Lutz & Eric Grean. Candidates for Council: (2 seats/4-year term) Justin Fritz, Jeremy Larsen & Emily Castillo.

### Town Council

W. Kennis Lutz, Mayor

Councilman Andrea Burchard Frank Dickerson

Justin Fritz    Jeremy Larson

Sharon Backus ..... Town Clerk/ Treasurer

Christine Wagner .....Deputy Clerk/ Planning & Zoning Secretary

Melody Young .....Administrative Assistant/Court Clerk

Craig Leseberg.....Chief Water Operator/Back Up Sewer Operator

Rob Wagner .....Chief Sewer Operator/Commercial Bldg. Inspector

Christopher Leigh.....Municipal Court Judge

Jim Sanderson .....Prosecuting Attorney

Dan Halstead..... Residential Building Inspector/Municipal Officer