

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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October Schedule of Events

Oct 2 Satellite Office Wall, SD

Oct 3 City Council Mtg 6:30 PM, WCC

Oct 8 Chamber Luncheon 12PM, WCC

Oct 11 Appreciation Supper 5-6:30PM, Wall City Park

> Oct 12 WREA Annual Mtg 10AM, WCC

Oct 17 City Council Mtg 6:30 PM, WCC

Oct 21
Feeding SD Food Drop
12:30PM, First Lutheran

Oct 23 WEDC Board Mtg 6PM, WCC

Nov 2 Wall Craft Show 10-3PM, WCC

Nov 2 VFW Turkey Bingo 10-2PM,WCC

Nov 27 Parade of Lights 6PM, Wall

Dec 4 Pancake Supper 5PM, Wall Drug

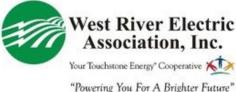
Please join us October 11th!

If the weather is cold, raining, or overly windy, supper will be at the Wall Fire Department instead of the City Park.



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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

Noon Luncheon

Wall Community Center

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Gina Kraut called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Jody Bielmaier, second by Charon Geigle to approve meeting minutes from the July luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Jody Bielmaier to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Charon Geigle. Motion carried.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Linda Hiltner: The visitor center is now open their winter hours Monday-Friday from 8-4:30pm. All their summer programs are over for the season.

Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner – The summer reading program is over and they had great participation. Friday mornings at 9AM there is story time at the library and they are open Saturday mornings from 9-11AM.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: Many comments were made while handing out Rally Rush items about how friendly and welcoming the town of Wall is. Your great customer service does not go unnoticed. The 2025 budget has been approved at our last board meeting and our budget request has been submitted to the city. Additional funds were added to the Holiday Sweepstakes as so many people participate and enjoy it. Homecoming appreciation supper is on Friday, October 11th and a free hamburger supper will be served from 5-6:30pm at the city park. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Wall community craft show is Saturday, November 3rd and registrations are open for it. Tables are \$15/each with a limit of 2. We would love to have some unique booths this year so please share with friends. **City of Wall:** Mary Williams: 4th Ave is almost completed and there will be a ribbon cutting after the grass

has grown in. The Meals on Wheels program was cut in Wall and through the efforts of Mel Shull, the school has picked up the meals. They will be making up to 15 meals a day and students will be delivering. The charge will be about the same as it was under the previous program. Sanders Sanitation had the transfer station open last Friday and Saturday for residents who needed to dump things they had accumulated while it has been closed. It is not officially opened back up yet as the transfer is not complete from the previous contract holder but it should be soon. The cardboard and recycling bins are out however residents and commercial businesses that have contracts with Sanders are who is paying for the disposal so if you contract with a different company, please do not use those bins. A plat was approved for the old Hillcrest lot. Mayor attended the SD regional water meeting and they spoke about the base expansion and the influx of people coming in. Also, that day was the Elevate Critical Issues luncheon and the panel spoke on housing. Housing is needed badly in the hills area and there is no room to grow there so the only place to go is east. In Echo Valley there are a total of 42 lots, 24 of those lots have infrastructure and are designated as affordable housing, 9 of those are sold or under contract leaving 15 available. In Hansen subdivision there is a governor's home and a traditional home available for purchase. All lots there are sold. The Pennington County treasurer's office has developed a QR code queuing system to reduce wait times. Over the weekend 46 planes flew into our airport for a fly-in in the area. There has been interest in building a 4bay hangar at our airport and discussions on how to establish an improved hay crop at the airport.

Wall Economic Development: Dawn Hilgenkamp: A new economic development director has been hired, her name is Rochan Burrell and lives in Quinn. Her first day is 9/16.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: This is the off-season so not a lot going on right now however there is a rodeo in Wall this weekend.

Wheelin to Wall: Charon Geigle: This is the 8th year and there are people coming from 9 different states. John Berry with Berry Fast Mobile Bicycle Repair volunteers on the ride and he will be available at the Powerhouse from 3-6pm on Saturday 9/28 if anyone needs to have their bikes looked at before the Pedal Parade. 67 people registered so far. Thank you to sponsors Wall Drug, Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Monument Health, Wall Chamber & Berry Fast Mobile Bicycle Repair. The Pedal Parade will be on Saturday evening with everyone



meeting at the Powerhouse at 6:15 to decorate bikes with glow sticks before they go down bike path, ending with a s'more party at Wakin Bacon. KOTA is coming at 6AM on 9/26 to promote Wheelin to Wall.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: Saturday 9/28 is the 72nd annual meeting. This year voters can vote ahead of time as the Golden West territory is large and not everyone can get to the meeting to vote. You can vote online and still attend the meeting, however only allowed one vote. Online voting closes 9/24. Registration is at 8:30AM with the meeting starting at 10AM.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: This weekend is their tailgating event grilling at the Wall/New Underwood football game. They will serve from 5:30 until kickoff. 9/27 is appreciation day in Rapid City from 11-7pm. 10/12 is their 85th annual meeting with registration at 8AM and the meeting at 10AM. Today they are attending the game of Life being held at the school by First Interstate Bank for juniors and seniors.

Wall Drug: Amanda Frink – They are slowing down and are down 25 employees. They are slowly closing the backyard and they will be open 8-7pm through September.

Black Hills Federal Credit Union: Mandi Reuwsaat- They are having an open house as a thank you for getting through construction today, Thursday and Friday. Friday, Wakin Bacon will be there for breakfast and lunch and they will be giving away Wall bucks. The more times you stop to enter the more chances you have to win. They are deploying a financial wellness class that businesses can utilize to educate their staff and if anyone is interested, please let Mandi know.

Conservation Office: Orey Fricke: The conservation office has a \$5/ticket raffle going on to raise money, you can win a weather station, weed eater or cooler. They also have a gun raffle and these are \$25/ticket and these must be purchased at the office so you can fill out a form. These will be drawn on 9/17. There is still a position open in the NRCS office as a soil/range conservationist. Contact the office with any questions.

Wasta Bound: Jayne McMahon- bought the motels there in 2022 and been busy renovating. They have extended stay studio apartments with all utilities included and these are great spots for local workers to live. Currently they are hosting workers from a Florida bridge painting company. Her daughter has started a flower farm also in Wasta and is having workshops on how to do arrangements.

Ranger District: Brooke Fricke – The district ranger, Carl Frey, has accepted a new position so if anyone needs anything you can contact the office or Brooke at brooke.fricke@usda.gov

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Parade of Lights: November 27, 6PM Line-up at the school at 5:30PM

Pancake Supper: December 4, 5PM (Wall Drug)



Wall Satellite Office

OPEN: Oct 2 & 16 9 AM- 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM- 3:30 PM



October City Council Meetings

October 3rd at 6:30PM

October 17th at 6:30PM

Country Cupboard Food Pantry Winter Hours September-May

First, Second & Third Wednesdays 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Third Saturday 9:00 am-11:00 a.m.

For assistance call 515-1289, 454-2185, 279-2453, or 279-1045 and leave a message. This is an equal opportunity establishment.



VENDORS WANTED



November 2nd



WALL COMMUNITY CRAFT SHOW

\$15.00 Tables/Limit of 2

Contact the Wall Chamber for an application

605-279-2665 or wallchamber@gwtc.net



WALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB
OCTOBER 21, 2024

6PM

WALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Secretary Jim Hagen mentions our Badlands Observatory on SD Public Broadcasting on an episode discussing Science & Tourism!

https://www.youtube.com/live/FuG8dEovmdU?t=1294&feature=shared

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Chamber Luncheon: October 8th at 12 PM **Wall Community Center Lunch Provided!**

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Wall Community Library

Wall Dairy Queen

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Wall Food Center

Wall Golf Association

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