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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2026

## HAPPY Thanksgiving



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# Our Vision

We embrace "Our City" and its historical Western lifestyle and values while being focused on socio-economic diversity with open eyes, minds, and hearts in keeping Sheridan the community of choice for all.

# Our Mission

We are dedicated to improving quality of life through responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us, with emphasis on public safety, exceptional service, livability, and infrastructure, while being accountable and professional.

# Our Core Values



**Make a Difference** - The primary purpose behind every City Staff action and activity is to make a positive difference in the lives of our Citizens.



**Take Initiative** - In the absence of guidance, we seize opportunities to advance the Mission of the City of Sheridan.



**Build Trust** - We must ensure that we daily earn the trust of the people of Sheridan, even when no one is watching us.



**Show Optimism** - A positive attitude is a force multiplier and is contagious. We look for opportunities in every situation.



**Promote Teamwork** - Together, Everyone Achieves More, and that only occurs through collaboration with others.

# Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to pause, come together as a community, enjoy time with family and loved ones, and reflect on the many blessings that make Sheridan such a special place to call home.

I am grateful for the many who quietly contribute to our community throughout the year. From City employees and first responders to local businesses, volunteers, and residents who take the time to help a neighbor, these everyday efforts make a difference in ways both seen and unseen. They remind us that a community is shaped not only by what we accomplish together but also by how we treat one another along the way. Sheridan is a special place made extraordinary by its community.

As families and friends gather for the holiday, I hope you find time to enjoy good company, share a few laughs, make new memories, and appreciate the simple pleasures that often mean the most. Thanksgiving can also be a difficult time for some, and I encourage us all to remember those who may appreciate a little extra kindness or companionship this season.

From my family to yours, I wish you a warm, peaceful, and safe Thanksgiving. May the holiday bring you time to rest, reasons to be thankful, and a little extra joy in the company of those you hold dear.

*Mayor Richard Bridger*

# City Administration

**Kudos to Our Customer Service Team!**



I'd like to recognize our outstanding **Customer Service team** for the exceptional work they do every day. We recently received a thoughtful note from Ms. Karin Killian, who shared her positive experience and expressed her appreciation for the service our team provides to the community.

I can personally attest to that level of customer service. Just recently, as I was walking past the front desk, I noticed a young lady approaching, presumably to pay a bill or take care of some City business. Megan Paxiao walked right up to her and gave her a big hug. Naturally, I commented, "**Now THAT's what I call customer service!**" Megan smiled and replied, "This is my oldest daughter!"

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This has been a busy couple of months for travel and training. From October 17–21, I attended the annual **International City/County Management Association (ICMA)** conference in Long Beach, CA. Once again, this proved to be a valuable use of time, providing over 20 hours of professional development. Most notable were the general session speakers, historian Jon Meacham and author and CEO coach Kim Scott.

Jon Meacham spoke about events from the 1950s that closely mirrored many of the challenges we face today, including pandemics, immigration issues, and other social and political dynamics of that era.

Interestingly, he never directly compared those events to the present day. Instead, he allowed us to draw our own conclusions, which were fairly obvious. His underlying message was that we have faced similar challenges before, and we will endure these times as well.







Kim Scott's presentation focused on a concept she calls ***Radical Candor***, which emphasizes finding the right balance between genuinely caring for our workforce and directly challenging employees when they are not meeting expectations. Her point was that too much of one and not enough of the other can lead to ruinous empathy or obnoxious aggression towards others. This was a valuable reminder that effective leadership requires both personal connection and honest, constructive feedback.







The conference as a whole was valuable to my continued professional growth. Wyoming had a strong turnout, and represented our state well, handing out “I Have a Friend in Wyoming” ribbons and proudly sporting our WyoCMA shirts (*see group photo*).

As an unexpected bonus, I ran into Sabrina Kemper from Mills, who was attending the conference in her role with Natrona County. Sabrina and I went through the Wyoming Academy together when she was still the Community Development Director for Mills. Small world!

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## WyoCMA Conference – Jackson, Wyoming
## Learning, Collaboration, and Bringing New Ideas Back to Sheridan

City Administrator Stuart McRae and Executive Assistant Annalisa Johnson attended the **Wyoming City/County Management Association (WyoCMA)** Conference in Jackson, Wyoming, joining municipal leaders from across the state to exchange ideas, discuss shared challenges, and explore innovative approaches to local government. Hosted by the Town of Jackson, the conference provided an informative behind-the-scenes look at municipal operations, including strategic planning, workforce housing, public safety, sustainability, and community development. Throughout the conference, participants learned about various approaches to managing growth, addressing employee housing challenges, **maintaining essential infrastructure, and balancing community needs with long-term sustainability**. Highlights included an overview of Jackson's **Mounted Police Patrol** program, employee housing initiatives, ecosystem stewardship efforts, and the importance of organizational culture and shared core values. The discussions offered valuable perspectives on challenges faced by municipalities throughout Wyoming, regardless of their size.
The conference also reinforce the importance of **collaboration and professional relationships among Wyoming communities**, and provide fresh perspectives that can help guide future planning, strengthen City operations, and support the continued delivery of quality services to Sheridan residents.








*Wyoming City/County Management Association (WyoCMA) Conference Participants in Jackson, WY*

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## Council Orientation & Transition Planning

**Preparing for a Strong Start in 2027**

As the City of Sheridan prepares to welcome its newly elected Council Member and begin a new year of municipal leadership, the Administration Office is coordinating efforts to ensure a smooth and organized transition. Preparations include updating the Governing Body Handbook, reviewing orientation materials, and developing an informative onboarding program designed to provide both incoming and returning Council Members with the **resources and knowledge needed to effectively carry out their responsibilities.**

The orientation will cover essential topics such as municipal government structure, Council procedures, legal and ethical responsibilities, the City's Strategic Framework, departmental operations, budgeting, and major initiatives currently underway. Department leadership will also have opportunities to share information about their respective areas, helping Council Members gain a broader understanding of the City's services, ongoing projects, and organizational priorities.

The goal is to provide a consistent foundation of information, **encourage communication and collaboration**, to support a productive working relationship between elected officials and City staff. By investing time in thoughtful preparation and a comprehensive orientation process, the City is helping ensure continuity of operations and a well-informed start to 2027.

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**“Home From the Vietnam War” – Wyoming PBS Presentation**
**Honoring Service, Sacrifice, and the Stories That Connect Our Community**




On **Veterans Day**, 11 November, the City of Sheridan had the distinct honor of sponsoring and hosting the world premiere of the Wyoming PBS production ***Home From the Vietnam War***. This was an amazing story of Lieutenant Lee Alley from Wheatland, WY and his experiences in Vietnam, his return home, and his ultimate return to Vietnam years later to reconcile with the past. It was a particularly moving experience watching old enemies seeing each other years later, forgiving each other, and embracing.

Approximately 300 or more people attended the event including n**umerous Vietnam Veterans who were recognized and given a warm welcome home**.





Panel Discussion: ***Home From the Vietnam War*** *Film - PBS*

We were fortunate to also have both Governor Mark Gordon and Governor-Elect Eric Barlow in one of Governor Gordon's few remaining functions while in office; the crowd gave each man a standing ovation. The film ended with a panel discussion relating to the things we have learned over time as a country in response to how we treated service members during that period. **A 90-minute version of the film is now available on Wyoming PBS for anyone who wishes to watch it.**





## Annual Winter Weather Brief - Winter Weather Outlook
## Preparing for the Months Ahead

On November 12, I attended the **Annual Winter Weather Briefing**, held in coordination with Sheridan County Emergency Manager Jesse Ludikhuize. Based on the information presented, it looks like we will continue to experience the **effects of El Niño**, with the possibility of above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation. That said, we can still expect the usual fluctuations in weather conditions throughout the winter months.

Our local weather forecasts are provided by the **National Weather Service offices in Billings**. I encourage everyone to visit **www.weather.gov/billings** to stay informed and better prepare for potential weather impacts. The website offers several useful tools, including NWS Chat 2.0, which allows users to ask specific weather-related questions, such as, *"What is the likelihood of snow tomorrow in Sheridan, and if so, how much?"*

As we head into winter, it's also important to understand the different weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service. In order of increasing severity, an **Advisory** means be aware of conditions and use caution; a **Watch** means plan ahead and be prepared for potentially hazardous weather; and a **Warning** means hazardous conditions are occurring or imminent, and it's time to take action.

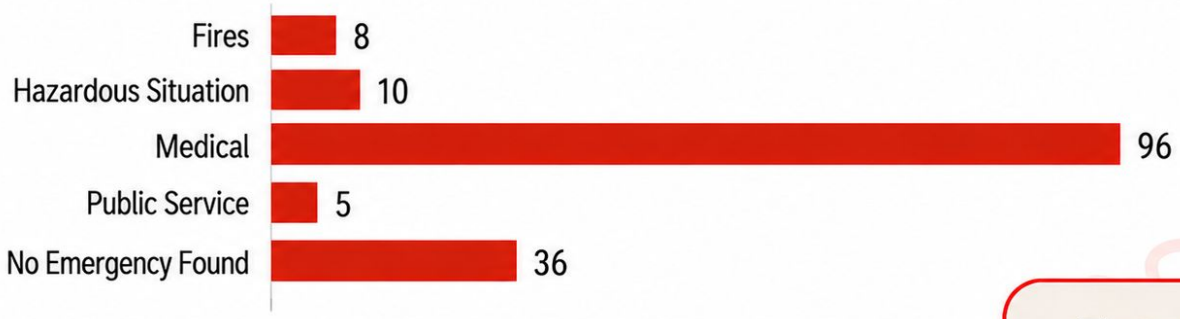
While we may be looking at a milder and potentially drier winter, Wyoming weather always has a way of keeping us on our toes. Staying informed and prepared remains the best approach, regardless of what the forecast brings.



Sheridan Fire-Rescue

*Proudly Serving Since 1888*

# October 2026 Fire Report




**October Operational Highlights**

| | |
|---|---|
| Overlapping Calls | 20 |
| Responses Requiring Emergency Recall of Off-Duty Firefighters | 5 |

**Total**
**155**

# Sheridan Fire-Rescue

## November 2026 City Council and Community Update

Sheridan Fire-Rescue continues to focus on developing our personnel, enhancing emergency response capabilities, and providing fire safety education throughout the community. November brings several personnel milestones, specialized training opportunities, and an important reminder of the value of our public education efforts.

### New Firefighter Graduation

On Friday, November 20, 2026, Sheridan Fire-Rescue will celebrate the graduation of two probationary firefighters, **Shane Censullo and Josh Wilcox**, from the Wyoming Joint New Hire Fire Academy in Cheyenne.

Following graduation, Shane and Josh will return to Sheridan and be assigned to their respective shifts, where they will begin completing their first year as probationary firefighters. Their academy experience has provided them with foundational training and certifications in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and Hazardous Materials Responder.

We congratulate both firefighters on reaching this milestone and look forward to having them continue their careers serving the Sheridan community.

## Lieutenant Promotion

Sheridan Fire-Rescue is pleased to announce the promotion of **Firefighter Gabe Legler to Lieutenant**, effective December 6, 2026.

Gabe was hired by Sheridan Fire-Rescue on March 21, 2019, and has been serving as an Acting Lieutenant since October 2025. During that time, he has gained valuable supervisory experience and demonstrated his ability to lead and support the personnel assigned to his crews.

We congratulate Gabe on his promotion and look forward to his continued contributions to the department in this new leadership role.

## Specialized Training – Hazmat Hotzone Conference

Division Chief of Operations Andy Fried and Battalion Chief Klay Condos recently attended the **Hazmat Hotzone Conference in Houston, Texas**. The conference brought together first responders in the heart of the energy industry to examine emerging and existing threats associated with energy production and distribution.

A significant focus of the conference was CBRNE preparedness, addressing Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive threats. The training provided an opportunity to learn about specialized hazards, response considerations, and evolving challenges that emergency responders may encounter.

Attendance and associated training expenses were funded through Homeland Security, allowing the department to provide this specialized professional development without placing the expense on the City's general operating budget.

## Local Firefighter Training Opportunities

Sheridan Fire-Rescue recently had the opportunity to utilize an acquired structure and a retired school bus for hands-on firefighter training.

These opportunities provide firefighters with realistic environments to practice essential skills and techniques that are difficult to fully replicate in a classroom setting. Training in acquired structures allows personnel to work through practical fireground scenarios, while the retired school bus provides an opportunity to practice vehicle-related rescue and emergency response operations.

In the absence of a dedicated regional training center and permanent training props, opportunities such as these are invaluable to maintaining and improving the skills of our firefighters. We appreciate the opportunities to utilize these resources and the continued support that makes this type of training possible.

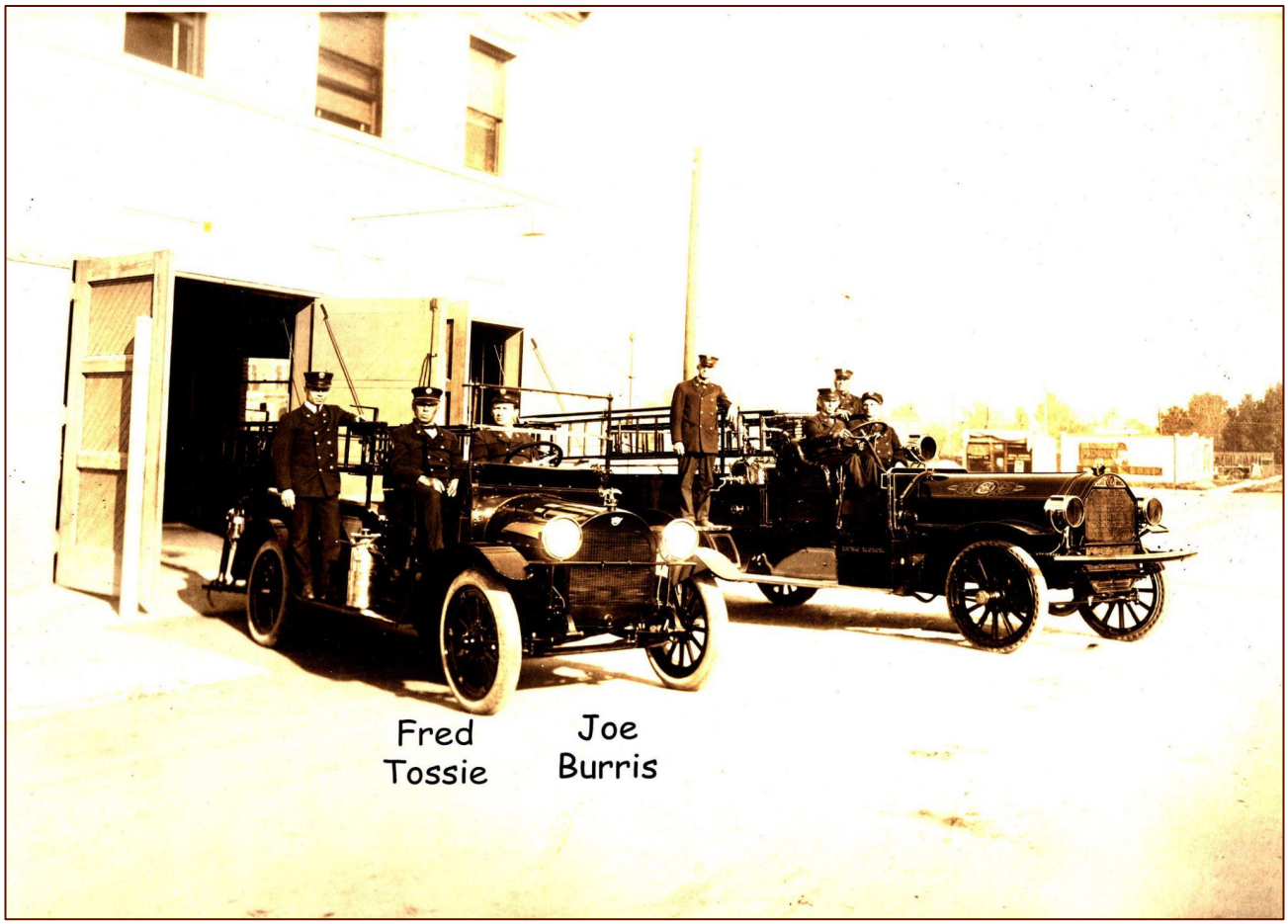
## Public Education Making a Difference

A recent residential structure fire provided a powerful reminder of why Sheridan Fire-Rescue places such an emphasis on public education, particularly with our local schoolchildren.

During the incident, a family was forced to evacuate their home because of a fire. Following the incident, the parents shared how well prepared their children were to respond. They specifically credited lessons presented by Sheridan Fire-Rescue personnel during classroom visits, where firefighters emphasize the importance of having an escape plan, knowing how to get out of the home, and closing doors behind you whenever possible while evacuating.

While we are truly sorry for the property loss experienced by this family and everyone involved, we are extremely encouraged by the family's account of how those classroom lessons helped prepare their children to respond during an actual emergency.

This is exactly why public education and fire prevention remain such important parts of our mission. The time our firefighters spend in classrooms, teaching children how to recognize hazards and respond during emergencies, can make a real difference when it matters most. This incident reinforces that the impact of our educational efforts extends well beyond the classroom and into the homes and lives of the people we serve.



# Utilities

## Customer Service

# Meter Read Update

**The City of Sheridan Customer Service team and utility billing are changing the meter read dates for the entirety of the Sheridan water.**

Previously, water meters for Sheridan Area Water Supply (SAWS) and City customers were read on different schedules: SAWS on the 1st of the month and City customers on the 10th. Moving forward, all customer meters will be read on the 1st of every month.

Please note that this adjustment does not affect billing or due dates. Current billing cycles remain: SAWS customers on the 10th, the east side of Sheridan on the 20th, and the west side of Sheridan on the 30th of every month.

| October, 2026 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Customers Assisted** | | | | |
| | Avg. | 2026 | Change | % Change |
| In-person | 910 | 1013 | 103 | 11.32% |
| Phone Call | 1412 | 1209 | -203 | -14.38% |
| Total | 2322 | 2222 | -100 | -4.31% |
| **Permits** | | | | |
| | Avg. | 2026 | Change | % Change |
| Alcohol | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Street | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Special Event | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Mobile Vending | 1 | 0 | -1 | -100.00% |
| Park | 10 | 14 | 4 | 40.00% |
| Black Tooth Fields | 21 | 14 | -7 | -33.33% |
| **Passport Acceptance** | | | | |
| | Avg. | 2026 | Change | % Change |
| Applications | 64 | 62 | -2 | -3.13% |

### By The Numbers

As the season transitions, permit applications have declined, yet year-over-year trends remain steady. Fortunately, in-person foot traffic has increased, setting a positive tone for the winter months in alignment with typical seasonal patterns.

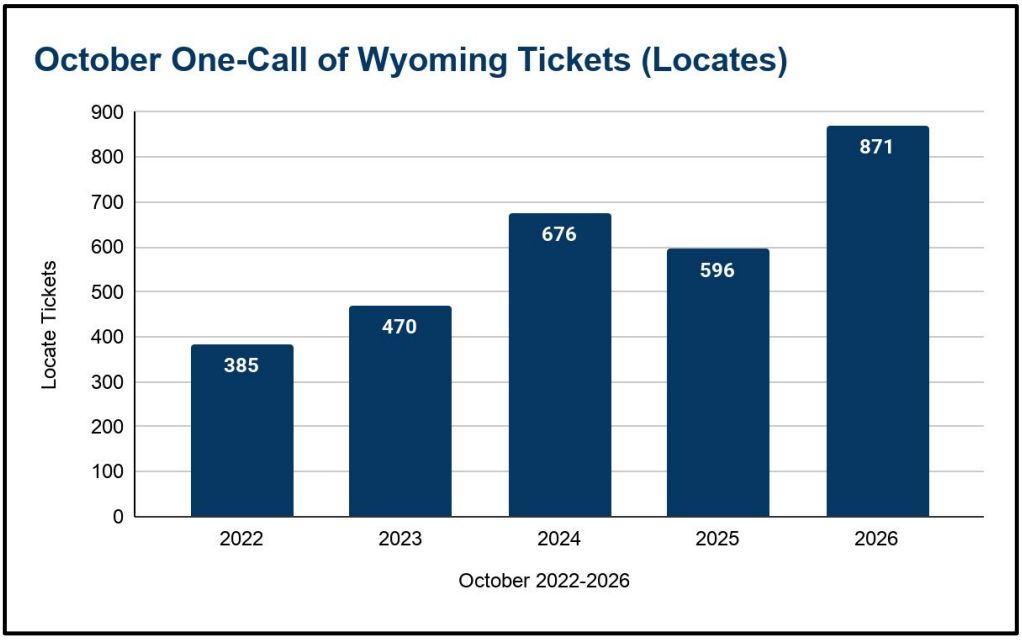
Monitoring these trends provides valuable insights for everyone, offering a clearer understanding of seasonal growth.



# Utilities

## Utility Services

As you can see, locates were up for the month of October compared to prior years. Thanks to Chris Drell and the the Utility Maintenance crew for all your hard work.



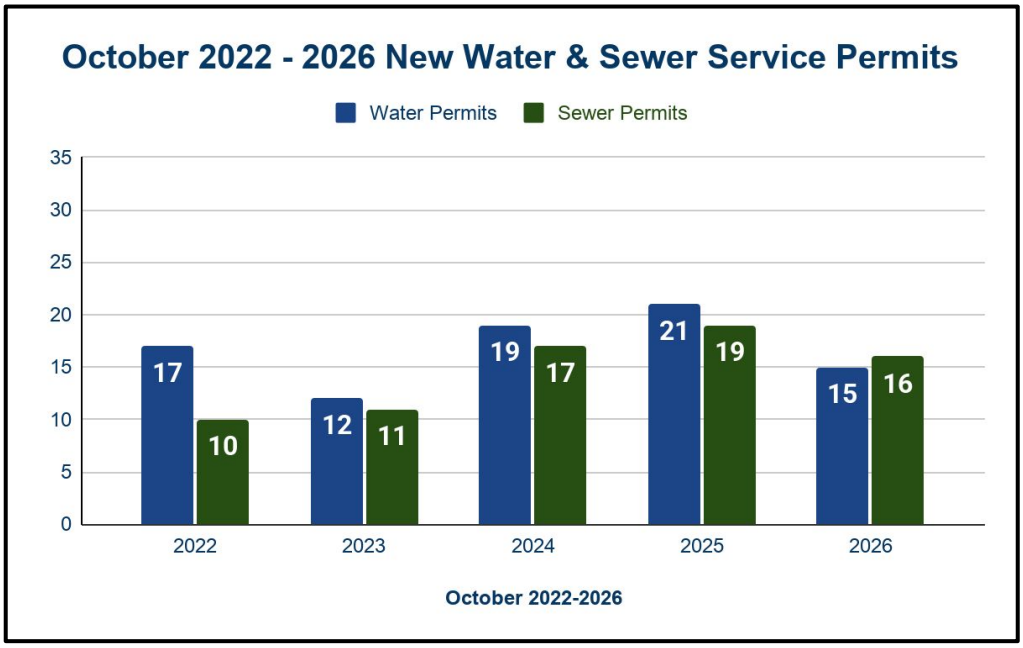




## Water & Sewer Permits

**Need to apply for a water/sewer permit? Scan the QR code below to get the process started!**

**Or visit us online: Click HERE**



# Utilities

## Utility Services

### SCADA

**Operational Updates & Initiatives**

**Airport & Upper Road Transmission Main:** Integrated a new flowmeter into SCADA, providing vital data for tracking water movement and detecting abnormal flows.

**Southeast Booster Station:** Ordered a new automatic transfer switch to maintain power, water pressure, and fire flows during utility outages.

**Remote Sites:** Initiated discussions with MDU to connect aging solar-powered sites to utility power, eliminating ongoing maintenance tasks like battery and panel replacements.

**Ignition Installation:** Working closely with IT to get the central server that will support the City's SCADA system.

### GIS

**Key Projects & Initiatives**

The GIS Division continues to support the implementation of the City's **updated 311 citizen request system**, collaborating with all departments to streamline service requests and improve the overall user experience. The updated application will provide a more intuitive way for residents to submit requests while integrating directly with the City's existing work and asset management system, Cartegraph.

GIS is also working to standardize request data and improve mapping accuracy to support efficient routing, tracking, and resolution of citizen requests.

## Information Technology

This month, the IT Division focused on infrastructure improvements, technology planning, and supporting operational needs across the City. Discussions began with the Police Department regarding the eventual replacement of their existing POTS phone lines, which are expected to reach end of life in late 2028. This early planning will help ensure a smooth transition to a more modern and sustainable solution.

The IT Division also migrated the Water+ software application, which supports the bulk water stations on Coffeen Avenue and Kroe Lane, to a new production server to maintain system reliability and long-term support. Additionally, security cameras were installed at the landfill to improve site monitoring and visibility.



Utilities

## Solid Waste Division

# Landfill

### Wait, don't stop that bus!

A school bus arrived at the landfill to be recycled in the scrap metal pile. Before being crushed, the landfill worked with the fire department so they could conduct training with several of their teams.



### Hi Mayor!

The landfill replaced their track loader with a new dozer. This machine will significantly improve our Landfill Operations and improve the safety of our operators as they use it in the pit pushing waste and while placing soil cover on steep side slopes.

The Mayor paid the team a visit and ended up being one of the first to take it for a spin. He's a natural. Sign him up for duty!



### Grindable Construction and Demolition Material

The Landfill can no longer effectively grind construction and demolition (C&D) material for use as daily cover due to wind displacement and excessive machine wear. Consequently, **the discounted (60% less) tipping fee for grindable C&D can no longer be offered**. We are providing advanced notice to patrons and establishing the first of the year as the time when this will go into effect. Existing contracts or agreements that contractors may have in place which obligates them to receiving the discounted tipping fee will be honored at the discounted rate until the end of June 2027. This action will not affect or change the C&D Fee Waiver Program which provides "no cost" disposal of C&D up to 100 tons when accompanied by a City issued Demo Permit.

# Utilities

## Solid Waste Division

# Sanitation & Recycling

### Fall leaf program is back!

From October 19 through November 13, the team will be collecting leaves curbside as part of the City's annual fall cleanup efforts. This program provides residents with a convenient way to dispose of leaves while supporting the Landfill's composting operations and reducing waste. Curbside collection also helps alleviate congestion at drop-off sites, which experience heavy use during the fall cleanup season.






### Make sure to take care of those pumpkins...

Pumpkin recycling bins were available at the Brundage Lane and Highland Avenue drop sites through November 15th. This popular resident program successfully diverts an average of 5,000 pounds of waste from the landfill each year. Thank you to those that helped us in our efforts of landfill diversion and pumpkin recycling!






# Utilities

## Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

### By The Numbers

The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed 68.57 million gallons of wastewater this past month, averaging 2.21 million gallons per day. Treatment performance remained strong, with the plant removing approximately 98% of organic pollutants and 97% of suspended solids from the wastewater. These results demonstrate the effectiveness of the treatment process in protecting local waterways and the environment.

### Upgrades project is full steam ahead...

Recent upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant have been the major focus over the past month. As shown in the accompanying photos, Prospect Construction Inc. has been actively excavating the headworks to prepare for installing a second channel and automatic screen. This new addition will establish essential redundancy for the headworks, which is currently the only stage of the treatment process lacking backup capabilities. Once finished, the second channel will enable operators and maintenance staff to isolate and service equipment safely without risking downstream operations. Without this screening system, All downstream plant equipment would remain susceptible to clogging and operational disruptions caused by rags, wet wipes, and other debris improperly discharged into the sanitary sewer treatment system.





# Utilities

## Utility Maintenance

### Water Leak!

After hours on Timm Place, the UM crew responded to a water main break caused by a corrosion hole on the underside of a 6” ductile iron pipe, located near a previous leak repair. To fix the issue, the team removed the old repair clamp and installed an extended replacement clamp that covered both corrosion areas. A zinc anode was then connected to the pipe to safeguard it against future corrosion.



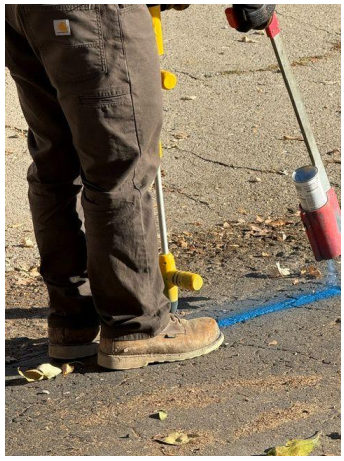
### New Hires

We are excited to welcome two new additions to our team: **Dyson Murner** joins us as a Meter Tech, and **Seth Lueders** steps in as our newest UM Operator in training. Dyson previously worked with us as a seasonal employee this past summer, while Seth is newly embarking on his career in the utilities field. We are thrilled to have both of them on board.

### Teamwork makes the dream work...

The Utility Maintenance crew successfully assumed responsibility for water and sewer utility locates during a staff absence, managing over 200 locate tickets. The crew ensured that every request received a timely and appropriate response, maintaining continuity of service and demonstrating the team's ability to adapt and support operations when needed.





# Utilities

## Utility Maintenance

**We have a signal...**

The Utility Maintenance crew equipped six service trucks with Starlink units to provide reliable internet access in areas with limited cellular coverage. This allows crews to access and complete work orders and service requests through Cartegraph, the City's work and asset management system, while also accessing GIS utility maps, record drawings, and permit information directly in the field. This upgrade is especially valuable in rural areas where cellular service is limited or unavailable.



**Keep on pushing...**

A Utility Maintenance operator is shown on the right stockpiling excess recycled millings from a rotomill overlay project. These materials will be repurposed as backfill for upcoming water and sewer repairs.

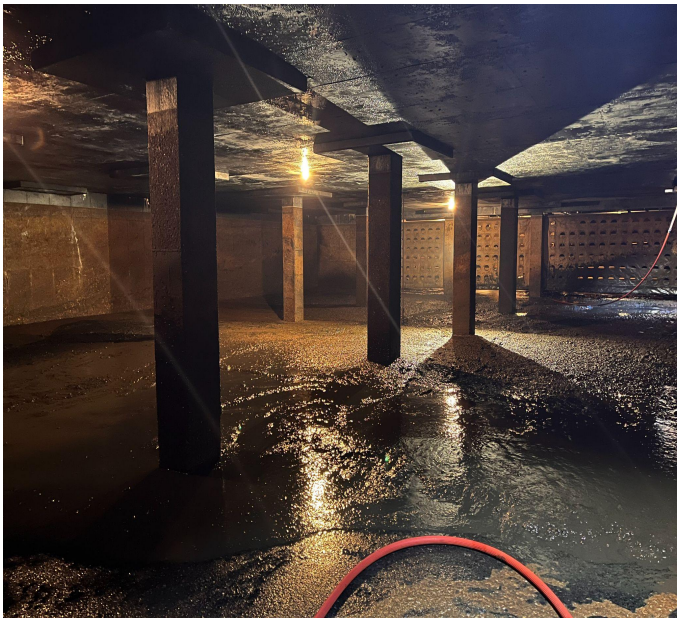




# Water Supply & Treatment

## Underground basin cleanout & On the Job Training!

Each fall, City water treatment operators clean four underground basins, each holding 400,000 gallons of water. This process removes accumulated sediment from the treatment process, using approximately 200,000 gallons of water. This annual maintenance helps maintain drinking water quality and ensures a safe, reliable water supply for City customers.





Inside the Water Treatment Plant, basin cleaning is also underway. New Water Operator Sarah Hersman is receiving training on proper cleaning procedures and associated safety protocols.





# Utilities

## Water Supply & Treatment

**Maintenance mode!**

Seasonal changes bring a busy schedule of maintenance, repairs, and inspections. Pictured here, water operators replace a valve at the Big Goose Water Treatment Plant to maintain proper operation of the treatment system.





Site preparation and concrete replacement around the valve are now complete. Thanks to the equipment and support provided by the Utility Maintenance crew, this project successfully demonstrated the strong cooperation and teamwork between our divisions.







Maintenance and inspections at Twin Lakes have officially wrapped up for the season. All seasonal tasks—including debris collection, removal, and drain cleanouts—have been successfully completed.





City of Sheridan
PARKS DEPARTMENT

# Black Tooth Park: *Growing for the Future*

A little teamwork and **47 new trees** are helping shape the future of Black Tooth Park!

Recently, employees from across the Sheridan Parks Department came together for a department-wide planting effort, putting shovels in the ground to make this community park even better.



Along with the new trees, the park continues to see improvements with the addition of **new shelters**, providing visitors with more opportunities to gather, enjoy the outdoors.



These projects are part of the City's ongoing vision for Black Tooth Park. As improvements continue, the focus remains on creating a welcoming, functional, and attractive community space that will serve Sheridan residents and visitors for years to come.

*We are excited about what lies ahead for Black Tooth Park!*

# Police Department

## 911 Upgrades

The department is currently in discussion with Motorola to replace dispatch consoles, CAD system and recorder as one package. The recorder is end of life and in immediate need of replacement, while the consoles are end of life in 2028 and the current CAD is end of life in 2029. The package replacement would take care of all equipment needs for an extended future at a discounted rate. Funds for these replacements come from E911 surcharges, GPET and general funds.

## Staffing Update

The department currently has 28 sworn officers of 31 allocated, with one (1) officer scheduled to start in mid-November. The dispatch center is staffed with 10 communications technicians out of an allocation of 11, with one (1) candidate in backgrounds. Two (2) officers are in training with one (1) set to complete training in mid-November, while two (2) others will be attending the Academy in January. One (1) injured officers is also expected to return in mid-November.

## Peer Support Program

As part of the personalized wellness program for the department, created by Cpl. Karla Krinkee and Officer Meagan Phillips, the department will soon add a Peer Support Team. Peer support teams consist of department members specifically trained to provide assistance to any employees who may be struggling with traumatic events, or other stress related life matters. This assistance may be referrals to professional counselors or may just be someone to listen. The department is excited about the direction of our wellness program.



Travis Koltiska, Chief of Police | 307-672-2413

# Police Department




Officer Anna Bibbo is sworn-in during a ceremony at City Hall on October 2, 2026.



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# Police Department

# October 2026 Monthly Goal Report

**Goal 1: Reduce Property Crime by 5%, as measured through Uniform Crime Reporting for Part One Crimes.**

| | Oct 2023-2025 Average | Oct 2026 | % of Change | YTD 2023-2025 Average | YTD 2026 | % of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Cases** | **21** | **24** | **14.3** | **221** | **214** | **-3.2** |
| Burglary | 4 | 4 | 0.0 | 49 | 43 | -12.2 |
| Larceny - Theft | 15 | 19 | 26.7 | 160 | 163 | 1.9 |
| Vehicle Theft | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 11 | 8 | -27.3 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | -100.0 |

**Goal 2: Reduce Violent Crime by 5% as measured by Uniform Crime Reporting. Violent Crime= Homicide, Armed Robbery, Rape, Aggravated Assault, Assault**

| | Oct 2023-2025 Average | Oct 2026 | % of Change | YTD 2023-2025 Average | YTD 2026 | % of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Cases** | **3** | **3** | **0.0** | **19** | **16** | **-15.8** |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | -100.0 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | -50.0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 1 | 100.0 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Aggravated Assault | 3 | 2 | -33.3 | 14 | 14 | 0.0 |
| Simple Assault | 15 | 10 | -33.3 | 137 | 120 | -12.4 |



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# Police Department

# October 2026 Monthly Goal Report

## Goal 3: Reduce Alcohol Abuse

| | Oct 2023-2025 Average | Oct 2026 | % of Change | YTD 2023-2025 Average | YTD 2026 | % of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DUI Arrests** | **12** | **14** | **16.7** | **132** | **123** | **-6.8** |
| Alcohol Arrests (not DUI)** | 12 | 17 | 41.7 | 169 | 184 | 8.9 |
| All Alcohol Involved Cases | 48 | 36 | -25.0 | 548 | 457 | -16.6 |

(**includes all other alcohol Offenses - MIP, PI, Open Container)

## Goal 4: Drug Seizures and Cases

| | Oct 2023-2025 Average | Oct 2026 | % of Change | YTD 2023-2025 Average | YTD 2026 | % of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marijuana | 10 | 16 | 60.0 | 98 | 95 | -3.1 |
| Methamphetamine | 4 | 4 | 0.0 | 29 | 20 | -31.0 |
| Other Drugs (Cocaine, Heroin, Speed, LSD, etc) | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 18 | 13 | -27.8 |
| Cases with Drug Paraphernalia Seized | 11 | 11 | 0.0 | 116 | 87 | -25.0 |
| Drug Arrests | 22 | 33 | 50.0 | 195 | 181 | -7.2 |
| All Drug Involved Cases | 20 | 22 | 10.0 | 215 | 160 | -25.6 |



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# Police Department

# October 2026 Monthly Goal Report

**Goal 5: Traffic Management - State Reportable Accidents and those involving alcohol or injury**

| | Oct 2023-2025 Average | Oct 2026 | % of Change | YTD 2023-2025 Average | YTD 2026 | % of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **State Reportable Accidents** | **27** | **10** | **-63.0** | **253** | **80** | **-68.4** |
| Alcohol Involved | 1 | 2 | 100.0 | 10 | 9 | -10.0 |
| Injury Crashes | 5 | 6 | 20.0 | 34 | 32 | -5.9 |

* State Reportable accidents have decreased due to changes in state reporting requirements.

**Goal 6: Welfare checks and Title 25s conducted**

| | Oct 2023-2025 Average | Oct 2026 | % of Change | YTD 2023-2025 Average | YTD 2026 | % of Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Welfare Checks | 25 | 19 | -24.0 | 296 | 239 | -19.3 |
| Title 25's | 3 | 0 | -100.0 | 26 | 19 | -27.0 |



Travis Koltiska, Chief of Police | 307-672-2413

# Public Works: Engineering, Planning & Building

## Engineering

### Project Updates:

SSR Construction was awarded the 5th & Main Curb Reconstruction Project for $73,637.50.

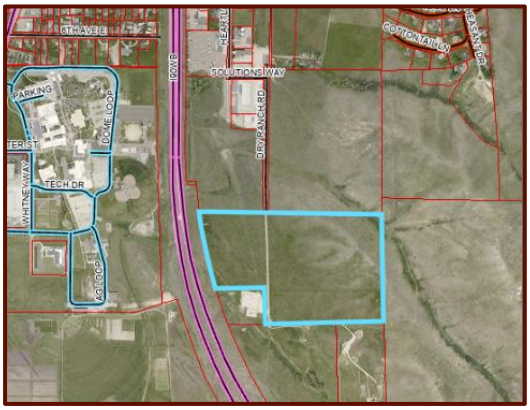
Council approved the installation of stop signs at the intersection of N. Scott St. & E. Brundage St. and they have been installed.




## Planning

### Approved:

- **1** setback variance
- **1** major subdivision, Black Tooth Business Park




## Building

### Permit Report:

Commercial New/Add/Alter

- **7** Permits
  - **2** New
  - **5** Add/Alter

Residential New/Add/Alter

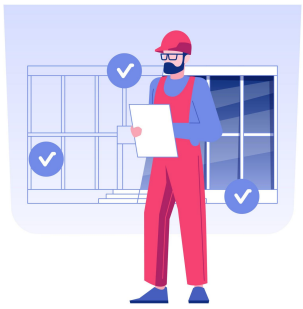
- **14** Permits
  - **10** New
  - **4** Add/Alter

Permit Fees, October 1-31, 2026

- **$107,972.20**

### Items of Note

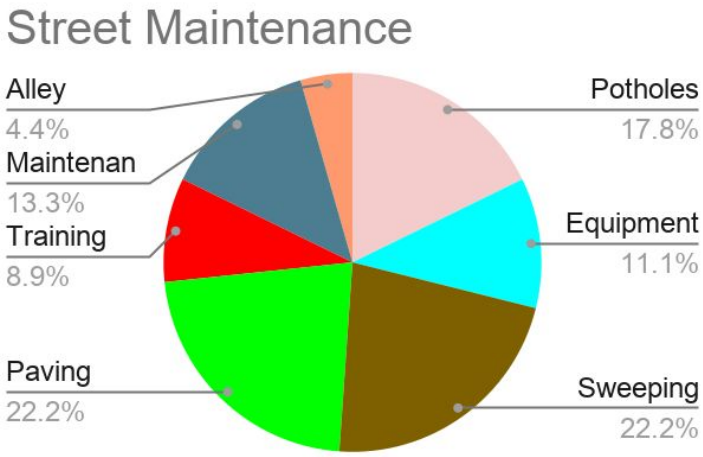
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant and the new Landfill Building are current projects in construction and receiving inspections.





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# Public Works: Streets Department






The new STEPP asphalt recycler was delivered, and the crew has been getting familiar with its operation. So far, it has been a great addition, with the crew seeing good results and looking forward to using it to improve pothole repairs throughout the winter months.

The crew has also been keeping up with MDU as they complete gas line replacement projects, following behind to patch the roadway where needed. With winter approaching, preparations are underway to get snow removal equipment ready for the upcoming season. The Hot Plant is scheduled to shut down on November 20, although operations may continue longer if weather conditions allow.





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# Public Works: Traffic/Signs

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**Signs/Posts:**

- Installed
  - **2** new
  - **4** new pathway directional
- Updated **6** old with new
- Straightened **3** damaged posts
- Replaced
  - **1** due to accident
  - **24** quick curb center line markers at the E. 1st St. railroad crossing

**Decorative Lighting**:

- Straightened **1** damaged light pole
- Replaced **1** damaged base cover
- Reset **1** controller due to power outage

**School Zone Signals**:

- Reset **1** clock in controller

**Traffic Signal**:

- Replaced **1 red** LED light

**Pavement Markings/Thermoplastic:**

- **Parking Delineation**
  - Inlay 5" Line - **111 LF** of **5"** white thermo markings
- **Pedestrian Crosswalks**
  - Grind/Inlay Stop Bars - **48 LF** of **24"** white thermo markings
  - Grind/Inlay Longitudinal Bars - **268 LF** of **24"** white thermo markings

**Sculptures:**

- Installed several new plaques with information about the sculpture.
- Updated Sculpture App to the updated locations of the sculptures.
- Relocated
  - **"Elevation"** to 39 S. Main St.
  - **"Rising Rainbow"** with new base to 2 N. Main St.
  - **"Unlimited Horizons"** back to 101 S. Main St. on E. Works St.

**Traffic/Sign Division assisted with:**

- Removing & installing **2** banners for the Downtown Sheridan Association.
- Relocating & updating the keypad for the City Service Center gate.
- Painting curb/step **yellow** on E. Loucks St. for the safety of our pedestrians.
- Replacing **2** high bay lights in the welding shop.
- Providing
  - Message boards for the Street Department for the W. Loucks St. closure.
  - Barricades for **2** events.

***There is a new 4-way STOP sign at the intersection of E. Brundage St. & N. Scott St. as of October 30th. *Drive safe!***






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# Public Works: City Shop

October was a busy month for the City Shop, with **95** separate tasks completed. Of those tasks, approximately 36.6% involved drivetrain or wheel-related repairs, 20% involved hydraulic or hydraulic hose repairs, 18% were PM B services, 13% involved electrical or lighting issues, and 12.4% were PM A services.

Once again, the Shop addressed several issues involving the City's aging fire apparatus. **FD104** experienced multiple emergency lighting problems that required attention. **FD32** also required several repairs, including replacement of leaking exhaust gaskets, a worn out turn signal switch, deteriorating tie rod ends, and issues with its emergency lighting system.

The Shop also completed the installation of a new brush fire suppression apparatus on **FD22**. This addition will provide the department with another valuable resource for responding to potential brush fires, particularly during periods of extremely dry summer conditions.

As the Shop transitions out of the summer season, attention is beginning to shift toward equipment that has experienced heavy use over the past several months. Maintenance and repair work is starting on equipment from the Golf Course and Parks crews as these assets come in for seasonal service and repairs.

Additionally, the Shop has begun another significant rebuild on **WC718**, one of the Rapid Rail side-load Waste Collection trucks. This will be the third major overhaul of this particular truck. As we evaluate future repairs, we may look at pricing new replacement components to compare against the cost of rebuilding existing components. This will help determine whether continued welding and resurfacing of worn components remains the most cost-effective option for the City.

Overall, the Shop continues to focus on maintaining the City's fleet and equipment in the best possible condition while addressing repairs and preparing assets for the demands of the upcoming winter season.



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# Human Resources

## Hiring Updates




October hiring activity included 9 interviews, 3 new hires, 1 transfer, 3 posted positions, and 11 vacant positions. Thank you to the teams involved in recruiting, onboarding, and preparing these employees!

SCAN FOR OPEN POSITIONS!

## Monthly Employee Department Tour

In October, staff joined the Parks Department for our monthly department tour, at the City Cemetery. The tour provided an inside look at the day-to-day operations, responsibilities, and care involved in cemetery groundskeeping and services. Thank you to the Cemetery team for taking the time to share their knowledge, answer questions, and give employees a better appreciation for the work they do to serve our community!



# City Clerk

**Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Designation**

In October, City Clerk Ashlee Trangmoe earned her **Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC)** designation through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). This nationally recognized professional certification reflects a commitment to continued education, professional development, and excellence in municipal government. To earn the designation, candidates must meet established education and experience requirements, including 60 education points, 50 experience points, and a minimum of two years of IIMC membership. The designation recognizes the knowledge, experience, and professional standards necessary to effectively serve in the role of Municipal Clerk.




**Permit Updates**

The City's updated Special Events Policy went into effect on November 1, 2026. The Clerk's Office has been working collaboratively to implement the new requirements, including updated application forms, improved internal review procedures, and clearer guidance for event organizers.

These changes are intended to streamline the permitting process, improve coordination between City departments, and ensure applicants have a better understanding of requirements and timelines when planning events.

The Alcohol and Mobile Vending Permits were also updated to reflect code changes and to simplify the process wherever possible.









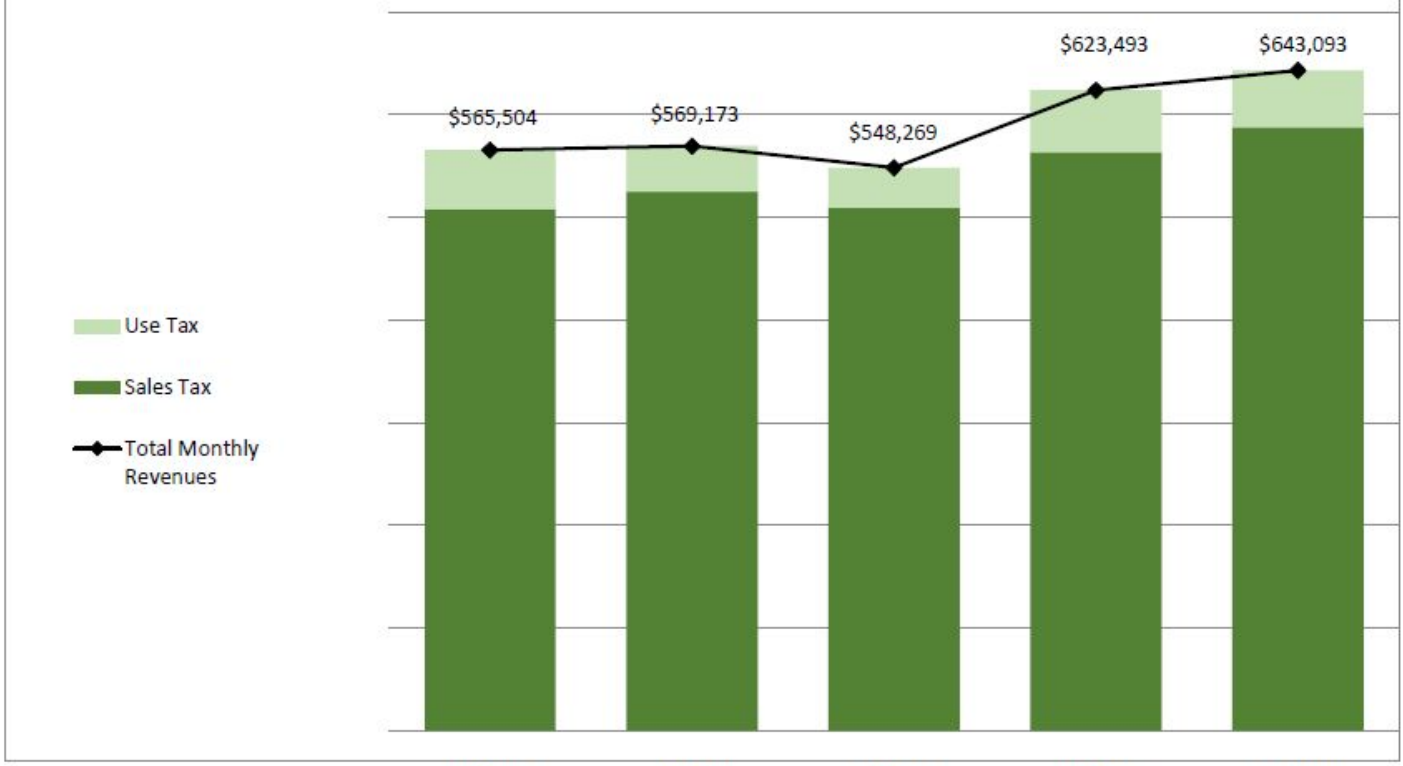
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**General Fund Monthly Sales and Use Tax Revenues**

| | Budgeted Revenues Nov-26 | Actual Revenues Nov-26 | Prior Year Actual Revenues Nov-25 | Variance FY26 - FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sales Tax | $ 560,218 | $ 587,815 | $ 563,463 | 4.3% |
| Use Tax | $ 52,602 | $ 55,278 | $ 60,030 | -7.9% |
| **Total** | **$ 612,820** | **$ 643,093** | **$ 623,493** | **3.1%** |

**Historical Perspective of MONTHLY Sales and Use Tax Revenues**




| | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sales Tax | $ 508,220 | $ 524,928 | $ 509,024 | $ 563,463 | $ 587,815 |
| Use Tax | $ 57,284 | $ 44,245 | $ 39,245 | $ 60,030 | $ 55,278 |
| **Total Monthly Revenues** | **$ 565,504** | **$ 569,173** | **$ 548,269** | **$ 623,493** | **$ 643,093** |

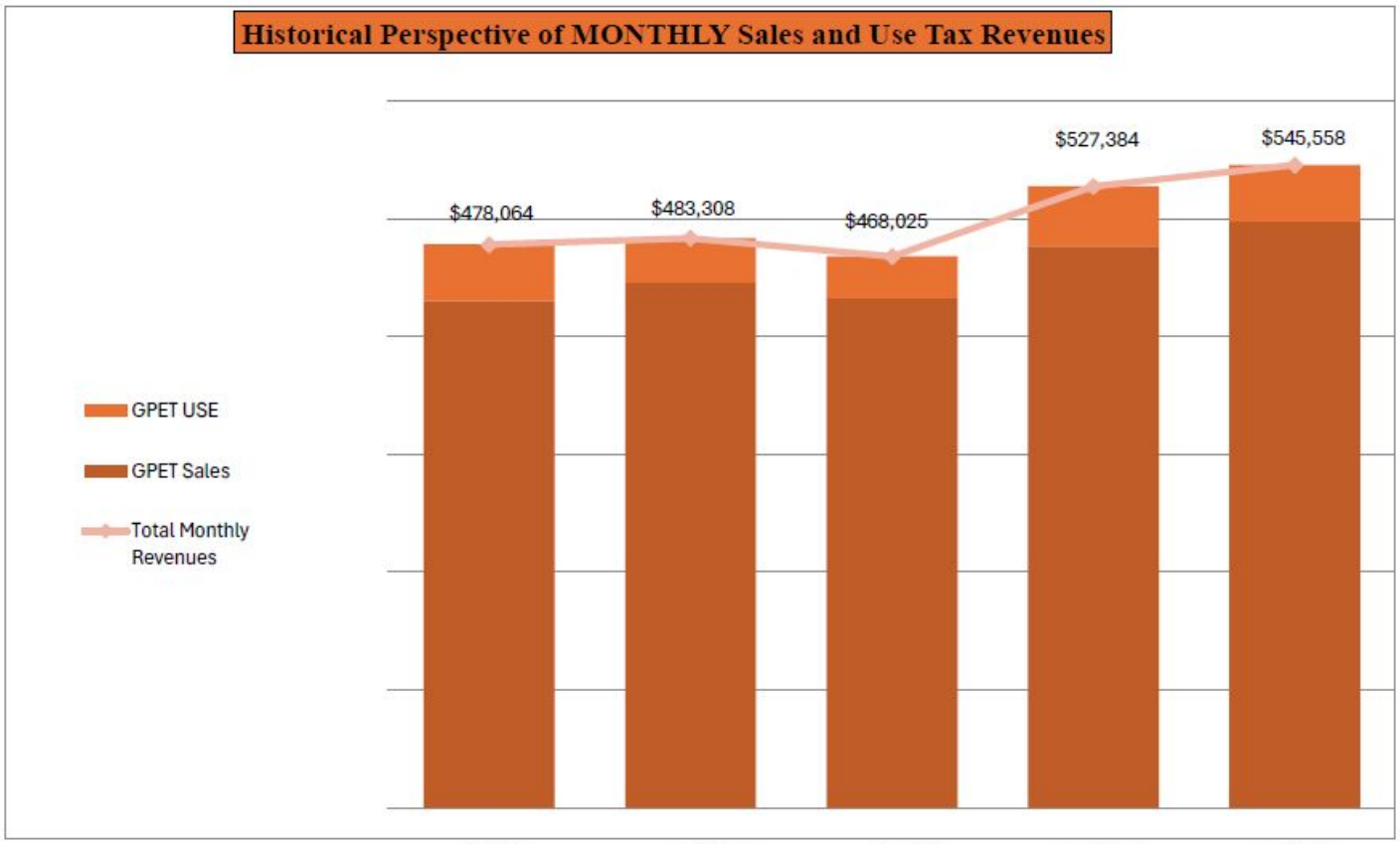
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## GPET Monthly Sales and Use Tax Revenues

| | Budgeted Revenues Nov-26 | Actual Revenues Nov-26 | Prior Year Actual Revenues Nov-25 | Variance FY26 - FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GPET Sales | $ 410,270 | $ 497,473 | $ 476,632 | 4.4% |
| GPET USE | $ 44,640 | $ 48,085 | $ 50,752 | -5.3% |
| **Total** | **$ 454,910** | **$ 545,558** | **$ 527,384** | **3.4%** |

## Historical Perspective of MONTHLY Sales and Use Tax Revenues




| | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GPET Sales | $ 430,004 | $ 445,527 | $ 432,304 | $ 476,632 | $ 497,473 |
| GPET USE | $ 48,059 | $ 37,780 | $ 35,721 | $ 50,752 | $ 48,085 |
| **Total Monthly Revenues** | **$ 478,064** | **$ 483,308** | **$ 468,025** | **$ 527,384** | **$ 545,558** |

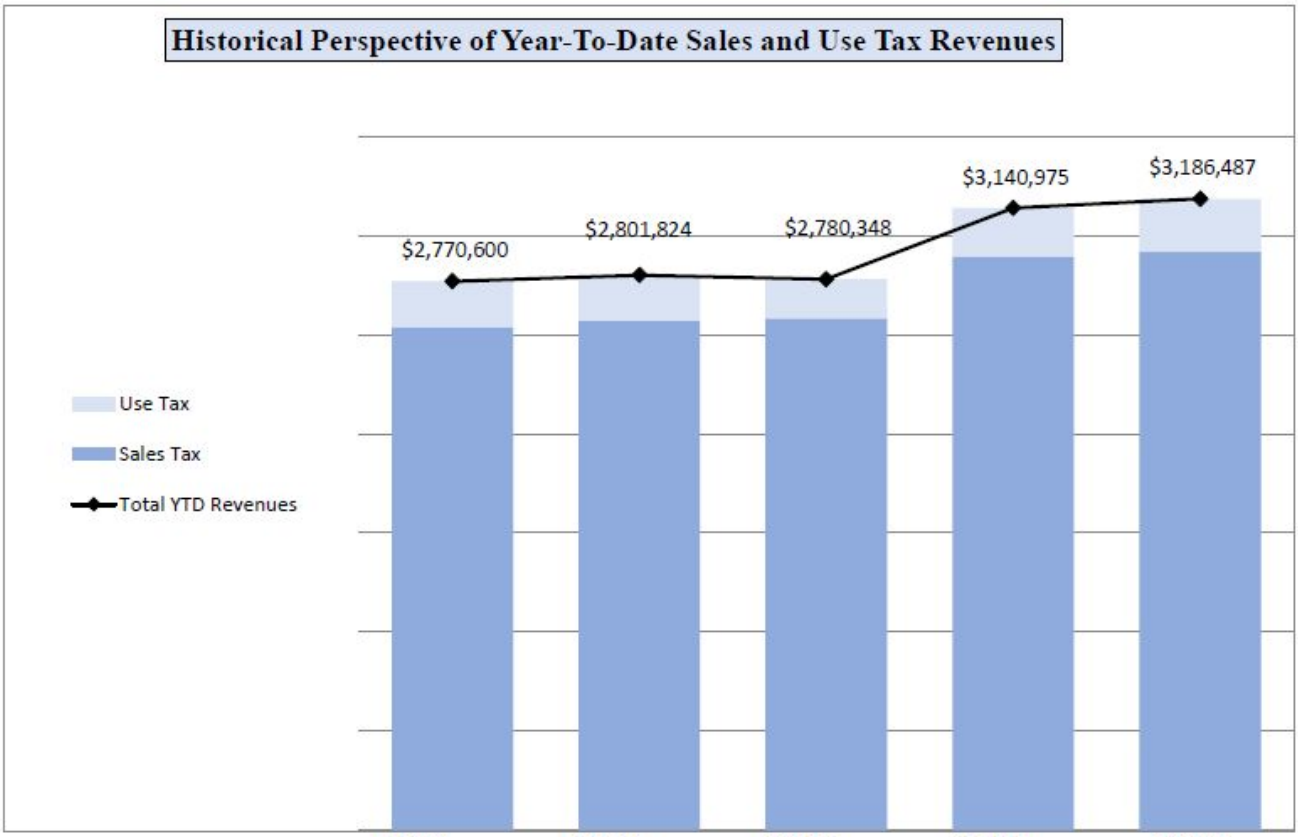
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**General Fund Year-To-Date Sales and Use Tax Revenues**

| | Budgeted Revenues YTD FY27 | Actual Revenues YTD FY27 | Prior Year Actual Revenues YTD FY26 | Variance FY26 - FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sales Tax | $ 2,771,669 | $ 2,920,645 | $ 2,895,797 | 0.9% |
| Use Tax | $ 245,670 | $ 265,841 | $ 245,178 | 8.4% |
| **Total** | **$ 3,017,340** | **$ 3,186,487** | **$ 3,140,975** | **1.4%** |

**Historical Perspective of Year-To-Date Sales and Use Tax Revenues**




| | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sales Tax | $ 2,539,358 | $ 2,569,775 | $ 2,584,121 | $ 2,895,797 | $ 2,920,645 |
| Use Tax | $ 231,242 | $ 232,049 | $ 196,226 | $ 245,178 | $ 265,841 |
| **Total YTD Revenues** | **$ 2,770,600** | **$ 2,801,824** | **$ 2,780,348** | **$ 3,140,975** | **$ 3,186,487** |

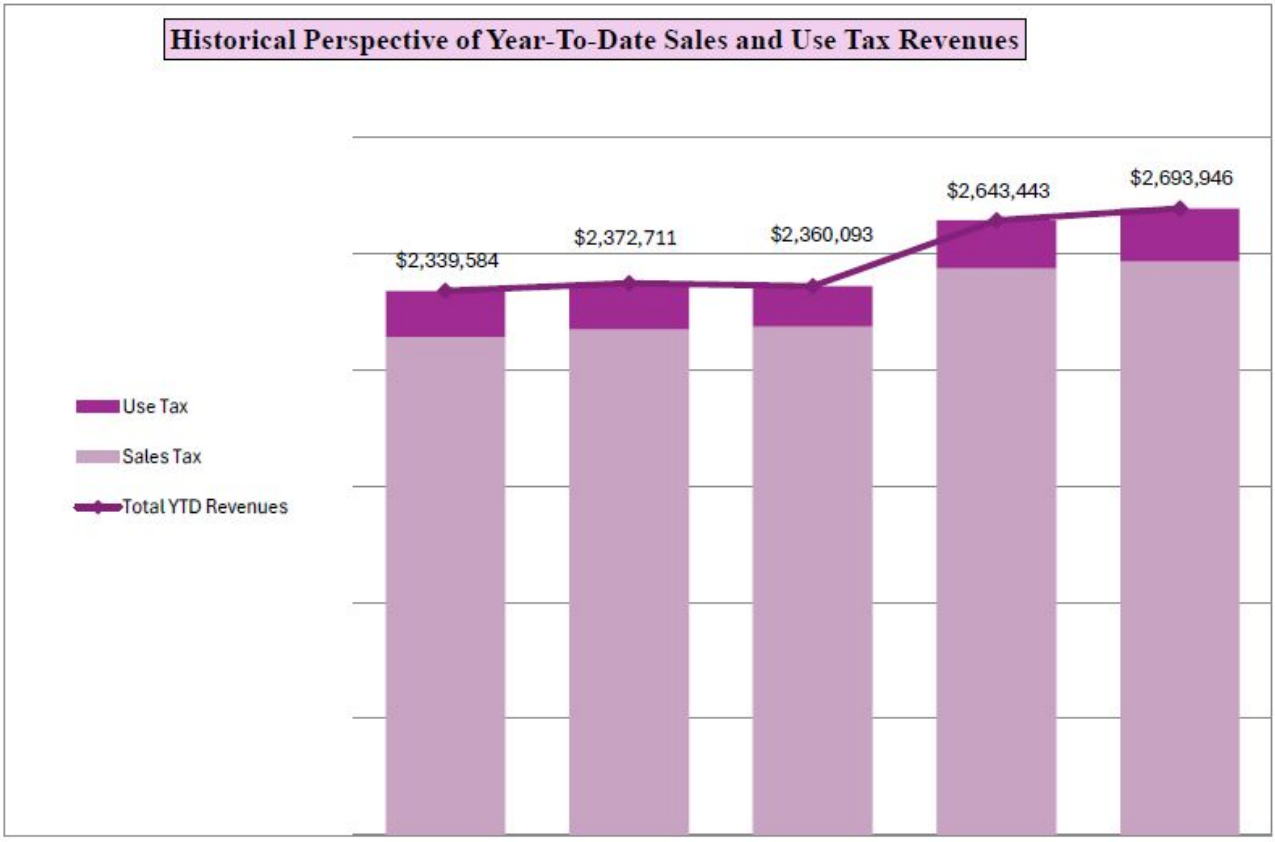
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## GPET Year-To-Date Sales and Use Tax Revenues

| | Budgeted Revenues YTD FY27 | Actual Revenues YTD FY27 | Prior Year Actual Revenues YTD FY26 | Variance FY26 - FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sales Tax | $ 2,055,011 | $ 2,466,942 | $ 2,436,737 | 1.2% |
| Use Tax | $ 200,880 | $ 227,004 | $ 206,707 | 9.8% |
| **Total** | **$ 2,255,891** | **$ 2,693,946** | **$ 2,643,443** | **1.9%** |

**Historical Perspective of Year-To-Date Sales and Use Tax Revenues**

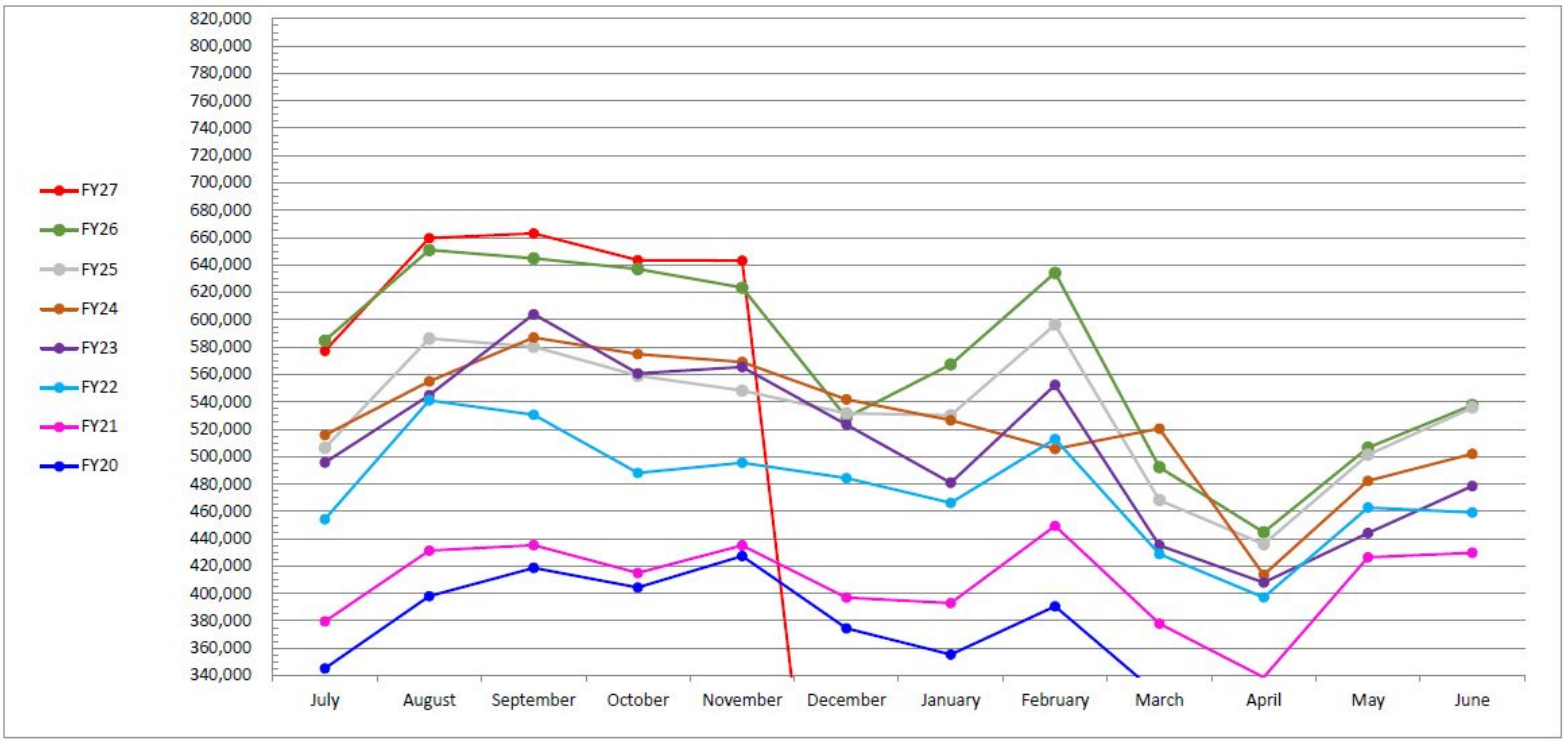



| | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sales Tax | $ 2,143,666 | $ 2,175,363 | $ 2,185,064 | $ 2,436,737 | $ 2,466,942 |
| Use Tax | $ 195,918 | $ 197,348 | $ 175,029 | $ 206,707 | $ 227,004 |
| **Total YTD Revenues** | **$ 2,339,584** | **$ 2,372,711** | **$ 2,360,093** | **$ 2,643,443** | **$ 2,693,946** |

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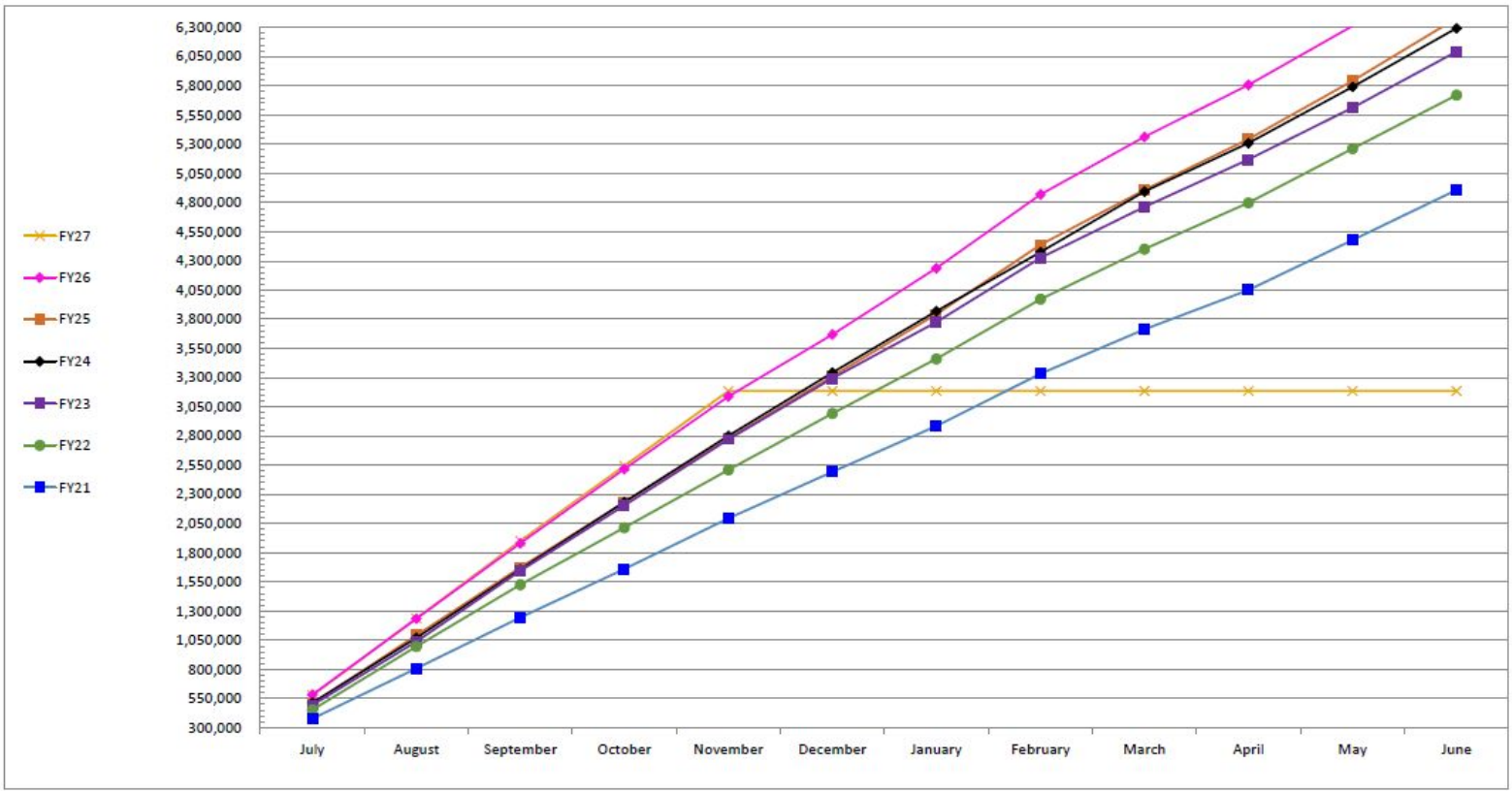
**General Fund Monthly Sales and Use Tax Revenue by Year**



# Finance Department

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**General Fund Year-to-Date Sales and Use Tax Revenue by Month**



# Finance Department

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**Sales & Use Tax Revenue Report**
November 2026 for Taxes in September

**Select Municipalities Comparison**

| | FY26 | FY27 | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sheridan | $ 623,493 | $ 643,093 | 3.1% |
| Buffalo | $ 252,210 | $ 269,312 | 6.8% |
| Riverton | $ 333,770 | $ 281,421 | -15.7% |
| Gillette | $ 2,309,044 | $ 2,443,671 | 5.8% |
| Douglas | $ 730,602 | $ 1,344,103 | 84.0% |
| Casper | $ 2,207,355 | $ 2,229,496 | 1.0% |
| Cheyenne | $ 2,628,313 | $ 2,886,782 | 9.8% |
| Laramie | $ 1,219,558 | $ 867,002 | -28.9% |
| Jackson | $ 1,836,532 | $ 2,462,731 | 34.1% |
| Cody | $ 488,545 | $ 506,629 | 3.7% |
| Green River | $ 574,472 | $ 527,906 | -8.1% |
| Rock Springs | $ 1,142,920 | $ 1,050,277 | -8.1% |

The City of Sheridan continues to experience steady growth in sales and use tax revenue. November's distribution, reflecting September sales activity, totaled **$643,093**, an increase of **3.1% ($19,600)** compared to the same period last year.

Across Wyoming, municipalities experienced varying results, with some reporting significant increases while others saw notable declines. Sheridan's consistent growth reflects a relatively stable revenue trend compared to the larger fluctuations experienced by several other communities.

Sales and use tax revenue remains an important funding source for City operations, and we will continue monitoring these trends throughout FY27.