



2016 Citizen Survey Report



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Gillette Main Street Downtown Clock

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Introduction

The City of Gillette conducts an annual Citizen Survey to gather feedback from residents about City Services, plans and projects. The survey provides all citizens an opportunity to communicate their opinions and ideas to city staff and officials. Feedback from citizens is important as we collectively create our community

In years' past, the survey has been conducted in the summer and fall of the year. In 2015 it was decided to conduct the survey in late winter/early spring in an attempt to increase the response rate.

Therefore there is not a 2015 Annual Citizen Survey.

The 2016 Citizen Survey was also significantly shorter than survey's past. Again this was done in an attempt to increase the response rate. Some of the questions remained similar to allow for multi-year comparisons; however we did update the survey to reflect current issues and projects. Consumers of this information should view it through the lens of social research methodology in order to gain a better understanding of what conclusions can and cannot be drawn from this information.



RESPONSE RATE

2016 – 1,229 responses – 960 responses to online convenience sample; 269 responses to random sample (1,800 mailed invitations to online or paper survey) 14.9% response rate

2014 – 488 responses – 408 responses from online convenience sample; 80 responses to random sample (1,800 mailed invitations to online survey) 4.4% response rate

2013 – 456 responses (online only)

2012 – 133 responses (online); 300 surveys mailed (68 responses returned); 11,888 utility inserts (601 responses returned)

2011 – 3,000 surveys mailed out (829 responses returned); 28% response rate

2010 – 525 responses (online)

2009 – 903 responses (online)

2008 – 450 responses (online)

2007 – 1,500 surveys mailed (546 responses returned); 36% response rate

2006 – 1,588 surveys mailed out (631 responses returned); 40% response rate

SURVEY METHODS

Once again this year, we took two samples. One was a **convenience sample** meaning we opened the survey to everyone. This has been the typical method used in the Citizen Survey. Last year we attempted to use the more scientific **stratified sampling technique**. This was to ensure that we would sample the same proportion of individuals from each ward. We selected at random 1,800 utilities customers, and mailed them the link to the survey with a second mailing as a reminder to take the survey. We also gave people the option to request a paper copy of the survey. These surveys were kept separate from the convenience sample we collected a few weeks later when we posted the survey for all of Gillette. They were to be the sample that would scientifically prove the validity of our survey results. In general, online surveys usually pull around a 30% response rate, which would have given us 540 responses. We had 246 people respond to that invitation with another 23 responding with paper copies—a 14.9% response rate. This was almost an 11% increase in responses over 2014. The way statistics works is that in order to have 95% confidence that our resulting averages are within a 5% margin of error of the total population averages, we needed 317 responses from 1,800 invitations. From that perspective, the response rate failed us, but with the large increase in responses from 2014 we are much closer to achieving a statistically valid sampling.

There was also a large increase in the responses to the convenience sample. When we combine the random sample and the convenience sample we have 1,229 responses; 741 more respondents over the previous survey. If the responses were completely random, that would have given us statistically solid numbers. However, given the nature of our sampling techniques (posting the link in the paper, city website and social media), there is inherent bias. To randomly sample enough people to get that many responses would take a *lot* of staff time. Not only that, but it would limit people from taking the survey who weren't selected, but still had opinions to share. As a City, we never want to limit the feedback we get on this survey, thus the convenience sample.

We noticed that the people that were most likely to participate in the random sample were a little older, while those that were more willing to participate in the convenience sample were a little younger. An interesting point to note is that regardless of demographic differences, there is a predominantly unified perspective on City services

We made the survey available online to all citizens for one month. The majority of the surveys were filled out on a voluntary basis and not by random selection. A “convenience sample” means that we take any responses we can get; it also means that we cannot be sure of the representativeness of our sample to the population at large. However, the responses collected over the last several years are quite consistent, and that consistency over time gives us a measure of confidence in the reliability of our data.

Special Note:

Throughout this document, we will frequently use the terms “favorable responses” and “unfavorable responses,” meaning respectively, any response above neutral or below neutral. The comments sections include all but “non-answer answers” such as “No,” “None,” and “N/A.” Also, the numbers presented in this document will be from the combined data from both random and convenience samples. For the most part, the charts will only include this year’s data. In some cases, we will include previous years’ data to demonstrate either a changing trend or the stability of responses to a particular question.

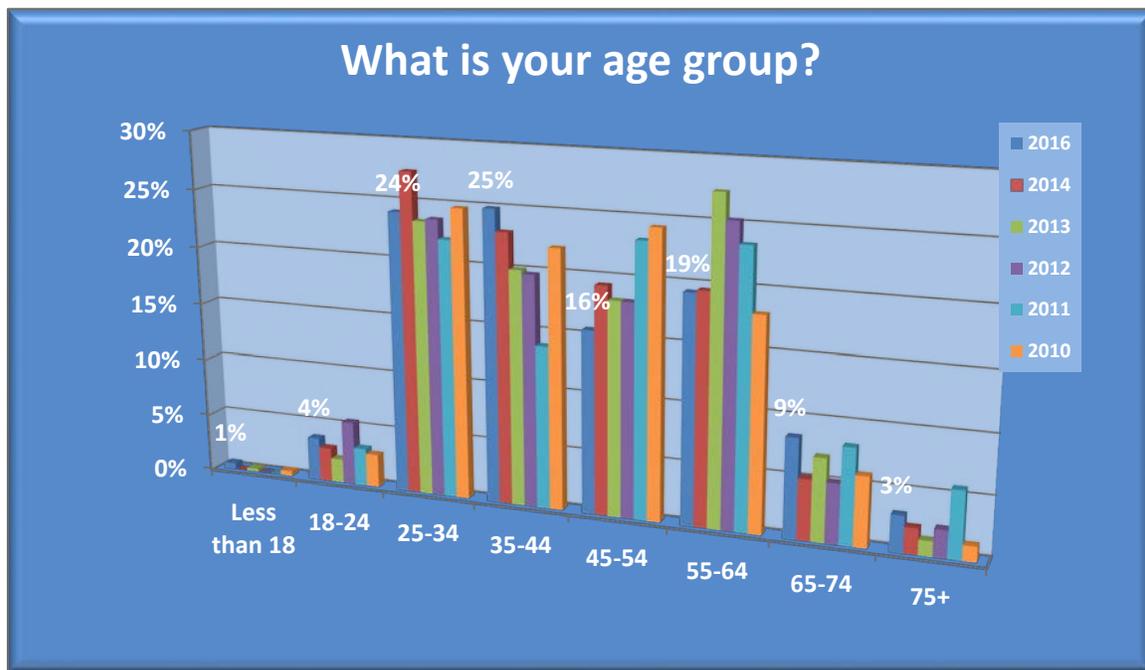
Results Summary

DEMOGRAPHICS

Again this year, there were no surprises regarding questions of demographics. The percentage of each response was close to the percentage for that same response the year before. The chart on the following page shows just how consistent many of these figures are. This information has not changed significantly over the last five years. For example, we asked about the marital status of each respondent. In general, about 20% of the people that respond to the survey are single. About 71% are married, around 7% are divorced or separated, and a few percent are widowed. This consistency is found throughout the demographic questions.

More than half of the citizens that responded this year have lived in Gillette for more than 20 years. About 65% of those that responded had full-time employment, down from 75% last year. The percentages for age groups are as follows: 1% less than 18-year-olds, 4% 18- to 24-year-olds, 24% 25- to 34-year-olds, 25% 35 to 44-year-olds, 16% 45 to 54-year-olds, 19% 55- to 64-year-olds, 9% 65- to 74-year-olds, and 3% in the 75 and up category.

Females outnumbered males again on the survey, this time by about 18%. About 15% had a graduate degree; 23% of the respondents had a bachelor's degree, 13% had associate's degrees, and 19% were high school graduates. We asked about children in various age groups. When we summed all the respondents' children, we found that 22% were 0 to 5 years old, 24% were 6 to 12 years old, 19% were 13 to 18 years old, and 35% were 19 or older.



PUBLIC SAFETY

In the Public Safety section of the survey, we designed questions to obtain information about how safe citizens feel in various areas around the City, as well as their feelings of safety regarding traffic in Gillette. Respondents also rated their experiences with various emergency response teams in the City.

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The majority of citizens who took the survey felt safe during the day with a 91% favorable response rate. At night the response rate was 86% favorable. And while visiting business areas, the response was 93% favorable.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We asked citizens where they received their information about the City of Gillette. Respondents were able to choose all applicable options. This year there was a significant increase in the number of respondents that receive their information from local radio and newspaper. This was a 19% increase over 2014 numbers.

City information can be found at:

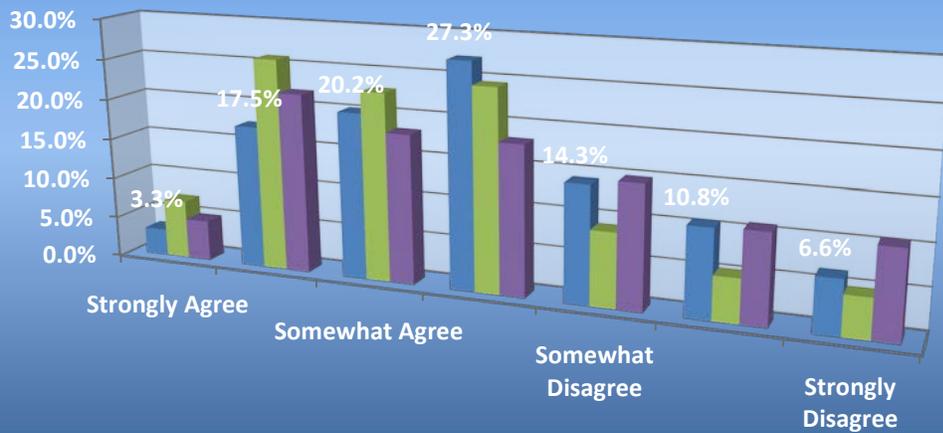
<http://www.gillettewy.gov/>
www.facebook.com/CityofGillette
[@cityofgillette](https://twitter.com/cityofgillette)

Where do you receive City of Gillette information?	2016 Percentages	Percent Change from Previous Year
City Website	14.1%	-9.1%
Utility Bill Inserts	18.7%	-1.2%
Local Media	35.8%	+18.9%
GPA/TV	2.5%	-1.5%
Press Releases	4.0%	-3.2%
City Facebook/Twitter	22.7%	-2.1%
"Other"	2.3%	-1.8%

In this section we also asked citizens if the City Council does a good job of listening to citizens and responding to community priorities. About 41% answered favorably and 27.3% were neutral, leaving about 31.7% that answered unfavorably to one degree or another.

While it is welcoming to see that there are more favorable responses than unfavorable responses, it is important to note the shift in public opinion.

The City Council does a good job of listening to citizens and responding to community priorities.



TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING

We asked citizens about their satisfaction with City-provided trash pickup. 89% of respondents answered favorably for this service. A mere 5% answered unfavorably.

Recycling was another topic that was included in this year's survey. Citizens were asked if they would be willing to pay to participate in the Blue Bag Recycling program. Only 34% of respondents indicated they would be willing to do so.

CAM-PLEX

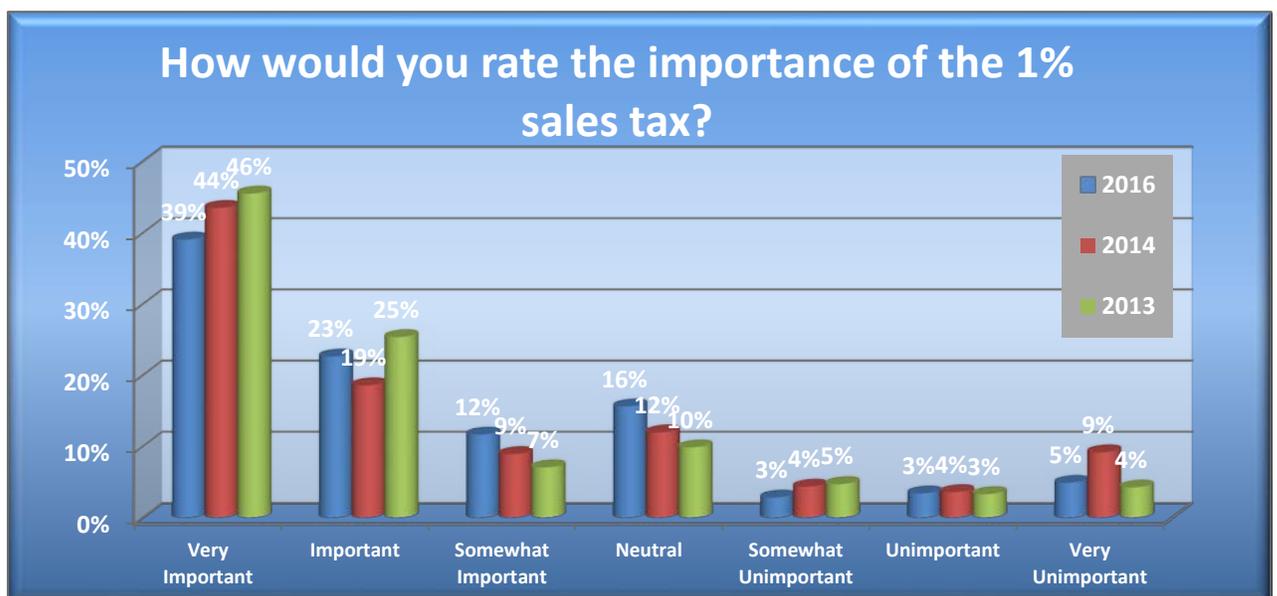
We asked citizens how often they visited the CAM-PLEX this year. The results are in the table below.

Quantity of annual CAM-PLEX visits	Percentage
Have not visited this year	5%
1 – 2 times	25%
3 – 5 times	42%
6+ times	29%

Respondents were also asked how they received information about CAM-PLEX events. Again, local radio and newspaper was the most common way citizens received information at 42% with social media coming in second.

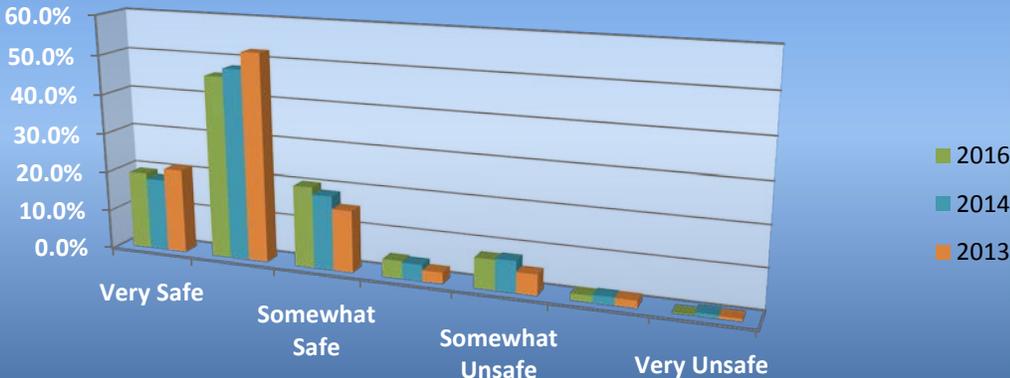
OPTIONAL 1% SALES TAX

Citizens were asked about the importance of the Optional 1% Sales Tax. 73% of respondents indicated a favorable response for the importance of the Optional 1% Sales Tax.

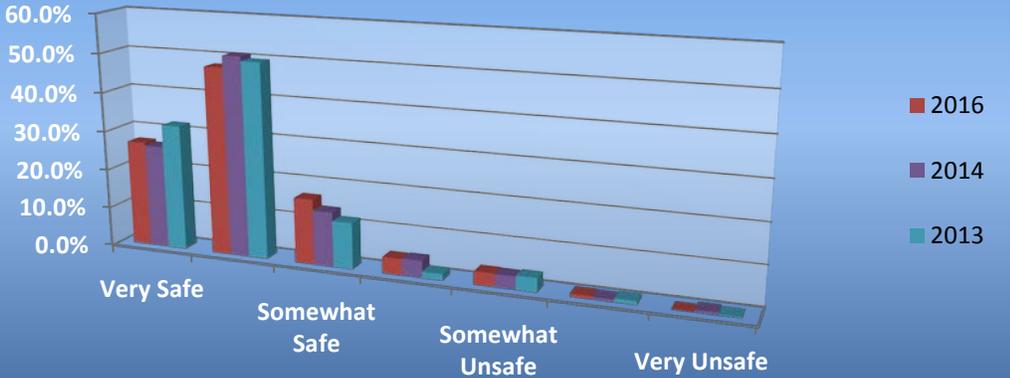


Public Safety

How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night?



How safe do you feel in your neighborhood in general?



Robbery	road rage
Robbery	Theft
Robbery	Theft
Robbery	vandalism
Robbery	vandalism
Robbery	Drug related
Burglary	Not fearful of any crimes, if I had to say something, I guess it would be robbery.
Burglary	Harassment
Burglary	Gangs
Burglary	home invasion
Burglary	Hit & Run, car on car.
Burglary	hit or killed by drivers who run red lights and that are speeding.
Burglary	theft-breakins or robbery
Burglary	use of gun for crimes
theft	Government oppression
theft	Buglary
theft	Minor Vandalism or Robbery from unlocked vehicles.
theft	Home break-in
theft	burglary and drugs
theft	Vandalism and theft from vehicles.
Drugs	Crimes against children
Drugs	DUI's, drug related traffic accidents
Drugs	Theft, mostly of homes or into vehicles.
Drugs	the rash of armed robberies is an anomaly and a moron
drugs	auto break ins
drugs	Child kidnapping
drugs	Burglary and violant crimes
drugs	drug and alcohol abusers
burglary	Gangs and robbery
burglary	Breaking and entering
burglary	Driving under the influence
burglary	car jacking
Armed Robbery	Vandalism
Armed Robbery	violent physical assault, gun violence
ROBBERY	Drug related crimes
ROBBERY	Meth related activity
Break-ins	people getting hurt
Break-ins	Drug use
home break in	Theft, burglary, poor driving
home break in	Drugs-Meth, Heroin and the way people act on them
road rage	

burglary, home invasion

Burglaries

Vandalism

Theft

Drug related violence, thefts, vandalism

home invasion/robbery

Domestic Disputes and Theft

Burglary and of course the random act of terrorism by some psychopath that can happen anywhere.

Drug Dealing and Robberies

Vandalism of vehicles on street. This happened multiple times at our residence several years ago, and these crimes were never solved.

Drugs, illegal immigrants, burglary

Drug dealing

DUI Accidents

Assault by one of the area's hot-heads

Burglary, drugs

Robberies

Burglary of my home

Drug related

Theft, speeding vehicles

Distribution of drugs

Drug related crimes, such as usage, dealing, burglary to feed addiction, Murder has increased, robbery has increased

murder

home break in and theft, identity theft

White collar - Identity theft

Active shooter and burglary

None

vandalism and robbery

break ins

Robbery Property destruction

Assault

drugs and theft

Robbery, assault

vandalism

drugs and burglary

It seems most crimes here involve the use of drugs or alcohol. So I fear the results of that, including domestic

violence, theft, vandalism and driving while under the influence. With the downturn in the economy, I think those problems will likely get worse instead of better. I think the local agencies who serve the down and out also will feel the pressure and the city should help them to the best of the ability to meet the needs of residents.

Drug-related crime & vandalism

drug induced

Burglary and vandalism

robbery, assault

intruder

identity theft

Break In's

car break-ins

Vandalism or burglary

burglery

Home or car robbery

Break ins

Break in at my home. Parking lot abduction or bullying at school of my students by other students which could lead to after school danger. The bullying issue that is denied by the school district carries over to after school and is a danger to our students.

Shooting

Someone breaking into our home

Fast or drunk drivers

Armed robbery

Scumbag Meth Dealers, Users, Etc.

drunk driving

Theft

Burglaries

people driving under the influence and stealing to get money for drugs

Breaking and entering, theft

Theft, DUI

use of illegal drugs

Theft - Breaking and entering

Burglary, assault, there is way to much drug related crimes.

Home invasions

Break in; ie. home, vehicle, business.

I don't fear any crime in Gillette.

robbery fraud b

Robberies and Child molesters.

Abduction from a grocery store parking lot late at night so I shop during the day.

DWI

The meth house across the street bringing unwanted traffic to the area/
Thieft

Someone breaking my car windows

Meth related incidents, violence, robbery

robbery/mugging

home breakins

con artists

Burglary

Home invasion

assault

Vehicle accidents from careless drivers.

Running red lights, speeding, etc.

Drug related crimes. House / vehicle being broken into.

Theft; Illigal Drug use and abuse

home invasion and sexual assault

Vandalism, vehicular breaking and entering

Vandalism, stolen property

Illegal immigrants

Being robbed

Theft from personal property/vehicles

Battery, Burglary

break in's

Vandalism and theft

Break-in

gangs getting started. redneck cowboys stealing identity

Home break-ins

Drug-related problems

reprobates/substance abusers-theft/robbery etc.-bad driving--those without respect for others

any armed robbery

Juvenile violence

Drug usage and the sale of drugs

drunk/impaired driving

Armed theft.

Psyched out drug addict losing it

drug related crimes--stealing, muggings

Drug

Burglary

Theft

Drug
 Drug crimes
 Drug crimes
 Drug crimes
 Drug crimes
 drugs
 drugs
 drugs
 drugs
 Drug use
 Drug use
 Drug use
 Drug use
 Robbery, assault
 Robbery, assault
 Robbery, assault
 Robbery, assault
 burglary
 burglary
 burglary
 burglary
 assault
 assault
 assault
 Armed Robbery
 Armed Robbery
 Armed Robbery
 Theft and vandalism
 Theft and vandalism
 Theft and vandalism
 Meth
 Meth
 Meth
 Drug related crimes
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 Break in
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 Identity theft
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 Drug usage
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Burglery
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 Breaking and entering
 Breaking and entering
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 Shootings
 Shootings
 Shootings
 Vandalizing
 Vandalizing
 Drug related crime
 Drug related crime
 armed robbery
 armed robbery
 Thefts
 Thefts
 Home invasion
 Home invasion
 Being robbed
 Being robbed
 Rape
 Rape
 Drunk drivers
 Drunk drivers
 Assault
 Assault
 Robberies
 Robberies
 Gun violence
 Gun violence
 Drunk Driving
 Drunk Driving
 Breakins
 Breakins
 Drug related crime
 Drug related crime
 Murders
 Murders
 Burglaries
 Burglaries
 Murder
 Murder
 Theft and drugs
 Theft and drugs

Robberies
 Robberies
 Drug violence
 Drug violence
 Assault
 Assault
 Auto theft
 Auto theft
 Homicide
 Homicide
 Drugs and those under the influence of drugs
 Drugs and those under the influence of drugs
 Crime
 Crime
 I don't know
 I don't know
 Violence
 Violence
 Home burglary
 Home burglary
 Destruction of property
 Destruction of property
 Drug-related
 Drug-related
 Disgruntled employee that is fired and takes revenge on x coworkers
 Sexual a Sault
 Burglary, Theft, Violence
 Violence and Drunk Driving
 Angry,armed,unstable people.
 Theft and assault
 gun violence; violence toward animals; issues that arise from drugs or alcohol
 Something with my car
 Someone breaking into my home
 Hate crimes -- we need more sense of community among the different factions that make up our town.
 home burglary
 theft, burlarly
 Refugee relocation
 Theft, Meth Heads
 Robberies/Burglaries

ROBBERY
 Drug induced crimes
 Being attacked or robbed. Car or house being broken into.
 Neighbor killing my dog and drug addicts
 braking and entering
 B&e
 Home break in
 Stealing
 Corruption
 Theft, home invasion/burglary/robbery, dog attack since there seems to be NO ENFORCEMENT of animal control laws.
 robbery
 Bad drivers
 Hate Crimes - I am especially fearful of groups like "Stop Islam in Gillette" which seek to spread hate and fear.
 The Drug activity is getting worse
 Drugs, break ins, and drunk driving.
 Meth-related
 Drug abuse/ crimes associated with drugs
 Property theft
 Breaking & entering
 Robbery for money for drugs
 Home invasion
 theft , destruction of private and public property
 Driving through red lights
 road rage-happens a lot, thefts and drugs too are bad here
 Car broken into or theft from yard/garage.
 drug related, texting and driving
 Breaking in to vehicles
 Motor vehicle reckless driving
 Drugs and robberies
 People running the red lights
 Drugs and the related thefts that occur for addicts to pay for them; and--while it's not exactly "crime" per se, it seems there is a tremendous lack of respect for traffic laws in this area

Burglary/Robbery
 Drug related crimes
 burglary and drug abuse
 Vandalism of personal property, reckless driving, DUI, and drugs
 Burglary/home invasion
 Burglaries, destruction of property
 Druggies coming into my house
 theft/break-in
 B.E. / murder
 Dui
 drugs - meth and others that really mess with people. Guns - the ability for pretty much anyone to have and carry a gun into any establishment is a worry. Wish there were more checks, safety measures, and licenses for a permit to carry.
 Crimes against humanity, hate crimes
 Robberies and shootings.
 Violent crime
 Theft
 Mugging by people on drugs
 Drug use.
 Red light runners and the drivers here in general.
 Gun violence likely used in robbery
 Taxation
 People stealing stuff out of my yard.
 Domestic violence; it's very common here and largely ignored.
 assault - robbery
 Armed Robbery
 Property theft or hit and run
 Vandals/burglary
 Theft, drugs
 Drugs the only ones who can't find them are the Gillette police and Campbell County Sheriff's office to busy making felony traffic stops for mud on license plates
 Breaking and Entering
 murder, rape, all violent crimes
 Inattentive drivers.
 Meth

Any home invasion.
 Drugs and theft to get them
 I'm not fearful of any crime in particular.
 Drug Related-Burglary-Auto
 Careless motorist
 Theft, Burglary, & Vandalism
 Robbery/drugs
 Theft Armed robbery
 Being hit by drunk driver or someone who runs a red light
 Drug related, meth in particular, drunk drivers
 ROBBERIES BY PEOPLE WHO ARE ON DRUGS
 Robbery
 Home Break-In
 Law Enforcement Corruption
 Break in at my residence
 breaking into or vandalizing my car
 Hate crimes.
 Loss of property from house
 Drunk driving
 Break ins, drunk driving.
 Theft, people breaking into your car or house.
 Drugs, Theft
 bad driving
 na
 Breaking and entering.
 Beak ins and car damage
 Break in at my house
 Child molesters/sexual predators
 Alcohol abuse
 terrorist threat as we are the energy capital
 My car getting broken into
 Shooting
 Being Attacked
 rape or burglary
 many. victim of road rage here daily
 drug use and sales
 n /a
 theft/break-ins
 Theft (break in) due to the drug dealers down the block that the police do

nothing about. 2 houses down from the schools !!!!!

Robbery, burglary

Identity Theft

Home invasion by someone on drugs

DUI, drug use, drug trafficking, burglary.

Armed crimes

burglaries/drug related assaults

rape

Crimes committed by druggies to support their habits

I am not fearful of crime in the City of Gillette given we live in a very small state. Logically though, i assume theft will become more prevalent given the downtown in the economy.

Intoxicated driving

Break in and burglary

Vehicular Crimes, Burglary

home invasion

As the economy gets worse: robbery and hold ups

This is a strange question, since I will most likely never visit or live in Gillette. I suppose that I would be afraid of mail fraud or some kind of mail order malfeasance, as it is possible that I might unwittingly order something from a business in Gillette.

Probably burglary

Drug related violence or theft

Illegal immigration

Dui and drugs

Drug related crime, such as burglary, robbery, etc

Any further comments regarding the public safety of Gillette?

I commend our law enforcement officers!!

Drugs

Drugs

Drugs

The police do not seem as visible in our community.

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Use of radio for announcements of weather, and other public concerns

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The police do a good job.

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Its ok

Its ok

Our police do an amazing job

Our police do an amazing job

In 3 years of living here I have only seen a handful of officers. If something was to happen I have no faith that an officer would be nearby to help. People can easily get away with crimes because of this.

For the most part, I feel very safe in Gillette. I have no qualms about walking my dogs at night around my neighborhood, or doing a lot of activities on my own.

The police and SO's office do a fantastic job.

The Gillette PD is a great job

Druggies are getting worse.

Don't let freeloading refugees in our city

People are getting desperate and doing things they normally wouldn't. People need to stay alert and protect themselves.

The Gillette police are outstanding.

everyone should carry...concealed or not!

Drug abuse and bullying are concerning

With people out of work the crime is just going to keep rising.

I appreciate law enforcement

GREAT POLICE FORCE WE ARE
BLESSED

I still feel like I can leave my doors unlocked and not really have to worry.

SAA, our neighbor has 4 large dogs who randomly escape, fight each other, charge us, keep the entire neighborhood awake, etc.

very professional and respectful police officers - doing a great job.

I think Gillette is a very safe and welcoming community, but we need to address the attitude of intolerance we have allowed to take root in our community.

Perhaps fix the lights on lakeway and 50 and 50 and force road the yellow lights don't give a semi enough time to stop

See above

Good police presence.

I think our police do an excellent job!

Driving

With downturn of the gillette economy I fear crime will trend higher

Drug usage, especially meth more positive help from cops-they are to beefed up and write citations that should not be written costing people hard earned money. Attitude cops in Gillette are not acceptable

Gillette PD and CCSO should publicly admit that the members CCFD are their heroes.

To many druggies

I see a lot run red lights all the time. There should be something to stop that

Overall things here are good

Slow down traffic in our neighborhood some.

Take down the meth problem and DUI drivers.

Speeding and school crosswalks is a safety concern

Good Police Dept/Sheriff's Office.

Harsher punishment for DUIs

I think things will get worse now with the unemployment going up

I am not a worry about something happening to me or my family kind of person. I feel safe most of the time.

I think our police officers do an amazing job.

I would like to see more patrol near downtown.

The drugs in this area are a huge concern More sheriff presence in county home owners association areas just outside city limits i.e. Crestview.

Still too many drugs in community

I think the way law enforcement refuses to handle domestic violence situations is outrageous. Where can teenagers turn, when the parent(s) is abusive and the teachers at school look the other way, and the police call the teenager a liar when it's finally reported? I am one of hundreds of children that have been ignored by law enforcement here. Being involved in emergency services now, I've found that Gillette has a reputation around the state for this. Why?

More patrol of Gillette Mainstreet at night in Summer time.

Need to enforce traffic laws, lane usage, stop lights, & speed zones, especially through the hospital zone & schools!!

Cut the spending no pool of debt no museum and no more waste of money on the field of debauchery or the rodeo grounds for the college thought Complex was built for that. With the rapid departure of people moving out we will have enough buildings to maintain.

Curfew enforcement for minors under the age of 18.

I ride my bicycle often and have realized that citizens aren't aware that even if they have the right of way 28th traffic (such as turning right on green) that they still need to look for pedestrians crossing the street. I defensively ride but I've heard of multiple bicyclists who've been hit. I know Casper has been implementing things to help make bicyclists lives safer... I know this isn't a huge crime, but a ticket would be issued in the instance of a cyclist getting hit and a cyclist would lose, be it if they were in the wrong or not. Just a concern that's been on my mind.

Thanks for your time!

Hate crimes/bullying

I think we have a pretty terrific police dept. I do wish they could help reduce the speeding on Kluver.

Give the officers more leeway to be in the public more and have positive interactions instead of being reactive all the time. Let's build community! We appreciate our officers. Their presence is important.

I feel we all watch out for each other

Get a gun, learn to be proficient with it, feel comfortable carrying it. Its going to get worse here before it gets better.

Need more illegal drug control

There has been increasing crime

Police do a good job

I feel safe in Gillette. The police are kind, nice, and helpful. I feel that help is never far away. I appreciate our police.

MOST OF THE TIME IT IS SAFE

Traffic failure to follow traffic laws

Drivers not stopping for pedestrians

I feel safe in Gillette

people turning into the wrong lane

get illegals out of here

our officers do a wonderful job.

We have more than enough cops in this town

No, I think Gillette is pretty safe

Overall one of the safest places in the world to live.

Drug use

Need to crackdown on reckless driving and tailgating in town and surrounding areas.

Drug use is at an astounding level combined with the economic downturn is causing more thefts, burglaries & aggression.

I live in a little bit more secluded neighborhood in the County. Thus, where I live doesn't seem like it be the first area which would be targeted by criminals. If I did live in Gillette, I might be a little more concerned about crime in one of the Cities more dilapidated RV parks (more theft again). Although, I still think Gillette is a very safe city to live in.

Cross walks and especially in school zones are STILL not safe, poorly monitored. No one truly holds the schools accountable for their dangerous parking lots at pick-up and drop-off times.

Red light runners are prevalent

number of arrests for drug possession indicates we have a serious problem

Downtown areas could use more police vigilance, alleys parking lots with access to buildings etc. Apartment buildings could use also police vigilance once in a while and check for strange cars driving around.

everyone needs to be aware of everything around them

The police are doing a good job of keeping on top of things.

Cops are power hungry sheriff department is more reasonable

Drug issues need strict punishments; driving under influence of any drug; running red lights;

With the downturn in the economy, I'm fearful of the Gillette Syndrome returning during the bust cycle. People will steal more now to sustain themselves and their families, so more charity and giving from all citizens will be required to get us through the tough times.

Feel very safe big thanks to the local law enforcement agencies

Nope pretty safe area, theft is up in the town but with the economy on a down turn its bound to happen.

Gillette Police Department in my opinion has done a great job about responding to calls and trying to keep the drugs off the street.

Would actually like police to patrol more neighborhoods

Keep up the good work

The driving in Gillette is terrible

Bicycles do not have the right away. My family has had multiple close calls with vehicles. Very common for driver to only look left when turning right at stop lights.

Drug problems of those in our community

No I conceal carry

Concerned for my grandchildrens safety

Better public safety doesn't necessarily result from more law enforcement

Traffic violations

our police and sheriffs departments need to practice what they enforce

Flashing cross walk by sunflower park.

Someone is going to get hurt or killed there.

Patents parking in the cross walk picking kids up. It's dangerous

People need to stop killing themselves.

I've never had any fear while living here.

Times are a changing in Gillette. We need to step up drug control and safety.

We need more patrol officers watching out for us at night.

Low income places have meth.

I feel that the police and fire department do a good job of caring for the community.

Not enough police officers.

I feel the police and county sheriff do a good job on public safety.

I believe Gillette to be a safe place, your environment and the people you associate with most likely determine your feelings of safety.

gillette is the safest place I've ever been,(and I moved here from flint mi ten years ago) love this place and its people! If anything it's to over policed.

I've lived here for 18+ years & this is still the best area to train for defensive driving. I've never seen such blatant disregard for red lights & it seems to be getting worse. And drivers texting & driving is also very concerning. I used to fear drunk drivers. Now, I fear sober, self-involved people who think they need to hurry.

The yellow lights set to longer periods of yellow especially on highway 59 in Gillette.

No icy roads

Encourage residents to wear seat belts, keep vehicles locked with no valuables inside.

Would love to see more squad cars coming through the neighborhood

Police texting and driving

Ever since moving to Gillette several years ago, I always feel safe and secure.

Need more appearance of Officers

It seems like drug violations get a slap and then are released to do it again and again. Stronger punishment is needed the first time.

Speeding in residential areas

Do not want ant Muslim immigrants!

Meth

It's a very safe community

Homeless

Gillette and Campbell Country has been a safe place to live

Not enough police protection.

To many people who have moved here seem to be shady

Police Department does an excellent job

Police not enforcing red light runners some one is going to get killed by this soon if not already!

Threats of hate crimes online

Salute our amazing law enforcement

The police do a good job responding

Have police give tickets to the fpurth or fifth car running red lights on 59.

all in all quite a good job from gpd, keep up the good work

Overall I think Gillette is a safe community to live in there just seems to be a lot of drug activity.

I know the GPD does their best.

Too many drugs

Keep out the Syrians and Congolese . then offer a cash bounty on tweekers .

I feel like the police dept. is very approachable and present in our community. I have never had a negative interaction with the police, they have always been respectful even when they pull me over for a traffic violation :)

Police need to stop aggressively targeting cannabis users. We (not just citizens, everyone) need education, not punishment. My home was broken into and all the city mustered up was a public intoxicated charge????? C'mon ppl!!!!

Drivers in town run red lights all the time

Less quota for traffic tickets and DUI to the point of setting up entrapment areas and more concentration on the amount of drugs being brought into town and sold. I know many people who have marijuana and meth all the time and cops dont even bother them. Seems cops are too busy looking for bad drivers.

Police do a great job. We just need to focus more effort on drug enforcement.

No room for refugees. Keep what little jobs left for americans.

Any reason we don't do anything about drunks on the road?

Unexperienced people carrying guns., careless drivers.

Plenty of police.

I feel safer here than I ever did in New Mexico

I think we way overdo and spend way to much money on Mag-Cloride. If it spits a flake of snow they are out there wasting it and messing up the streets with it. A little at the intersections and emergency routes would be fine. The amount we put down now drains in our water run off systems and can get in our water ways which isn't good. Casper cut back to keep from getting high levels in the Platte river. Ours could get clear to Keyhole ! It's nasty stuff in the garage then gets tracked in the house.

Times are scary

Officers need reliable equipment i.e. cars

Domestic violence

Always be aware of your surroundings
Drivers using cellphones and not paying attention to the roads.

More officers on patrol

The police department is great.

Drugs are causing many of the crimes. More needs to be done to stop drugs.

Never see cops patrolling with as many as we have I never see them cruising the streets ...

Drug crime, meth

Stiffer prosecution

NO REFUGEES! DEPORT ILLEGALS!

Too many thefts and "armed" robberies

Yeah, carry a gun

Enforce speed limits in neighborhoods

It about to get bad with lay offs

Although caution should be used every where - Gillette is a safe community. With all the turmoil in the country I hope it continues.

I feel our probation office is overloaded, they can't keep up on their files and people fly under the radar until they are released from it to only be out in society back to their old tricks. The system does not work. How are we supposed to better these people if we don't even have enough resources to do so.

Overall I think that pd has done a good job. Once respect is established it is hard to keep. Keep trying with the people who don't like anyone.

Most police are found patrolling outside of town instead of in town where people are committing traffic violations.

Let's all watch out for each other

We are a very safe town in general. I hope it stays that way.

doing something about running red lights. red is not merely a suggestion for stop lights.

Get the meth users Off the streets!

Over zealous cops only piss people off. I don't think a free air walk around needs to be done on every teenager that you pull over. There doesn't need to be three cop cars at every traffic stop.

STOP signs, and markings at Smiths needs to be addressed. My family was almost hit, due to a vehicle not slowing down, let alone stopping.

Cops should do better at patrolling instead of sitting places napping and bullshitting
Brighter street lights to feel safe when you're walking at night.when i drive sometimes i cant see people people walking because its so dark.

I'd like to see a crack down from the judges and stiffer penalties and fines.

i would like to see the police actually driving through neighborhoods and not just the main roads.

Cops do nothing about people driving unsafe and running red lights

Parks are unsafe

Police need to enforce red lights on South Douglas Highway.

much better than where I'm from... I usually feel safe until I start hearing about break instead going in in town

Bust more druggies and have tougher punishment for criminals

why are drivers allowed to run red lights? I have almost been hit.why do you not see this? or are you just ignoring it?I have called several times and told the proper people will be informed. What lip service. How many

people will have to be hit or killed at lights and speeding vehicles in Gillette?

Are law enforcement very good.

Robbery and breakin

I do not shop at night or do walking at dark

Traffic accidents. I see a lot of vehicles speed, run stop signs and traffic lights all the time. I believe the police department is doing their best, however, I do not believe there are enough of them.

We have a relatively safe and crime free city. I love Gillette!

The police should focus some more on general policing - traffic safety violations, etc. All that seem to care about is finding drunks and drug dealers

Speeders and drunk drivers

We really need pedestrian access over the Gurley bridge

Too much speeding on Boxelder road with kids in the area

Times are changing fast and as more people lose their jobs, more crime will be committed.

Aggressive drivers careless of pedestrians need more police patrols

The amount of cars that run red lights WalMart inside and outside is exceedingly scary at night. I avoid being out late at night in any public place unless I'm with a group of people.

The economic downturn here creates prospects for more crime.

vandalism and out of state vehicles

Overall, I think Gillette is safer than other cities of comparable size.

Great Sheriffs Dept & police Dept, excellent fire Dept. Hope they do integrate the dispatch

Aggressive Drivers are always an issue also!

I don't think Gillette does much in the area of public safety, training and awareness. I think too many people foolishly think it would never happen here.

Generally, Gillette is a safe community. As someone who walks on a daily basis, most traffic does not defer to walkers at designated crosswalks. Most of the time I wait for traffic to pass to cross. Sometimes

drivers will yield, but you can never trust them to stop. Pedestrians are an inconvenience, therefore, unsafe with Gillette drivers.

traffic safety is lacking, some areas such as church street and Laramie street need a greater police presence.

Promote Concealed Carry in town

not enough being done to curb drug trafficking

Speed limits in residential areas need to be enforced more.

Traffic violations i.e. running red lights and stop signs.

Our police are wonderful and very visible! I appreciate that very much!

Could use more moving traffic enforcement - red lights, speeding, cell phone use while driving

bad intersections and drivers

Homelessness is on the rise

If we pay for service it would be great if recycling bins were provided to roll out to the street.

worry as economic lows there will be a rise in crimes

I appreciate the police presence in neighborhood

I feel that Gillette is as safe a community as can be expected for its size and demographics. Law enforcement does a good job of being visible which inhibits crime.

people not staying in their lane at 59 & Boxelder

too long of response time

I think the police department does a good job for the most part. However, I think the sheriffs department does a better job as far as honesty and if I had a crime to report such as child abuse I would call the sheriffs department as the police here do not take child abuse seriously. The sheriffs department does take it seriously.

Not smooth neighborhood roads, bad patch jobs

This is the first time in 37 years that I don't feel completely safe in Gillette. I feel like the police do a wonderful job but too many

transients in our town right now. I'm hoping they will leave with the bust.

Drug enforcement officers - Keep up the good work

hopefully with the downturn, transient workers with irresponsible tendencies will move away.

Failure of traffic law enforcement (red lights) there seems to be little or no enforcement of traffic laws

Our police do a magnificent job!

Gillette has proven to be a very safe place to live.

bullying in the schools

Lots of people drunk driving, people running red lights

Loud vehicle exhaust noise ordinance needs to be enforced

I'm worried about increasing theft and drug use as the economy declines

I feel fairly safe in Gillette most of the time.

By in large Gillette is a safe place to live.

Illegal drugs are out of control, this issue is the main drive behind most of the crime in the area.

There is a lot of property destruction and vandalism

can we get a cop to take on texting & driving, running red lights, or stunt driving?

I came to Gillette 23 years ago and the only change I've made since originally moving here is locking my doors when I leave.

Otherwise, I still feel very safe in this town compared to where I grew up in California.

The police do a great job when they can. It is hard to find information about city ordinances on the website.

Most of the public on their cell phones texting or looking at it while on the move.

I think that thefts need to be punished harshly, no matter the value of the items stolen. It might start with small items, and eventually be home invasion, grand theft, etc. If someone breaks into my vehicle, and I catch them, it probably won't end well.

More regulations for people going door to door "selling".

I feel as safe here as any place I have lived before.

West Nile Virus due to standing water in ditches

In residential areas motorists need to slow down and pay attention. Kids are in danger.

Need more street lights, very hard to see at night.

Extremely concerned about traffic violations, e.g. Speeding on side streets, drivers trying to beat red lights when they don't. Drugs and alcohol abuse.

Gillette continues to feel like a safe town to live in.

Traffic Law enforcement of lane change violations

this is not a safety comment . but i get really tired of the truck jake brake use to slow down for the flying j truck stop exit off the i90. there are posted signs but no enforcement. if it is a city ordinance then the city cops need to enforce it . most the trucks doing this are local trucks because they know they can. As for safety the running of red lights has got very bad .

overall quite safe here

Police and Fire are appreciated for doing their jobs well.

The Gillette Police do a great job HATS OFF!!!!!!!!!!!! however I feel we need a larger presence meaning please give the help by hiring more to assist them

I've been here since 1981 and have never had an issue with feeling unsafe distracted driving (texting, talking on cell phones, etc.)

We seem to have a fairly safe community, mostly just drunk drivers, domestic violence and drugged out crazies

I appreciate the visibility of police cars at all times. I have had nothing but quick responses the very few times I have had to call for assistance.

Enforcement of traffic laws are lax, giving rise to the idea that they do not have to be obeyed.

Trash Pickup and Recycling



TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING COMMENTS

The containers don't hold much trash. They need to be bigger.

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When a holiday occurs on a Friday and trash pickup is delayed until Monday, trash should be picked up on Thursday or Wednesday as most waste is generated during the weekend when people are home (Especially Thanksgiving weekend!)

They do a good job.

My trash was skipped once and they were very great at coming the next day to get it. I feel that the City does an excellent time with trash pick-up. I know when I need to have my cans out, and the City is good at communicating any changes. I am a little frustrated about the cost. I recycle just about anything that I can. While minimal, I usually only drag my trash container out once or twice a month to be emptied, and I'm charged the same as some people who are emptying their trash each week. Could there be a way to charge for the weight of the trash being dumped?

Charge too much, 2nd garage can for 5 dollars would be nice

It's expensive

Start yard waste sooner and finish later

It would be nice if you have more garbage than will fit in can - them to get out and pick it up too

I think we are county, not city.

Please keep city cleanup

My trash can is always dumped over.

Bigger dumpster

Church st alley trash needs to be discussed on how to prevent the dumping of couches and etc. Like maybe green trash cans instead of big trash cans to prevent the dumping.

Expanded recycling, glass.

Please keep doing the Spring clean up program!!!

The trash pick-up is excellent and I would actually prefer to have my trash picked up less often. The recycling program allows me to reduce the amount of waste my family generates, which means we can go weeks without filling up our rubbish bin.

Yes, come house to house for spring cleanup. Cheapskates.

do good job

They are wise to want to reduce the budget by considering no longer offering the curbside pick up program. It is up to the citizens to take care of their own junk

Yea their too lazy to get out of their trucks

Great job

Don't use trash services

Our multi-family dumpster hasn't had lids for a year and they don't fix it. Tired of trash blowing into my yard from it.

Garbage pick up before 6am is too early.

I live in the county doesn't effect me directly love the recycle program

Thank you!

I don't put recycle out anymore because I get tired of picking it up when the city doesn't.

It would be nice if they could put the trash can back in the upright position and not in the street where cars need to drive.

Wish recycling was a little more convenient

Those of us who are less than a mile outside of city limits have no comparable(\$\$) option for trash pickup.

Make holiday changes in pick up more available & more easily accessible

Great job!

Live in county, do not get service

Don't have city pick up

It would be nice if they had someone in the trucks to clean up after themselves.

Sometimes our whole street is lined with trash cans on their side, sometimes in the middle of the road, after trash pick up.

The people who drive the trucks are extremely kind. I greatly appreciate their service.

THEY BASICALLY DO A GOOD JOB

Our driver has refused to pick up our garbage can due to it being just inches short of the required spot on the street. This has happened more than once.

Do not use City.

Keep up good work

Get rid of blue bag program.

trashman has made me cross the street or he leaves it

Yard waste needs to increase pick up dates.

I miss the large yard waste bins.

frustrating that City won't pick up anything around dumpster...our apartments are a mess because of this

Sometimes the dumpster isn't emptied all the way; it is often on its side when I retrieve it.

The Blue Bag Recycle Program needs some attention. After a big wind storm, we have more blue bags scattered through the neighborhood, than what is actually picked up.

I was satisfied with it when I lived inside city limits

I live in the County

More information if our trash pickups fall on holidays.

Works well

I think the trash service is very good.

I have a big dumpster shared with a business. they fill it up and I can't put mine in the dumpster.

the do a great job!

Overall, I think it is important that trash collectors protect themselves by wearing breathing masks, watching out for sharp objects, and using proper lifting techniques.

They are very friendly, cooperative and do a very good job.

Spring Clean-up is a luxury not an entitlement. This money should not be spent during down times.

Maybe they should consider eliminating Friday pickup by running longer routes other days. So many people go out of town and

their trash cans are left on the street all weekend.

You need to get a recycling can like the size of our garbage cans. More people will recycle then. You only do recycle pick up every other week I instead of every week.

They do a great job.

High costs

Too expensive & sometimes doesn't get picked up

They do a wonderful job

Do a great job

Don't skip my house

Times are very inconsistent

It sucks

I live in county. This doesn't pertain to me.

It expensive, and if you need to talk to them they are rude

Very expensive

Appreciate their hard work!

Private option would be nice

My son loves the trash truck!

Yes people putting yard waste in alley garbage cans need to be fined! City needs a new yard waste plan, cause I pay for a can but none of my neighbors do, they all fill the garbage and with clippings and twigs!

I understand schedules, but more consistent pick-up times would be appreciated.

Drivers pay more attention while doing the job. Many cans not fully emptied or set down properly.

The city ought to have an area in each neighborhood where they can take trash to be then picked up by the city.

The garbage man knocks over our garbage can nearly every time!

Pick ups are missed often

Very picky on how you put trash bin

Town looks clean when we visit

Sometime the trashcans are thrown around after pickup

Always on time and pleasant to deal with!

They took out our dumpster which had been in the same place for almost thirty years and now us and several elderly have to take our trash four houses down.

We have a dumpster and hate that it is treated as a community dumpster. It's full when we need to use it.

I hate following the trucks because trash is usually blowing out of top of truck. I wish people would bag better.

Expensive

Not consistent time of day

If you are partisapate in the yard waste program you should get x amount of compost for free

Sometimes our bin doesn't get dumped all the way. It's also been broken for over a year.

Recycling should take everything that is recycling material. There's good money in the program. I've lived in another state and the person who owned a recycle business remarked that it was very lucrative. His live style showed it..

It's perfect

The random times are something that if possible should be ironed out

I understand holidays are busy, people put their trash out and it overflows, if the trash isn't in the bin they refuse to touch it, making it spread all over the streets and yards.

It serves it's purpose. Only minor complaint I have is that on weeks such as Christmas it gets difficult to fit all the trash in the bin when waiting from Friday of trash pick-up until not the Monday after but the following Monday due to the holiday. If there was a way to pick up trash on Wed or Thur instead of waiting through the weekend when guests and holiday activities create a lot of additional trash it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

I know they are busy but if they dump the can please pick it up.

They come too early, by 7:30 am

When the wind is high I don't like to put the trash out the night before; but pick-up is very early (before 7:30) so putting it out in the morning is also difficult.

Please offer some sort of furniture disposal service for a price. People that don't have trucks are discarding furniture in wrong places because they can't get it to the dump. Don't dump it all most of the time. Driver in a hurry.

They do not empty the dumpsters very good at Cotton Wood Terrace II. Trash sometimes is still inside dumpsters after they empty them

Please shake the dumpster before placing it back on the street.

Apt supplies dumpsters

Very expensive

I am grateful!

Annoyed the yearly dump haul is cancelled (again).

I'm 71, I only need twice a week service, but have to pay for weekly.

City needs to fix the hydraulic leaks on their trucks, leaving oil spots on the streets is an environmental problem.

Keep up the good work.

What can we do about wind and trash? We need wind proof trash cans. charge to much!

They need to get out of there truck and pick up trash that's not in the can cause sometimes it don't fit in the cam

Entry all the trash in the cans.

the guy does not seem to be happy with his job--needs care more

Yard waste should be more lax containers are too small.

Other cities I have lived in they pick up things left besides the cans as long as there not to heavy

I think a recycle bin should be provided

Keep up the good work

Don't raise the price

No notification on next day pick up on holidays

I would like to have a dumpster if I want. Not have to have more than a couple neighbors in on it. Could save on time by skipping a week or two each time to dump.

I live in Sleepy Hollow

I put out my trash once a month and have to pay full price!

Most of the trash from dumpsters end up on the ground.

It's not city provided we pay for the service Skylar is amazing!

Good job

Let privets bid it

they can be quite rude

Get out of your trucks and pick up the trash that didn't make it in the dump with the, machine.

They do a good job. They are very reliable. They could be more polite when leaving notes on garbage dumpsters. We were not advised of the change of where to leave ours and received a nasty note.

We need recycling bins.

Would like bigger recycling program costs rise but now cleanup weekend was canceled. This city should have enough revenue to continue picking up extra household items once a yr!

Inconsistent with pick up times

It would be nice if they didn't come at 5:30 am

Need city dumpster closer to residence; rollout is inadequate in inclement weather

The staff is friendly, courteous, and very efficient.

wish we had the cleanup this year!!

Please do NOT get rid of the spring curbside cleanup.

Bigger garbage container high price

They're amazing.

with rumors recycling is going away, I am not happy.

I hope we get to keep dumpsters.

We need curbside recycling cans in addition to trash cans to make recycling easier

Tied of all the cardboard boxes flying all over the neighborhood.

they do a great job

It is essential that the spring clean-up continue.

sometimes all the garbage does fall out.

Need to shake the canister.

Wish there was an answer for trash pick-up on very windy days, the amount of litter if trash pick-up is on a windy Tuesday increases significantly

Great job solid waste

Keep recycling program going as no pay from participating citizens.

I am so disappointed that the city wide cleanup is not happening this year.

It seems that frequently my dumpster doesn't get all the way emptied

Our garbage can is sometimes not completely emptied and sometimes garbage has fallen on the ground during the dump and it stays there until I get home to pick it up.

Garbage drivers never on time, constantly damage trash bins, spill garbage from bins on the road and don't bother cleaning it up.

Don't raise the rates.

Timely! Thank you

The schedule is at times erratic, they seem to switch the drivers around about every 3-4 months so we go from an early 7 am, pick up to a medium 9 am, to a late 11 am pickup. could we just stay on the same schedule all the time?

Trash from recycled material blows away before pickup

too expensive for one container per week

Better truck maintenance as there is a line of leaked hydraulic fluid on both sides of every street and puddles where they stop to lift the cans.

Our trash collector writes nasty grams for about anything. Just do your job!

Driver won't get out of the truck to pick up any fallen trash from the neighbors

Cost seems a bit high for 1 rollout container vs sharing a dumpster in alley

Good Job

Dumpster is always full

The mechanical pickup system lets quite a bit of trash escape.

They do not always get all of the trash emptied out of my trash can.

It's right outside my yard and makes it disgusting.

Efficient, reliable

Comes at different times.. Brown cans having to pay for during winter

It is very disappointing that the City is doing away with the curb side spring cleanup in light of the dollars that are being spent in other areas such as the 3rd street renovation which is something that will be used on an occasional basis. The dollars being spent on the downtown bathrooms is ridiculous.

Please take the time to make sure the trash can is completely empty

charges should be figured on the amount of trash

I would like to continue recycling and expand it if possible if the cost isn't outrageous

Picking up trash twice per month rather than weekly would save a lot of money

City spends money to revamp GPA but won't pick up for Spring Cleaning

Very reliable. Almost can set my watch at the time they arrive.

Thank you for not removing the large dumpsters in our specific neighborhood

this is a good thing the city is doing, How do you plan on controlling the people who go around picking thru the trash? If people can use some of these discarded item, great. but don't leave a mess.

New drivers on routes they are unfamiliar with need more training in the operation and capabilities of the equipment they operate.

Keep up the good work guys!

anytime i forget to put out the can i call and they come right away

Would be nice to get your garbage can updated with the number on it.

They did an AWESOME job during the bad windstorm in November. Great solid waste division!

The trash collectors are always late. They don't pickup what they dump on the ground. The wind bows in WY, so why don't the dumpsters have lid latches?

More routine time of pickup

Use smaller trash containers and encourage more recycling

I appreciate their dependability and I feel blessed to have the yard waste pickup

They are doing a great job. Now that the areas for pickup have become more systematic and localized, it seems it's going more smoothly.

If I have extra garbage bags on the side should be collected also.

Sometimes not all the bags are empties from my dumpster.

Dumpster doesn't always get emptied completely. Could be bigger.

Often times, the City-provided trash pickup does not get the blue items (recyclables).

Love our alley dumpster

They do a good job.

Good, love the recycling program

My area has large dumpsters in the street... it is an eyesore and hazard!

After being on Thanksgiving forever, it is nice to have trash pick up on a non-holiday.

Good job on my street

Weather is not figured into pick ups, especially wind

Come too early

They are doing well.

Have found the drivers to be courteous and friendly.

The crew does a good job! Thanks!

don't always get all out of dumpster

all trash needs to be bagged

clean the trucks. leaves my trash can with grease everytime

Too many houses using the trash receptacle

I think it is too expensive. I think if I were allowed to use a private company I could get the same for less.

I think the city should continue picking up recycled items like newspapers, cans and more, even though the program costs more than it makes. It just makes so much sense and it helps the community in so many ways, its worth charging customers for it, if need be. At the same time, doing that may reduce the amount of recycle goods that people put out with the trash.

service is dependable and good

I love the pro-activeness by the City as evidenced by the periodic curbside collection of bigger junk and trash items (Spring cleaning?) and free access to the landfill for residents. This no doubt helps to prevent people from dumping these larger items in vacant lots and such.

Trash left in can every week

Our garbage pickup person is a great person and I think he does a great job!

Hard working

It doesn't get picked up at the same time.

Yard waste pick up for the bigger lots need to be better. We have an acre and it would be nice to have a second container without paying double for it. You took out the community dumpsters and I fill my way too

fast, then have to wait a week do finish my yard.

Some Alley dumpsters are missing lids, trash blows around on windy days

Timley

They like to slam the trash cans down pretty hard at times, my trash can now is cracked badly.

When I've had to call the city about my trash being skipped (has happened 2x) the staff have been very rude.

glad we have dumpsters instead of rollouts

We need bigger trash cans

When they spill pick it up

The news record mentioned doing away with recycling program. This would be a mistake.

bring back yard waste bins, glass recycling

I appreciate that delays are only for one day

when there is a holiday and not skipped for that week. Also, there is ample notification whenever there is a delay.

No, I am very happy with the system in place.

love the spring pick up at our houses!

The small bins cause lots of litter

Thanks so much!

They're taking away our dumpsters.

I would hope to see more recycling done in Gillette

Extremely annoying that people throw construction, (remodeling materials) in the large dumpsters meant for residential (household) trash. They leave appliances, tires, furniture and other large discarded items in and around said dumpsters. These people should be fined, it is not difficult to determine who they are. If that doesn't work, fine the people or buildings where these dumpsters are assigned.

Want to keep our big dumpster

Good job

It's expensive for a single person household
More encouragement for people to remove trash cans from the side of the road between trash pickup days

Absolutely trouble free.

no -good job

I can't believe you have to monitor the process to prove to people that you have picked up their garbage

it is expensive

consistently don't empty the dumpster completely.

The trash cans are not very stable.

Any comments on Blue Bag Recycling?

Keep it

Keep it

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I already participate

If it was a pay-to-participate, I wish the bags would be provided

We still have to drive out to get rid of glass, and you can't recycle non-corrugated cardboard. Other cities recycle so much more, it seems like we should be doing better.

Good practice.

Unfortunately I do not participate in this. Maybe more information would get more people to use this service.

I'd love to see glass be an item that is collected for recycling.

It's very needed!! Perhaps give a discount to those who do both recycling and yard waste pick up. \$9 year or both for \$15.

In spite of the cost, it is the socially responsible thing to do.

We have been recycling for 7 yrs, now no glass, wine bottles, they hardly take anything.

There is no reason the city itself can't do the recycling and have it in 1 bill....But not charge a fortune....

If it goes away or isn't free that stuff will end up in the regular trash.

Make people pay and they won't use it.
 It is an important service. I think passing some of the cost to consumers is ok.
 I wish we had recycling here! we need to be able to recycle and reuse to help our city!
 Shouldn't have to pay
 MAKE IT SO WE DONT HAVE TO SORT-- THINK MORE WOULD PARTICIPATE
 Recycling should be a priority for our city and paid for by the City.
 Only said no as I don't know anything about the program.
 Separate at home
 Depends on how much for the Blue Bag program.
 Expanded to include glass.
 The blue bag program is great for city and our community, and I would be more than willing to forgo the blue bags and purchase my own recycling bin if that would ensure the program's survival. However, I do not believe that individuals who participate in the program should be punished with excessive fees, just for wanting to participate in a program that is good for the community. If we hope to attract more business and professionals to our city, then we must have a recycling program. I understand that the current program may need to be improved, but cutting it entirely would be a step back, not a step forward.
 Put together a coalition to manage a recycling center
 Needs to be free.
 If there were more recycle drop offs around town we would be willing to sort and haul it
 Already participate, I love how easy it is.
 Keep up the great work!
 I wish they could take a greater variety of materials.
 Please find a way to keep it - I can't imagine all the trash I would have if I didn't recycle.
 More dumpsters
 Make it easy
 increase cost trash to cover the cost.
 Make all recycling containers around town blue bag. I'm too lazy to separate my recycling.
 It should be free
 No idea what it is

The City ought to be doing this to save on Landfill fees/space
 I think it is a valuable part of our community culture
 try to maintain the program
 It is important for our family to recycle and we support the recycle program. If we have to pay for it, could we recycle more items?
 Not interested in doing it
 I love that it is picked up curb site. I think more people use the service because it is picked up rather than the public having to take their recycle items to a dump site.
 We don't participate, but a good program.
 Possibly if individual bins were used but by request only.
 We already participate in this program
 I think if it were free more residents would be inclined to use it.
 Wish we just had blue containers
 If I have to pay to recycle, then it doesn't pay to recycle.
 A bin for recycling would be nice. The wind tends to blow half the stuff to Chicago before the truck gets there. I'd be willing to have a recycling bin charge added to my city bill.
 I guess I'd be willing to participate if it were at no extra cost, I'm not exactly sure what it is.
 Don't know how to start with it
 Yes, I would be willing to pa an additional fee if a roll out bin was provided. It would be great if it was like the yard wast program.
 Pacific recycling needs competition I already haul my aluminum to Denver
 It needs to be available to county residents as well.
 I'd be more likely to recycle if it was as convenient as my usual garbage disposal.
 Love the idea
 Just cannot afford to pay. Times are tight.
 You should have to pay for what you didn't recycle.
 Can we do something that won't blow away? Perhaps a centrally located neighborhood receptacle placed on certain days at specific locations?
 I marked no to paying but as if we recycled more products like glass etc I would be willing to pay a small fee.

Recycling is good in theory. Why not have education on less consumption, therefore less need to recycle?

Maybe have bins instead of bags. They blow all over the place when it's windy.

This town needs more recycling

I don't know what that is

We currently participate. It would be nice if we had bins.

I hope we can keep the program, but I understand that it isn't cost effective.

We have recycling already in place but the girl that picks it up often leaves stuff behind. Maybe she needs to slow down and take her time.

Half of what leaves my house goes into the blue bags. I love that I can keep that much from going into the landfill.

Live in County. Would pay to dispose of blue bags.

Need more Street pick up

Love it. Hate to lose it.

Creates more thrash and debris in Neighborhood on windy days than what it's worth.

get blue dumpsters instead of blue bags that disappear on windy days

we recycle at the bins at walmart

If we really man to save the earth and leave less of a foot print. We should be doing a lot more recycling of paper, glass, meta land plastic

Love it

We use it frequently.

Driver picking up blue programs is unsafe drives on the wrong side of road to stop and pick up blue bags

The program seems appropriate for a city of this size. If costs to operate the program increase, they should be rolled into the cost of trash pickup for everyone. Those who take the time (and it doesn't take much) to separate their recyclables should not be punished for trying to do what they believe is a good thing.

abolish it - too expensive for the results it provides. We have an abundant amount of land to bury all of it.

I would not pay for the blue bag program, as it currently exists. I would, however, pay for

curb-side recycling if I were to get a rebate on my regular trash bill for diverting recyclables into a city-provided container.

I would also be open to having to drop off my recycling and eliminating the separate pick up, if there were more places to drop it off.

I've called 4 times in the last 2 years to have them come pick up my recycling curbside and have never seen them, never. There needs to be more incentive for recycling maybe and true accountability at the landfill and recycling center to make it worth our time to recycle.

We use the blue bag program and love it! It is very convenient.

We have enough electricity and other utilities charges to continue to pay for extra things.

Cancel the program. It does not pay for itself.

leave it the way it is

I would pay for a roll out for recycling.

My bags were not picked up so stopped participating

Would pay to recycle, depending on the cost.

I do recycle it's stupid that I have to buy special bags.

We love it!

I can take my recycling elsewhere and get paid for it. Why should I pay to have someone take it?

Why don't recycle glass anymore?

Should be minimum price though to participate

Recycling is a standard for a city in this day and age. It is as required as trash pick up. It is never going to be profitable or self sufficient, but that must be acceptable.

I understand it's costly but the right thing to do in my opinion so I'm willing to pay and fully understand the City not having to fit the bill.

How will it work for apartments?

Wouldn't use

Idk what it is

I don't think you should have to b pay to recycle

Recycling saves space in our landfills for later. It need to be a utilized service.

Would want to know the cost before deciding.

I shouldn't have to pay, to be green.

If they come around at the same time as the as the regular, why do we need to pay?

I'm always amazed at how much we have to recycle.

We recycle but it would be nice to get a sheet sent out clearly stating what is accepted and what is not.

Please continue!

I have no problem recycling things. But the extra cost would be hard for us, we are all ready over powered with bills right now.

Wish the city could provide the special containers needed to collect recycled items. That may cost a little extra at first but maybe not so much later.

I would be willing to pay a small fee if we could recycle all goods from the curb. We throw away many recyclable goods simply due to the fact that we cannot recycle them at the curb. For example: glass and all plastics.

Already recycle, but we need more people doing it, maybe force it in the people!

I like the idea of recycling but I won't pay for it.

I do not know the cost

I don't normally do recycling.

It's a great program!

Include more things in the program that can be recycled.

Blue recycling cans for recycling instead of bags

Clear bags are accepted, stop calling it blue bag.

I already recycle so wouldn't be helping much

Our blue bags were not picked up for at least a 3 week period

I believe recycling is very important. Maybe more receptacles throughout town and run by community service.

Already participate and love helping out our environment.

If we are paying will trash bond be provided?
Love the program

Too expensive for end results.

I love it and use it. I always have a driveway full.

Advertise it better.

I recycle but would sop if I had to pay extra

I rent, my garbage is handled by a contractor

If it's free, yes participate

Gillette has tried before and it failed because of the city did not have the willingness to make it work

Providing recycle tubs that you can set out by the curb would be veeey helpfullm and less blue plastic that is being used.I've used them before in washington and is seemed to work very nice

Like the convenience

I wish we could recycle more numbers of plastic. I'd be willing to do my own sorting instead of you have to pay someone! How about bins instead of bags? I saw in the paper it might go away. I sure hope not.

I would prefer a recycling bin

Recycling should pay for it self if not the city need to look at reducing administration costs
When I lived in Montgomery, AL when our garbage was picked up, 2orange bags was tied to our garbage container. Our recycling was done by a private school for mentally challenged adults. The recycle business paid our teachers salaries at the school.

Keep it FREE

How much could it cost

Need to be more consistent in pick ups

I wish that it was offered in areas such as Sleepy Hollow.

If the program was free I would participate, however paying to do it plus the city claiming whatever money from recycling seems prone to embezzlement

Already participate

Many people lost their jobs, great if some can afford, but a lot of people can't afford food, housings, etc.

it depends how much this would cost. I believe we have an obligation to minimize the space we take up in landfills and reuse items for future generations within reason.

It is a great service

Wish more plastics and glass were accepted.

Would it be monthly? Or per pick up date? Or maybe only run it twice a month.

Let it go.

How can we make it so that it is more economical for our entire community? It makes me sad that something that is so good for our community is so expensive.

This is an important program. I realize it is costly, but unlike other programs, removing this one will have negative effects for several generations to come. The cost of the program cannot be properly measured in dollars and the world we leave our children should be considered. While the best long term solution is always to reduce the amount of products that do not decompose or pose a risk in the landfill, recycling is the best answer until that solution is had. We cannot afford to continue to fill our landfills with products that can, and should, be recycled, regardless of up front costs. Not recycling will cost millions to future generations in the form of groundwater treatment, natural resource depletion and increased health costs as a result of these things in our landfills.

Already pay to have a bin at our office. However need to educate that blue bags are not recyclable and costs the county more when used. Also need to better educate those in what is actually recyclable.

We would like to be able to recycle everything that's labeled a recyclable... including glass.

Provide separate roll-outs for sorting recyclables

Depends on what the charge would be on paying. I hate to see more stuff in the landfill that will not deteriorate.

This is an important service hitch should be continued if at all possible.

We used to get paid for recycling back in the day. If you start making us pay to recycle, everyone is going to stop recycling. Stop being greedy!!

Waste of money

It depends on what the fee is; but I think recycling what we can is important to

minimize the amount of room we take up at the dump, and for the environment.

Drop off points for recycling would be encouraging.

Of all the things to consider for cutting, please reconsider the recycling program.

Curb side recycling single stream would be the most cost effective.

I already do, would appreciate if it were included in trash fees rather than being extra.

If I had to pay I would not do it

Total waste of city funds I f you cant make money or break even don't do it.

I wish they would accept more items

I need to learn to recycle more

It'd be nice if we could use blue dumpsters so our lighter bags don't fly away on windy days.

Recycling isn't a for-profit enterprise; it's done because it's the right thing to do.

Twice a week pickup would be often enough

I pay for a garbage can and a yard waste can. Now a blue bag? When does it end?

What would the benefit be in us paying for recycling?

Much needed

Really like the program

Doesn't make money get rid of it

Need to take more items like glass and Styrofoam

Not any for blue bags but the amount of trash next to the highways and interstate is horrifying and all the junk in people's yards is totally un called for it makes the town look like a bad place to live

Is it really worthy of the cost

We should get rid of this program unless it can be done more efficiently

I think it's great.

If citizens are willing to pay for a recycling program, why not offer a blue bin similar to the green garbage receptacle that we can place on the curb for pickups. Give flyers of acceptable contents.

It's not efficient at this time.

I am not going to pay more to throw out my trash!

There has to be a better way of storing it in stead of bags

We need to recycle-Don't take the program away!!!

What is the Blue Bag recycling?

if you recycle it, you should pick it up, especially glass!

I think a bin should be provided

I believe it is good to reduce the amount of trash we accumulate.

People should be encouraged to participate in recycling, not face additional costs.

I already participate and think every household should or get fined, including apartment buildings and businesses.

We already recycle

We ought to be doing it.

I wish more of Gillette would do it. Someday mankind will run out of places to put garbage, unless recycling picks up or they start mining the old dumps near the big cities.

fee should be per bag

Do not take on the recycling program, it is not worth it.

This service should be included in the current cost.

It better be economical and fiscally responsible.

not interested

I do recycle, but I feel that those of us who recycle should get a discount and charge those who do not more for the garbage

Our blue bags did not always get picked up.

I blue bag recycle now. Probably won't if I have to pay for it.

Willing to pay but would not like to pay a lot.

We already participate. Please don't get rid of this service, yes it may cost a little more to run, but diverting waste from the landfill also reduces costs there and keeps our landfill going longer.

The trash collectors won't pickup anything extra on the ground. Why would they pickup a blue bag?

Yes, depending on cost

Great Idea, would like to see better options around town to drop off myself. To windy to leave outside most times

It should be cheaper than buying an extra trash container

I have been terrible at taking advantage of that program

I have been participating in recycling for decades. I love that our community offers this!

need thrash cans

There seem to be very few people using the service, and they drive large distances between pickups in the neighborhood.

Please keep it! We would pay for a roll out if we could recycle glass also

I currently participate in the blue bag recycling.

Wish the blue bags were recyclable bags.

Wish we had recycle dumpsters.

As long as the cost is reasonable it would be worthwhile.

Very convenient , like being able to put it out with garbage. Like seeing the amount that won't be added to landfill. Not sure I'd make the effort to take it elsewhere

I use recycling now, and I would like to know what would change...

Recycling should be part of trash pick-up, there should be no extra fee for it. It should be paid for by everyone who has trash pickup whether or not they go to the trouble to recycle because it helps everyone eventually by lessening the burden on the landfill and providing environmental help.

I believe that blue bag recycling is a government responsibility to educate and encourage people to participate. I believe it is a cost of doing business for a city government, not the citizens cost for living! I believe our county should spend less on baseball fields, etc and more on green efforts such as recycling.

Yes, recycling pick up should occur once or twice a month. This would save on the budget, and it would be reasonable for homeowners. I actually was about to call the city about this, since most homes do not put out recycling every week.

if you want a recycling program to work it must be free and convenient

The cost of the program outweighs the benefits. The program should be self sustaining.

I currently participate. I'm afraid a fee will reduce participation in this important program

There seems to be plenty of tax revenue in the city to cover this and don't believe there needs to be a charge for recycling, might discourage people from it as well.

We need to keep this valuable program

Could we have neighborhood, collection point trailers? We separate our recyclables and I think others would too if they were educated on the cost of having the city separate and collect all the materials. The collection seems to me to be the biggest cost of the program.

Seems to work fine in this neighborhood.

However, I have stuff turned back I think they need to broaden there recyclables.

I think it's important, and if done, people need to be educated well on expectations.

I like it and use it.

I think if people had to pay they would quit doing it. It would be nice to have containers for recycling.

Should be free
need to add more

I participate. Convenient

i think it is a good idea to recycle

If residents end up paying for the service it would be great if there were bins provided to roll out to the curb for pick up day.

Need more information

Recycling container would be nice so there is no chance of it blowing away.

I take my stuff to the various container trailers around town

Love this program and that fact that it is free.

More people need to participate

It seems like there are items that are considered recyclable in other communities that are not on the City's eligible item list such as glass bottles and styrofoam. I wonder why?

I use it weekly

I am already in the blue bag recycling program

Totes would work better than bags they are reusable, that will create less waste

I would like to see glass included in this program but I think we need to continue the blue bag program.

I would like a separate trash bin for recycling, lots of cities have separate bins.

Recycling should be free - put inmates to work for community

Great idea :)

We already recycle at drop off points at Don's or Walmart areas

We currently do not participate

Good program

Only use it occasionally, but nice when I do. they need to take glass and slick cardboard like most other recycle areas in the country.

I don't use it, don't use enough to recycle and with the wind most of the bags just blow around at times.

I really like the Blue Bag recycling. I set out at least one bag each week.

Keep it going!

Would like to see glass added

We pay plenty on our city bill without having to pay additional for recycling.

I pay a hefty price for trash services - how about a better value for my money

It's great but costs as a retiree are a concern

I don't recycle now, but I'm certain I wouldn't start to if I had to pay to participate.

If more people in Gillette were participating, I would be willing to pay.

I would be willing to pay a small amount

We use the blue bag recycling program but we don't accumulate enough recycling to warrant weekly pick up (there are 2 people in our household). We might put out a bag every 2-3 weeks and sometimes I just take it to the drop box by Long's Plumbing. For those reasons I would have a hard time paying for the program but if it was affordable (\$5 a month) I would pay for the service.

The wind blows very often, bags don't work. Need sturdy recycling bins.

already participate. wish they could pick up glass

I already do

roll out bins would be easier

Waste of Money

Thank you! I am willing to help sort - we sorted in CA when I lived there.

I feel all citizens should participate in the Blue Bag recycling? Recycled material should not be going into our landfill.

We sometimes don't get our blue bag picked up

I use it, but really don't want to pay for it.

The rules for recycling are not very well publicized

Unfortunately recycling was initiated when tons of garbage were abandoned and there was no place for it. It is nothing but an expense and burden on our city budget. I would eliminate it. Short of that, it is imperative that those who participate separate their recyclables into the proper categories or it will be an even greater burden on our budget.

Very expensive and a waste of resources...

Don't use this

participate but would not pay for this service

Should just add a few more dollars to the recycling of yard waste

it works find the way it is now, if you charge for it people will stop using it

It's a great service. I hope you don't start charging for it.

If it's not an efficient use of city funds, I'm okay with forgoing the program or looking for other solutions

i think the fast food resturants should have a seperate container for all the plastic silverware that gets in the trash it should be recyced.

I like it how it is, but would be willing to sort it out before I put it out

wish they still took glass

I would pay as long as I didn't have to separate everything still.

appreciate this service and effort to be environmentally responsible

lets get it going

I dint participate

A lot of time spent separating from truck loads. How about the use of large dumpsters, like Sheridan, in different areas of Gillette. 6 to 10 locations. Needs to be expanded to include glass items. Do not discontinue this program.

I have participated since the program began

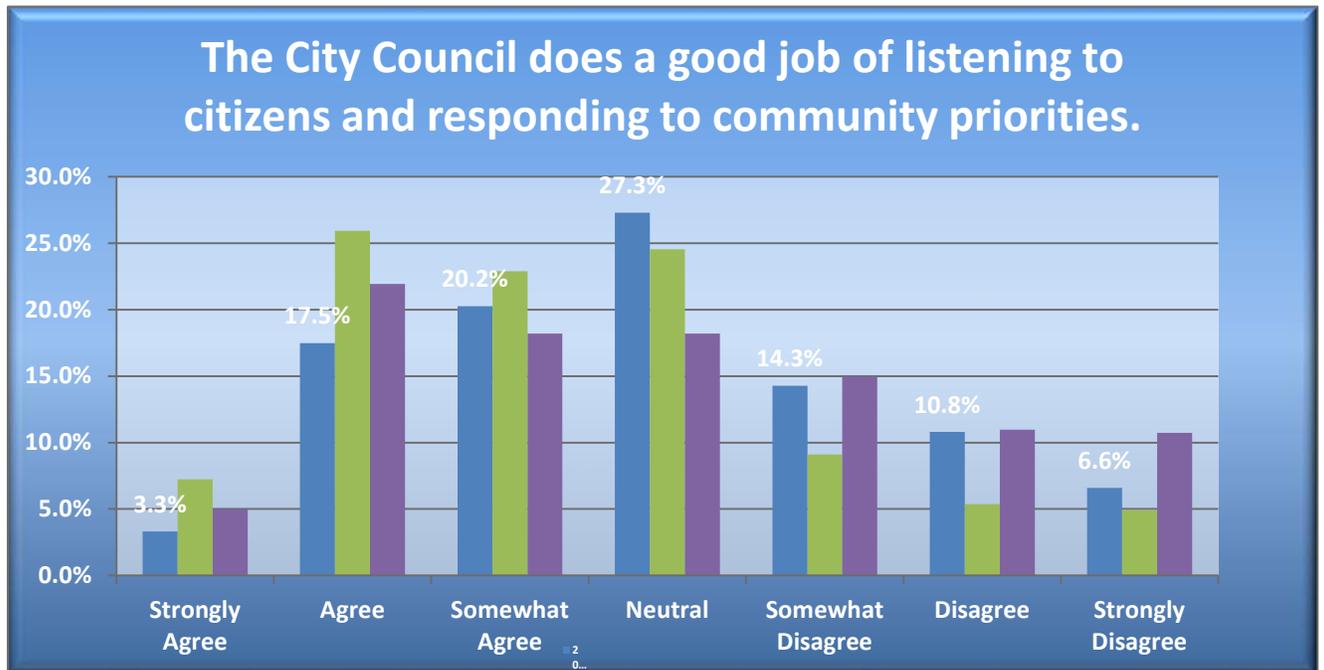
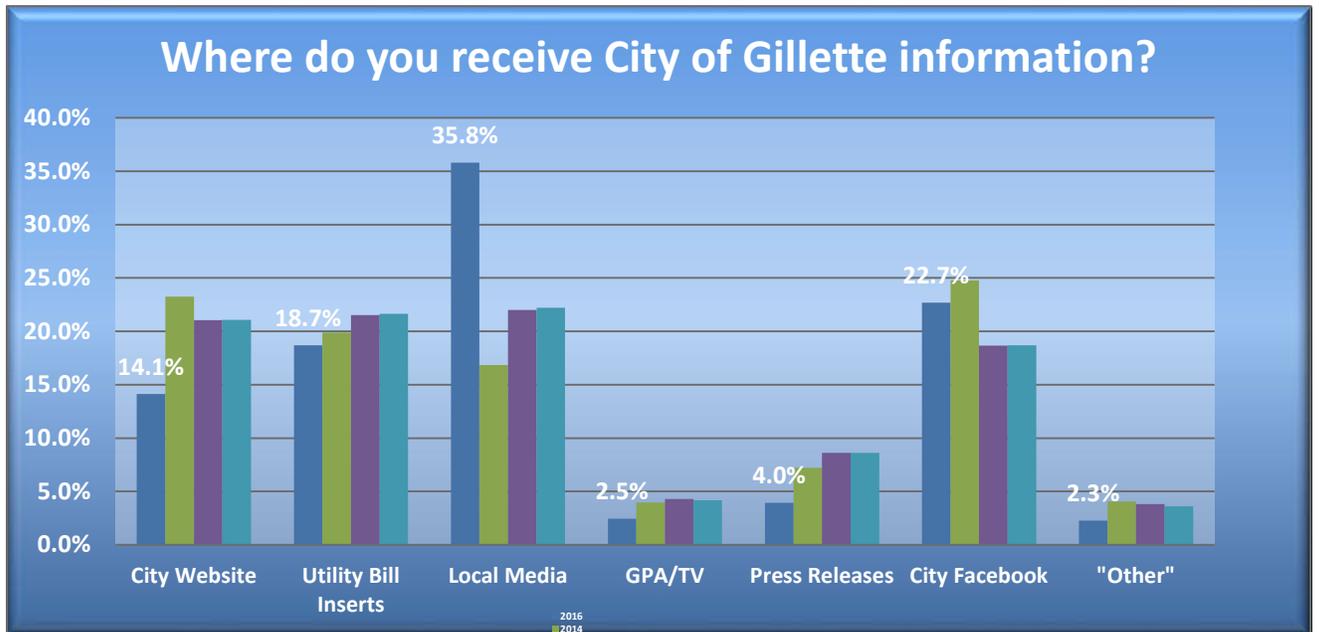
Please keep recycling program

I wish we could do a program similar to the one in Montrose, CO.

I think if you have to pay, not as many people will be willing to recycle

Depends on how much more it will cost

Community Information and Involvement



COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMENTS

Any further comments regarding Gillette community information and involvement?

I do like the web site Just thought it could be a little friendlier I believe

the city council does not truly care about the city. They do what benefits them not what benefits the town as a whole.

City council is a joke for raising rates every year for nothing!

Making the city bills go up at this time is not a good idea. People can hardly pay the bills that they have. I think our bill is too high as it is and I have my utilities down to a minimum.

I myself just don't pay enough attention.

I feel like opportunities for public comment are limited and I appreciate having the opportunity to complete these surveys. I would be very interested to know what is going to happen with the information gathered in this survey.

Lets get done remodeling City Hall & maintain some streets

City council seems to make up their mind before the citizens opinions are expressed

Why would the city raise utility rates when the economy is struggling

Advertise on ALL mediums.

Get rid of the ice melt and go back to the scoria traction control material.

Council listens but has their own agenda

Yea they need more community activities during the winter time

Don't want to hear from the "small folks"

City has the attitude it has the answers and people should defer to their greater expertise/knowledge. Sorry, we, the public, aren't as dumb as you want to think

I think for the most part our city listens, I know they care!

I like the County 17 site on Facebook.

I think the City does a great job of letting its citizens know information.

Listen to what people are saying.

Stop spending money on unnecessary projects

Community needs to support local economy more (in general).

They do lots of building without citizens input. They'll do what they want no matter what.

The City goes far beyond in keeping the public informed and people have a voice in this city. I have always been impressed with the City of Gillette and how it operates. It's citizens always come first.

I appreciate all they do.

STOP wasting money on Field of Dreams! START doing the City Council Annual planning retreats in Gillette.

More public meetings for controversial projects, ordinances, etc.

Need to put a hold on spending till a other boom. Get rid of democrats/communists from the council.

Would appreciate an annual "State of the City" speech from the Mayor.

They may listen but nothing ever comes of it.

lot of newspaper notices come out after meetings were already held, or few hours prior

We turn it down, or disagree with it, and they build it anyway

It is a wonderful place to live. this downturn shall hopefully come to an end soon and the gloom and doom should dishearten us a lot. I think it is idiotic they will not allow chickens in city limits. (without a rooster of course).

electric bills seem to be too high

We need to look into allowing people to have chickens inside of town limits!

when Gillette residents and businesses have to cut back in a downturn, so should the City (including staff reductions)

I truly believe the city council has not taken public opinions, expertise and questions seriously &/or consistently. Feels like they have their personal opinions and agendas decided before the true discussion & voting occurs. They're supposed to be a representation of the majority and I don't believe they take the time to find out what that majority is on subjects.

Council does what it wants anyway

I am concerned that utilities keep going up and up almost twice a month and sometimes you have to decide to eat or pay the electricity bill to keep yourself warm and with electricity. When you ask for an extension, you get it but soon three days later, before the extension date, they send you a disconnection notice and even the technicians to cut your electricity and then charge you for calling to check your "extension date" but the extension date means nothing and you get charged for technicians showing up! When you call back they tell you that the system does not know about extensions and it automatically sends notices so what is the point of offering an extension?!

The City Council has been questioned on their enthusiastic overspending for years, asked to justify multi-million dollar projects and have had no logical answers for doing so. The new eight million dollar ball fields are just one example. It's over priced and under used. The Mayor and City Council need to rid themselves of the need to transform Gillette into an glamorized show place. This is after all an industrial town in the middle of the prairie not an urban cultural center. Get real people. Quit throwing money away.

Never had to talk to them

The person(s) who oversee the City's Twitter account should be more enthusiastic about winning responses to their guessing games.

The City Council is making some progress but all of the local officials need to listen a little more to their citizens, and do a little less of following their own ideas.

You constantly ignore the citizens for your pet projects i.e. The field of dreams, complex, and other wasteful expenditures
Need to stop spending money, should have seen the slow down coming sooner, start saving, no more building projects. Stop Field of Dreams

prices of utility's and services keep rising.

The people of Gillette have voted down projects at the complex and other projects around the city only to have the city council call a closed re-vote or hold a public vote at an impossible time of day for concerned working community members to participate in.

Information needs to be more accessible

City Council speaks for themselves and does not speak for citizens

I believe there should be more LGBT services and also a gathering for ALL Communities not just the straight community... Show EVERYONE that we care about EVERYONE

The Campbell County walk in clinic has been prove to be abusive to patients and their families. The professionals need more employees, but also better training.

They never get the opinions of real working citizens. Raising utilities was completely stupid. People are losing jobs. Getting hours cut. Raising utilities just make things harder.

online news record cost money. Should have a format similar to the casper star Tribune.

Field of dreams was a waist of money. It could have been used elsewhere

they need to listen to the people not make decisions based on what they want like the field of dreams which is a nightmare cash pit
Find out who is torturing kids to commit suicide.

Do NOT start charging at city pool. Kids NEED this in summer when school is out especially with all the layoffs. If they could pay, they'd be at the rec center.

An informed city is a thriving city

I think the City needs to be realistic regarding coal and oil and that it is unsustainable - we won't experience the peaks we've had previously. Banks aren't

lending to the companies, most of the country is against fossil fuels and global warming is real. Lets encourage young people to NOT go into this industry. Get an education and work in a job with stable employment.

Would like to see when the public is invited to poll on something what the results are, to see if the feed back we are giving is even being heard.

Quit spending frivolous money on stuff that we don't need also why do we need a second high school makes no sense

Love the Facebook page and Basin Radio - always feel informed and up to date.

Need more info on the down turn of job loss and agencies to go to for help

Wish improvements would be made to current parks and recreational areas and not to making new parks. Conserve funds during this economic downturn. Have more officers patrol parks more frequently.

Not a lot of advanced notice for things happening in and around area.

Have a weekly calender or month one on face book page with events.

The city waters a lot of money on things that benefit only a small percent of the population - ex the wastefulness of the clock downtown!

Any issue I have I can find someone to address easily

The City council has its own agenda of spending tax money so they can leave a legacy like a feather in there cap

I do not like the fact that council holds "pre meetings " to basically decide issues instead of holding a true public forum that is transparent and honest

Is there a calendar somewhere that has easy access to events going on in the city?

Pay attention to the majority not the wining minority.

Wish the city, county and school district would work together for the betterment of our city like join force to work on the field of dreams as develop the Camplex can working separately on the south campus fields, the College arena and the complex separately.

Council needs to step in and assist with the downturn in the oil and coal mining industries.

Continue to support our social service agencies

Feel decisions made prior to public comment.

I think Gillette does a great job with community involvement and providing free to low cost activities for our community.

City does and gets what it wants, regardless of what majority of citizens want

When people voted about the baseball park, no one listened.

With the financial issue in front of us the city needs to listen to the citizens and voters

People are panicking about jobs being lost at the mines. The city just seemed to defend coal by posting about it, but they're just preaching to the choir. Help the citizens find ways to turn this bust into alternative ways to develop.

We didn't want a field of debt!!!

Don't make decisions without first bringing it in front of the people.

Community is charging too much in taxes for things we don't need.

I have no idea what our city council does.

Don't follow it

The City Council listens to the public but their own opinions trump what the citizens think.

The taxpayers need better representation.

Quit spending money on stupid things

The city council is oblivious to the needs and wants of its citizens.

Before cancelling or accepting to fund large projects things it would be nice for a poll similar to this about public opinion

QUIT SPENDING MONEY ON UNNECESSARY PROJECTS FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS

The city council doesn't consider its citizens only their own self interests.

The spring clean up the city council didn't listen to what everyone has to say so people don't have the right ammities to dump items they don't want anymore

did they listen when we told them we did not want the field of debt? NOOOO

City roads suck (potholes on west Timothy and the man hole covers on lakeway are rough as hell) and some type of snow removal on residential streets would be nice. Could you add volunteer opportunities to City of Gillette Facebook?

it would be nice if you all my street but you do not

Yeah, let us vote on multi million dollar projects instead of a select few saying yeah ok

Get new people in there

Stop the spending on things that we can do with out.

Couldn't tell you who the counsel is or what they do. All kidding aside I know they have family's and family is first.

N/a on information But, they could be involved more towards what the people want and don't want. And not decide what they think is better than the average citizen.(try being normal for a change)!

The city council has absolutely no regard for our input nor our times of struggle!

As far as trash and city bill are concerned I think in light of the down turn in the economy around Gillette it was pretty short sighted on the cities part to raise rates . We all lose in the economic down turn you should to STOP WASTING OUR TAX DOLLARS ON STUPID THINGS AND OVER PAYING FOR JUNK SERVICES. WE ARE IN A RECESSION LOCALLY SAVE OUR MONEY! STOP BEING STUPID AND IRRESPONSIBLE WITH MONEY!

Only likes the opinions of the wealthy

Need to look at outsourcing more

As a whole, I feel they do try to what is in the best interest of the city. Id like to see less purchasing of art. Not stop, just less. City council does what they want with our money. Field of Dreams is a complete waste of tax dollars

I think that the city does a good job, but I hope that they had the foresight not to commit to too many expensive projects and penalize the public with extra costs now that the tax income will be cut way back.

We need family places, such as parks

Council looks for easy answers rather than making difficult choices.

people want chickens in the city, we don't but they should be allowed if no roosters to wake neighbors, limited numbers would not hurt

Might be asked later, but paying city utility bill is difficult. Putting personal information in each time to pay the bill, including city, state and zip code, to pay the city!

do not charge for the city pool..... do not raise the utility rates..... quit building unnecessary baseball fields and put the money where it will actually help people.

The golden goose is finally dead. So many times they have been warned to curtail spending by miners and oilmen in the know. Looks to me like the council should have listened.

Believe there is room for improvement

Feel like the city does what it wants, regardless of community input

There is a really strong feeling that the council does not listen to the people. Pretty much once the council has decided to do something, they do it regardless of public opinion.

Try to help the people that hit a bad look spot with food regardless of if they have money coming in they may have had hard times and just trying to feel there kids.

Recently, there was a letter to the editor regarding the city spending \$600K on restrooms downtown. Clarification needs to be made to the public that this is grant funded.

Stop the hand outs the free dogs and pop at city holidays celebrations

some Council members do a great job

City officials really need to listen rather than telling us our opinions are wrong and then continuing to do what they want to do anyway.

City council needs to stop spending money while the economy is bad

Sometimes I think a great idea like the "Field of Dreams" can be seen as negative when a few people become naysayers publicly over and over. The idea of open, green spaces with options for a variety of recreational

opportunities would be an asset to Gillette. I am all for continuing the development of this area over a period of years as funding is available.

City council listens to what they like, they misuse funds and their priorities are completely messed up.

I vote for what the candidate says, but usually they get into office and do what they want, not what they say

City officials do what they want - citizen majority votes never have mattered - City officials need to open their ears, listen, pay attention, and follow what the majority of the citizens are requesting.

Everything is changed. They now have to focus on severe budget constraints.

This is the least transparent city council I've seen in years.

Old issue, but why didn't City listen to voters and not build field of dreams?

The Council listens to a few individuals, and themselves. They don't want a lot of citizen input on certain subjects, i.e. chickens; the town square. The council has its mind made up on certain topics and woe be unto the person who tries to change their mind on those subjects. There are no poor people in Gillette they are just lazy!! Certain properties are "problems" but others are not. We have a car that has been sitting on our black now for two months with a flat tire and unmoved on the city street without being ticketed, but a neighbor gets a ticket if they leave a car on the street with a flat for a week.

quit kicking people when they are down. not raise rates on everything. city needs to diversify. as it stands right now gillette will be a ghost town

With the way our economy is headed I feel our city government , county , state , and federal need to tighten up their belts just like the citizens have to

I feel the city proceeds with projects even when the general public doesn't want them. It seems like it really doesn't do any good to disagree because you will just do it any way. Also where is the support for the energy industry (our bread & butter) other than

public sympathy. Protestors are out in force around the country & we do nothing.

When the people vote something down that means DONT build it!!!

They make decisions without including their employers (citizens)

At times you do but also you intentionally ignore the concerns of people in our community.

The city council and Mayor may listen to the public, but rarely is anything done. The mayor and council behave as though they are staying on task and cannot be deterred from that task. Who is setting the agenda of tasks for the elected officials? Elected officials are to be in charge of running this city, not the hired help.

Our council and mayor should get out more with the citizens and hear what they have to say. Its not a one way street- the citizen going to the council meeting just for a voice. Same goes with the council meeting with their employees, beyond the big meeting once and a while.

More things need to be on the website.. Budgets, pay, etc. County has much more, and updated

Its easy to lead the community when there are ample resources and dollars available. It's much more difficult when resources and dollars have significantly declined. I wish more thought and foresight had been given on decisions previously made and completed. However, as the City moves forward perhaps lessons can be learned and more thought and foresight given on the decisions made today and the impact those decisions will have today, tomorrow and in the years to come.

The Council needs to listen to citizen priorities. Example: Field of Dreams

It seems the popular majority of public opinion is usually disregarded

Council seems to do whatever they have planned no matter what the citizens have to say. They might let them speak, but still do whatever they want! Also, they don't learn from the past with things like the curbside pickup that changed 3 years ago and everyone hated it!!! Now we're doing it the

"bad" way again??? To save money? Then spending money on things we don't need instead!!!

I am concerned about spending by our community government and state gov't times are getting tougher and I believe we should conserve funds instead of raising taxes for people that are struggling to keep a job in Gillette right now

Before spending loads of money, do we really need it and need to look at the economy and the future economy. City has no involvement program - just does what it wants

Thanks for supporting the Council of Community Services

Just wait a while to spend big money on a new project

Tired of the Mayors own agenda, why did we waste the money on the Field of Dreams, sure could use it now!

Council needs to become more educated on what should be expected of developers to pay for when developing property in Gillette, and stop purchasing things that the developer should be deeding or providing to the City

I like that they sent information with the utility bills, because we don't have TV or get the newspaper. I switched to paperless utility bills and now I only get an email of just our utility bill. I wish they attached copies of the other informational items that I used to get in the mail with my bill.

All city council and board members with any mental accuam whatsoever should have anticipated the economic downturn 3 or 4 years ago and started planning accordingly then instead of reacting irrationally now. Who in the hell did they think was in the White House since 2012, Enzi?

COMISSIONERS ARE NOT IN LINE WITH THE ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF THE AREA. SPENDING IS BEING CUT TOO LATE AND THE PROGRAMS BEING CUT IMPACT EVERYONE WHILE SPECIAL PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT THE FEW ARE NOT BEING IMPACTED. POOR USE OF FUNDING.

City council must stop spending and save money for infrasturcture

support non-chain local businesses more than chain stores owned by out of towners. city council members should have individual email addresses

There are several City Councilmen who are too narrow minded by their religious backgrounds.

I have come to the conclusion that City Council members have their pet projects and people, and their decisions are mostly made before they ever go to public meeting. They know who is going to speak, who will make the motion and second, and how they will vote before they convene. Some don't speak their mind in public, so we don't really know what they think. I guess it's safer that way? Others don't listen, so when they speak, their answers don't make sense.

I think city council needs to cut spending on things that aren't needed

High cost projects such as the Field of Dreams should have gone to a public vote.

I wish there was a way to get the attention of the newcomers of Gillette to participate in city elections, and politics, as well as community events. It seems like only a small fraction of the town is aware of things that happen. But, everyone has something to say about city projects. Is there a way to raise the awareness of city projects and extend information to the all of the public? People complain about taxes, and projects after the decisions have been made for them, but these people were no where to be found when the initial decisions for taxes and projects were decided. It would be nice if the city officials could somehow reach all of the community, instead of just a select few who pay attention. I have no idea how we would go about doing that, but the transient population might not be so transient if they could just pay attention to what's going on. Maybe some or most, would want to place some deep roots here and contribute, and help to diversify Gillette. Especially if they know that their community cares, and wants them to be a part of it.

City Council has their mind made up and do not listen to the citizens

I believe the City does an exceptional job in providing information to the community about its services, the need for the Optional 1 Percent tax, and administration and officials are very accessible.

I need to be more involved-there are adequate venues for me to find the information :)

How much does it cost to build the field of dreams and maintain it compared to how much money comes into the comm.? Why is nothing done about people who run red lights? Do you want people to get hurt?

the city council listens to people that agree with the councils wants

Ask for support of projects but projects happen no matter what public want.

Nobody listens anyway.

The City council should stop spending money like it's water, and save some the coming economic crash!

Ask people how they would spend their own money which taxes are.

City council has a good 'ol boy system

Seem to push their own agenda and not listen to citizens

I love the facebook notices!

I think they might listen and then do what they want to do thinking it's in our best interest.

Field of dreams never should have happened

I've seen a lot of negative comments about the City Council, and I don't think the City Council publicises enough on all the good they've done for the community.

You have a great Communications Manager

The City Council has little to no idea what the community wants and is holding the city back.

I think this county should look at why we are building so many hotels when coal and oil are in the dump and both play huge roles in supporting this county and the state. As well more conscience thought should go into the elaborate expenses spent on some of our facilities. We may have once been the

richest county in the state and deserved to "show off" but those days are over.

If the city council is the same as city administration listening to citizens, sure they listen or take input. A more accurate description is condescending, rather than listening.

City Council needs to stop overreacting to the loud uninformed verbal minority
Could put more info on website and easier to find

I believe City Council often has an agenda and doesn't listen to the wishes of the community. It's a worry, some of what they support and don't support.

I have been providing input on the proposed storm water ordinance, and for the most part I feel like my comments have been heard and addressed.

Just keep it coming. It seems when you don't notify residents about changes, that's when things get dicey.

They don't listen at all and are unaware of coming financial troubles. They do what they want even when a vote says no.

I don't understand how Gillette can continue building when our economy is suffering.

It seems the City does a great job in this area. It helps to have a much greater than average number of staff on board (\$\$\$) to handle such tasks, I suppose.

The Field of Dreams was a waste of money.

The city council does what they have determined to do regardless of what the citizens have to say. They do not listen to the constituents.

The field of dreams was voted down for penny tax and you raised our land taxes so you could pay for it. So for that you are not listening to the people. Now that tax will never go down, not happy about that decision.

I thought WY was primarily Republican, however Gillette continues to spend as if funds grow on trees. With the current downturn in Gas, Oil and Coal all at the same time, Gillette still continues to spend on projects that are extremely costly. However streets and downtown alleys are in ill repair in many areas. Check out 4th between

Gillette ave. and Emerson. Bad news. I live on 308 Ross. and our alley between 3rd. and 4th. is falling apart. but can't even get potholes filled. Also, city spreads salt on alley all winter long, but refuses to sweep scoria and salt up when weather turns. But lets build a new High School that may never be filled. Brilliant ! By the Way, I'm a registered Independent, so I cannot vote in a primary...so much for my freedom of speech.

Listen to citizens as a whole, not special interest groups

Citizens have been very vocal about the over spending on projects such as the field of dreams, the downtown plaza and yet the city continues to spend money hand over fist without listening to the public about our concerns.

Our economy has always been based on the energy industry, and right now that industry is in decline. Expenditures should be cut until the economic climate changes.

Built Field of Dreams in a down economy - too much money to sports

The city has a problem with the "squeaky wheel". Small special interest groups lobby the city for something and the city goes "Oh wow everybody wants this" As an example the "the field of Nightmares". If a vote would have been taken, the city would have discovered that there is very little support. BUT choose to ignore the majority.

I don't trust the people who have put themselves in the positions of power, i.e. City Council

The City Council operates heavily on personal interest. A simple example is, the citizens organized a strong movement to allow chickens within the City Limits; however the Council did not reflect the interest of the Citizens in their vote.

Field of dreams is unnecessary

I get most of my info from NewsRecord and websites. I love the many things that are offered here to participate in.

Our community is progressive and needs to continue, even though we are seeing a downturn in our economy. Keep the vision!

Let Adrian have his chickens

There is no reason in hell we shouldn't be able to have a few laying hens.

Our boards and council may take public opinion into consideration, but it seems when it comes to major decisions they always vote for their agenda's.

Make traffic counts available in media to show new road usage in the community

Should have a vote on spending tax dollars on big projects around the city

there are projects that get passed that the majority people don't want. like the new baseball fields, and the new indoor riding ring for the college. there is one at the Complex Park.

Field of dreams was pre-decided, public had little to no control.

I think that we listen to those that complain too much. For example, snow removal, we keep listening to those who complain, instead of being thankful. Other towns in this state to not provide the level of service her, I believe it is a way that we could save money in the future.

Slow down our spending.

Slow to see downturn in energy industry, were not listening on that one.

Decisions are made it appears before the meeting (I am Watching on Cable) and the concerns of those that voice there objection mostly are seemingly ignored

Bad time for a utility rate increase

Most of the time the City Council does what ever they want. Downtown 3rd street waste of 1 million dollars. Now another \$500,000. Field of Dreams another want not a need. Money is going to be very short for much of the future.

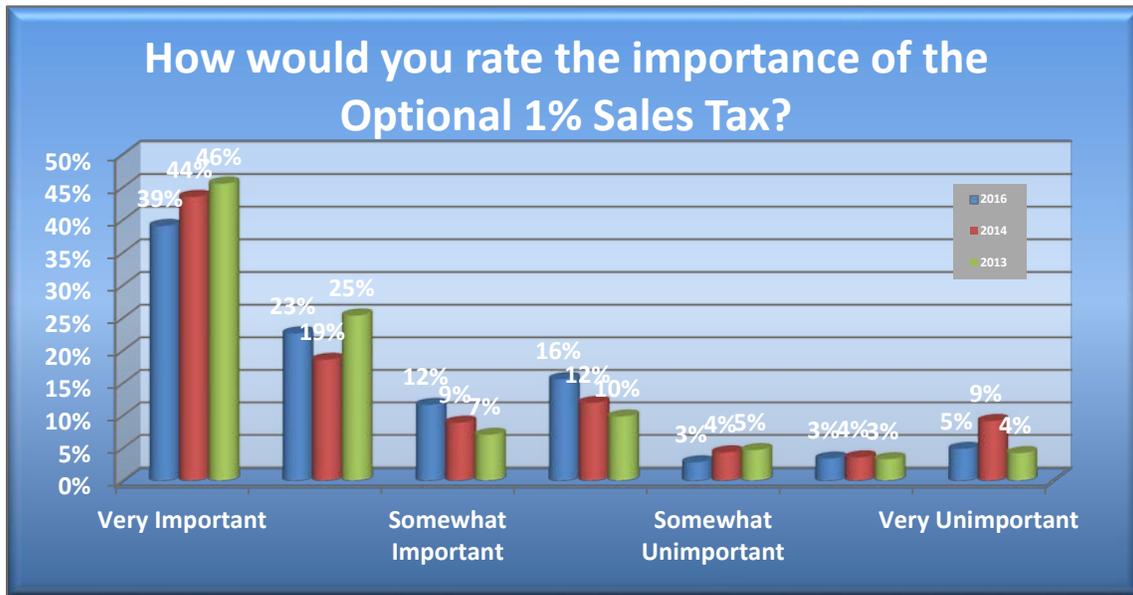
beautification projects should not even be considered if the water is limited for residents; I consider this type of spending superfluous

They don't listen when the people have concerns about building big million dollar projects that are not needed, but then they turn around and raise the city bills on the people a big amount-where is all that 1% tax going-there are a lot of streets and street lines that need restriping-

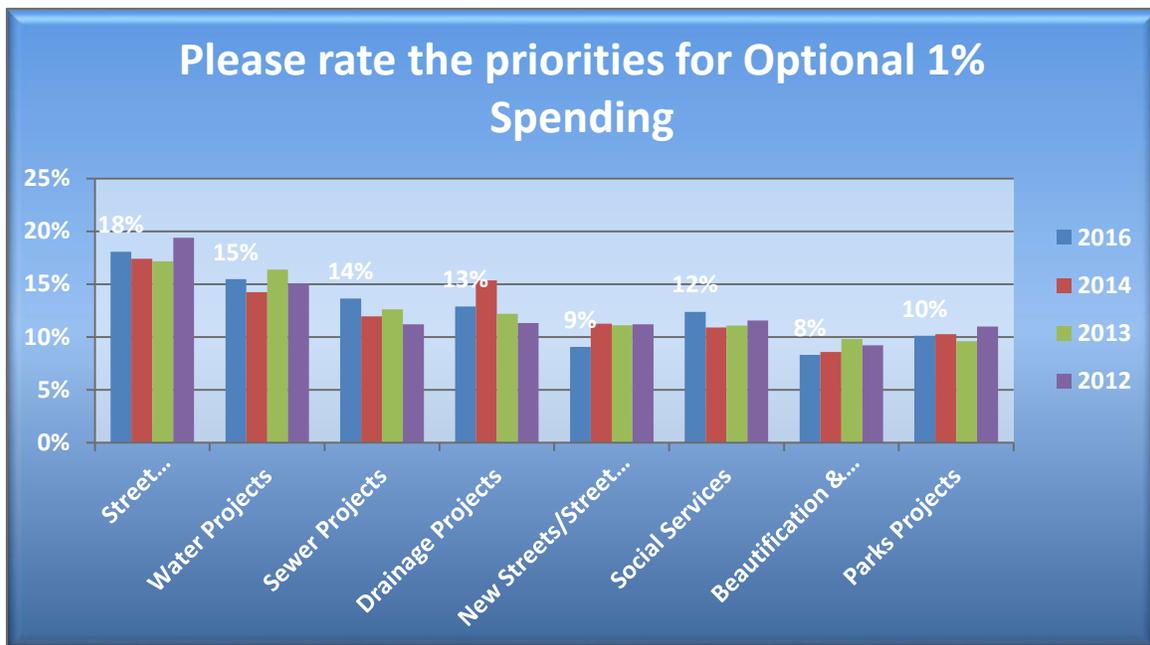
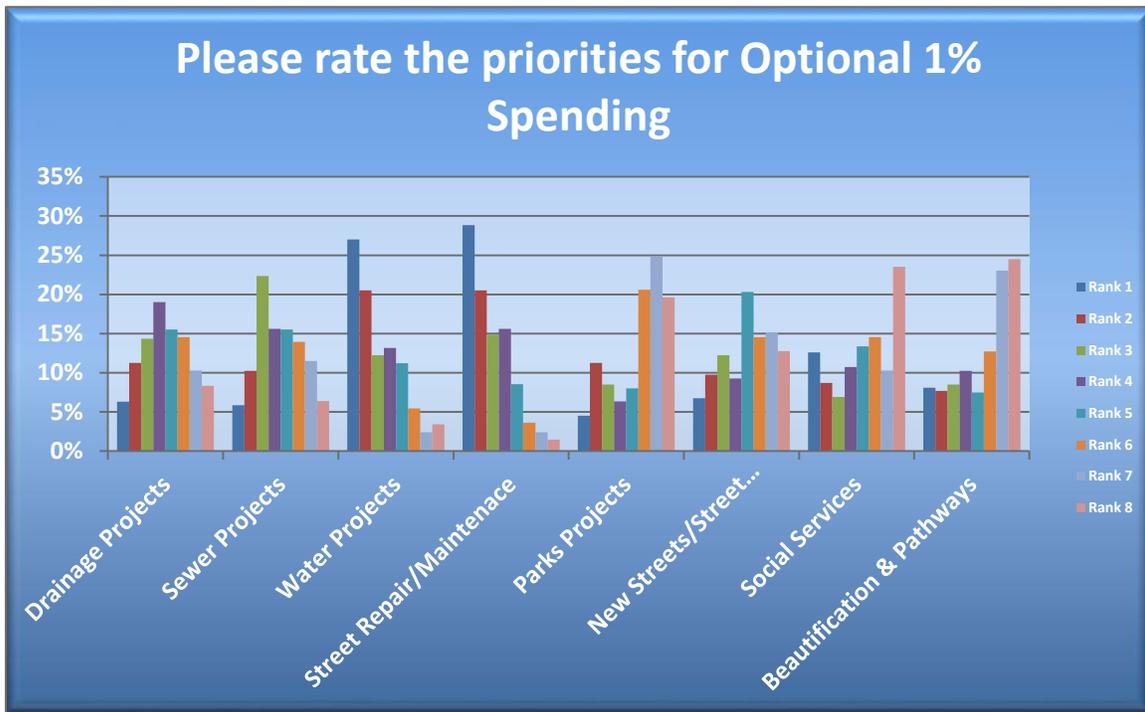
There should be more discussion at City Council meetings. Decisions seem pre-determined.
 extended thought process should be put into what they spend the taxpayers money on before they just waste it on useless projects

Elected officials are supposed to think for themselves but, they have a tendency to use surveys and hired research to decide the obvious. They also are short sighted. The recent down turn seems to have taken them by surprise yet it has been obviously heading in this direction for a few years.

Optional 1% Sales Tax



Citizens of Gillette ranked these various types of projects from 1 (being the highest priority) to 8 (the lowest priority). Since that makes things quite complex (*see charts on following page*), we created an index. We simply flipped the scale, giving 8 points to the highest rank (rank 1) and 1 point to the lowest (rank 8). When all the points were combined and compared to each other, 20% of the total points were for street repairs and maintenance, 17% were for water projects, and so on.



OPTIONAL 1% TAX COMMENTS

What other services would you be willing to contribute Optional 1% tax funding to?

None	Not sure
None	Nothing
None	Nothing
None	Nothing
None	Fire and EMS
None	Fire and EMS
None	Suicide awareness
None	Suicide awareness
None	Council of community services
None	Council of community services
None	Public transportation
None	Public transportation
None	education
None	education
None	None
None	None
None	Library
None	Library
None	Necessary expenses- I think it is well spent.
None	Necessary expenses- I think it is well spent.
None	Gillette College
None	Gillette College
None	school budget deficits or afterschool/before school-aged care costs
none	I think in these economic times we should be using the money practically not for "extras".
none	If other areas of the utility bill continues to rise I would not want to add 1%.
none	For the time being, I feel the list above is good.
Education	Our community is in a mental health crisis! Any funds such as these should be earmarked to promote services that address this crisis and help reduce our adult suicide rate.
Education	
Education	
Education	
Schools	The city Wastes so much money
Schools	None were already taxes to death
Schools	
Not sure	New adult softball fields
Not sure	

better programs for kids-there is NOTHING here for them!

Social services

Non-athletic youth programs

A better facility for mental illness

Sidewalks

After school programs.

prevention programs

New business growth and development

Recycling program

Emergency services

recycling

Activities for kids (free)

Economic development

use only on infrastructure maintenance and repair.

City events-fundraisers-animal shelter

New fire training center burn building

City litter cleanup

The streets

NONE --This should be OPTIONAL or NON-existent

The city just needs to tighten up a bit. To much money is waisted.

Bring more entertainment to the city.

Emergency Services (Fire) should have been on your list. They would be #1

College capital projects

Energy

Indoor kids area besides rec center

community gatherings, bands, plays, etc. I really think parks and beautification are important. If funding is not needed for priority things like water, sewer, and streets, I would love to see great parks and a beautiful Gillette - tree planting.

Mental health facility

Traffic light at gardener lake rd and boxelder intersection. Needs one really bad.

Separating Gillette College from Sheridan College. Also youth activities (skate park is amazing)

Art programs

Safety and protection measures for DOC

I think the tax money collected already would provide well for the projects that you want to tax us one percent more for. We have to tighten our belts to live maybe our city should show us the way.

Growing the college to a 4 yr. school

Feeding the less fortunate.

None. End it. Taxation is theft.

Any organization that reaches out to Gillette youth and abuse victims. Any organization that would fight for abuse victims and fight to get stronger domestic violence laws formed in Wyoming.

safer crosswalks

Additional code enforcement/ speed patrolling in neighborhoods

A program that involves volunteer community members that would be able to take a portion of that money and put it back into the people of the community so citizens feel they are benefiting from the 1% as well. Kind of like a habitat for humanity program that can help our own citizens, the elderly, lower income, or maybe just a house in the neighborhood that is an eyesore and needs a paint job or a new fence.

More commercial development between skyline and Burma.

I would recommend cutting it out until we can get some responsible people using it Gillette or Campbell County doesn't need armoured personal carriers or military assault vehicles or weapons. But we sure can find money for sports but can't up grade computers at the senior center or library.

Youth facilities

Recycling; local renewable energy projects/industry

Community garden, teaching people to cook real food, swuare foot gardening even in apartments.

Possible uses for interesting business to move to Gillette

Fire Department and Complex

Economic development, additional to social services

Complete new sports complex

Planting of food bearing trees.

CAN-PLEX Capital Improvements

1% tax should only be used for extra projects, the rest is what we pay all the regular taxes to do

paying toward utility projects, upkeep and maintenance, so rates don't go up so dramatically.

Immunizations and Education regarding better health.

Public transportation!

Gillette college

bus for those who need transportation.

sheridan has one

A park in Remington Estates

Clearing paths during after snow events on weekends and holidays. That service shouldn't be cut

1 time spending

It would be nice to pay off any debt with sales tax for costs associated with WYGEN purchase a few years ago. Also, with the decline in revenues going toward our local School District, I feel a portion of the next 1% tax should go toward school improvements like stadiums and playing surfaces that the State is not paying for. The 1% tax has historically been used for City/County projects. I feel some of this revenue should go to our School District and College facilities that also serve the community. Consider using a portion of the 1% tax to pay for CAM-PLEX and Fire Dept operations too.

NOT the field of dreams

Salaries of emergency service workers.

The 1% sales tax is nothing more that a private slush fund for the City allowing for spending with no citizen input and no accountability.

NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT

museums

Stuff that is needed, not art projects

Lowering the cost of the rec center

A decent Visitor Center building

legislation to reduce the public tax burden.

Making the fishing lake path so it doesn't go up to Hwy 59. I feel very uncomfortable having my kids walk/ ride bikes on the bridge. I think there should be a way to cross the lake without walking beside Hwy 59.

None None

Library, children's programs

Community training for safety against crime

Quit wasting our money on dog parks and baseball fields. We have baseball fields that don't get used as it is.

New places

Things for teenagers to keep busy

More social services.

Education

Don't care. As long as my money is being used for needed things and not wasted.

Suicide awareness

Anything that strongly benefits the community.

All of them

More to streets and parks

Nothing

A place for teenagers to go and hang.

Pathway maintaining

More areas for teens to hangout

City pool staying free

Paying for city pool

Building something for the teens in our community.

No icy roads

I don't know.

traffic cameras in certain intersections

Mental health

Encourage reading, creative endeavors and music in teens and adults.

More recreational programs for kids

Variety of some sort to give Gillette a different way to not just depend on energy avenues of prospering as coal and oil has helped us in the past. Diversify !!!!

Not another damn ballfield.

If there wasn't so much wasteful spending it wouldn't be needed

As the economy changes we need to help keep families in Gillette, social programs for kids will become more important

Start a rainy day fund for hard times to come

Helping the homeless

Festivals

Public library, Cam-Plex

City pool

Library

Camplex And field of dreams if entities can work together.

Food bank. Other types of assistance.

Soup kitchen

Local college fund, street repairs in locations that are not just high end residential areas

Don't know

None at this time, along the lines of people losing jobs, or can't find employment.

Police department

Increase the % of one percent funds allocated to social service agencies

I am indifferent at this moment. I need more information to make an informed decision.

Recycling, almost anything that has a positive impact on infrastructure or the community in general.

Reserves and future maintenance. Capital.

NOT the Field of Dreams. That money could have been used toward other projects. What a waste of money.

Healthcare. Not remodeling the hospital, but actual healthcare like a rehabilitation/treatment center for addictions to alcohol and drugs

I'm confused as to where typical taxes go. I would assume normal taxes should go to street maintenance and the optional 1% should be in addition to the already in place taxes.

More low income housing

Keeping free community services available such as library programs and the city pool

Recreation/arts

Events that bring the community together and remind us that we're all in this together.

Public transportation

Kid activities

Rainy day fund

None. Stop the tax increases. Live within the means. Citizens have to.

This should not allow to exist due to the layoffs and economy of Gillette

Public Transportation - Bus system

library

None it should be to maintain roads

Pools

Absolutely nothing! Get rid of 1 percent tax. It can have a crippling effect on the industry.

Job services

Stocking the food bank

None. City already wastes too much money digging up the same streets, planting trees in the same place only to rip them up again, and generally highlighting their incompetence and inability to coordinate or

plan accordingly, all the while cutting essential services.

The old Spring cleanup curbside system.

Cleaning Gillette

Setting our own traffic lights

Education since it is now being cut largely

No

Counsel of community services

None!! Quit taxing us!!!

Promotion of new business to come to our community

More funding for the schools

Plow snow!!!

public safety

Youth programs

Recycle

Helping the miners who have lost their jobs

beautifying the city is best thing. Other things should all be in the budget and be no problem with what we are charged in this city for water and electricity.

Creating Business opportunities that may help with unemployment.

Psychiatric Improvements

people in need

Crosswalks for schools

Indoor playground during winter months

Light for streets

We will be running out of money soon with coal depleting

I feel our community is hurting and would like to see the city's choices on spending be extremely frugal. 1% back to the shelters, food banks and other safe guards for our community are better options.

NONE

Motocross and other fun things to do

Infrastructure should always be first.

City Pool so it can remain free

Can't think of any

To keep our city bill low paying any more in today's economy is putting a strain on families in Gillette.

Spring cleanup! Not everyone has access to a pickup to take to your sites!

SPRING CLEANUP !

I don't believe in the 1% tax

Can you fix parking lots? Because some need help

Any project the city feels would benefit Gillette.

schools

Bike paths, more sidewalks

Anything but more art

Street repairs, even alley ways, as those are HORRIBLE.

Bringing other businesses to Gillette

Mall

snow plowing

Snow/ice removal in neighborhoods.

economic development, get some other industry in the city/county

Stop light cameras. Tired of worrying whose gonna crash into running a red light. Terrible in Gillette!!

Red light cameras to stop the red light runners, or increased police patrols at stop lights. Do not go a day without watching people running them!

Senior Center or Youth Activities

Library

for damn sure not the field of nightmares

I hate taxes. It's all a waste of money.

1% money should be spent on infrastructure projects that benefit the community.

Avenues of Art should be one of the first things cut as the economy sours! It was a nice improvement, but it is considered a "frill" -- it doesn't bring in money. I'm find with field of dreams, softball and baseball tournaments, etc., bring in outside revenues.

No one comes here to tour our stupid statues. Some social services are ok. Get the Council of Community Services back on their feet, its not Ms. Bungard's fault she inherited a nightmare, but she is doing a good job, but then they need to start to sustain themselves.

Making Gillette's economy less based in coal, oil and gas, as the sharp decline in all three is going to have a huge impact on all phases of the Gillette economy.

Better employment opportunities

education

tourism

lower "fixed rate" motel/hotel room charge

Any that support the continued development of our quality of life.

Employment related services

None. We should remove the 1% tax and budget accordingly.

I would like to see the economy of Gillette diversify. Right now we rely so much on the energy industry, that the current market is really becoming scary.

College

Telecommunication infrastructure improvements

Recycling, maintenance and upkeep of existing necessities

Youth Activities

Alternative Energy

how about something for the less fortunate children like a YMCA or fully supported Boys and Girls club.

Law Enforcement

College/Career Services

Senior center

Not sure, open to new ideas

Recycling

libraries

recycling

Drug Treatment, inpatient treatment

None.

NONE

think all above should come from city budget, no 1%

Senior citizen activities

Drug court, alcohol court, suicide prevention and awareness, programs to help those with domestic violence, work programs, Council of Community Services.

Economic development. Too dependent on coal, oil, and gas.

I placed social services in 7th place because I don't think they serve the people well with the programs. As an example, the CoCS store Seconds on the Ave. charges so much for the donated materials that it is a sad situation. All the materials are given to them for free and it is obscene and I mean that. I am fortunate to be able to care for my family with not help from the CofCS but I have been in this store and will never donate any thing to this rip off. I will give my things to persons who need them on the website Lets Make a Difference on Facebook. What you need to do is close that place down and use

the funding in a way to help people not rip them off.

More community gardens, planting more trees

Maintaining alley ways/ easement behind houses - weed free, mud free

there is a lot of litter that blows around town, it would be nice to organize something to control that. Currently, our neighborhood voluntarily organizes a litter pick up day once or twice a year, but I think we're one of the only neighborhoods doing so.

Educational facilities.

Do these first, then ask

Gillette College Growth

None, and we should remove social services from the 1 per cent funding.

expanding recycle program

Need to concentrate on taking care of what we have, roads are horrible in spots. Money won't be coming in like it used to the way things are going and we keep spending money on stupid things like the field of dreams, downtown improvements, waste of money. That stuff doesn't help bring in any money and has cost millions.

child care

Economic Diversification

Another trick the city pulls. They say NO money from the 1% sales tax goes to the field of Nightmares and other unpopular money burners, but that is all smoke and mirrors. By using the 1% for road and sewer projects, they then take money that would have been used for regular city maintenance and use it for their pet projects.

summer student work projects

Golf course construction & improvement.

Beautification can take a back seat but

Pathways are great.

Beyond beautification and pathways; an interconnection network of bike paths throughout town.

job creation

To fight Drugs

DARE

More bike paths and parks

Youth activity areas

Any necessary projects the city deems are critical in our community.

Traffic Management

A city-wide litter cleanup effort. Also, a tree-planting movement.

Snow removal

Education/projects in self sustainability.

People are unprepared for what is coming.

Side walks; there are miles of uneven, broken, heaving sidewalks! Bike paths: you should be able to travel safely to any location in Gillette on a bike path, unfortunately we are way behind (too late) on this issue. Storm sewer maintenance: how long (probably until they're plugged) are you going to wait to stabilize the hill on the south side of the street that goes to westover. Every time it rains you're sweeping mud off of that street.

Sidewalks

I am all about helping the citizens of Gillette to prosper and be successful, so any social service program that does that!

Pay off power generation loans

schools

SUICIDE

Dog park

Do the street and water projects first, then ask again.

I believe very much in 1% funding; I think we need more soccer fields for the kids and another pool, not a huge expensive pool, but a larger pool. It is hard to find fields for kids to practice soccer and gyms for basketball and indoor soccer. We have a lot of youth and we need to support endeavors that keep them active and busy.

Snow Removal

Needed (not nice to have) infrastructure, reduction of maint. cost type infrastructure

Try something new like save for a rainy day.

It is raining now, but everything is going up because you spend it if you have and often when you don't have it.

NOT

family oriented projects/amenities

Well now that you scrapped spring clean up.

Put it there! It is something EVERY homeowner can use.

Let the citizens keep it.

Lights and water at Dog Park

I believe that if the city can't budget their normal income for the above projects, then they don't need the additional 1% - this county's residents and business owners pay an exorbitant amount of tax already, why burden us more?

A better Tornado warning system.

Fire Department, Museum, Economic Development

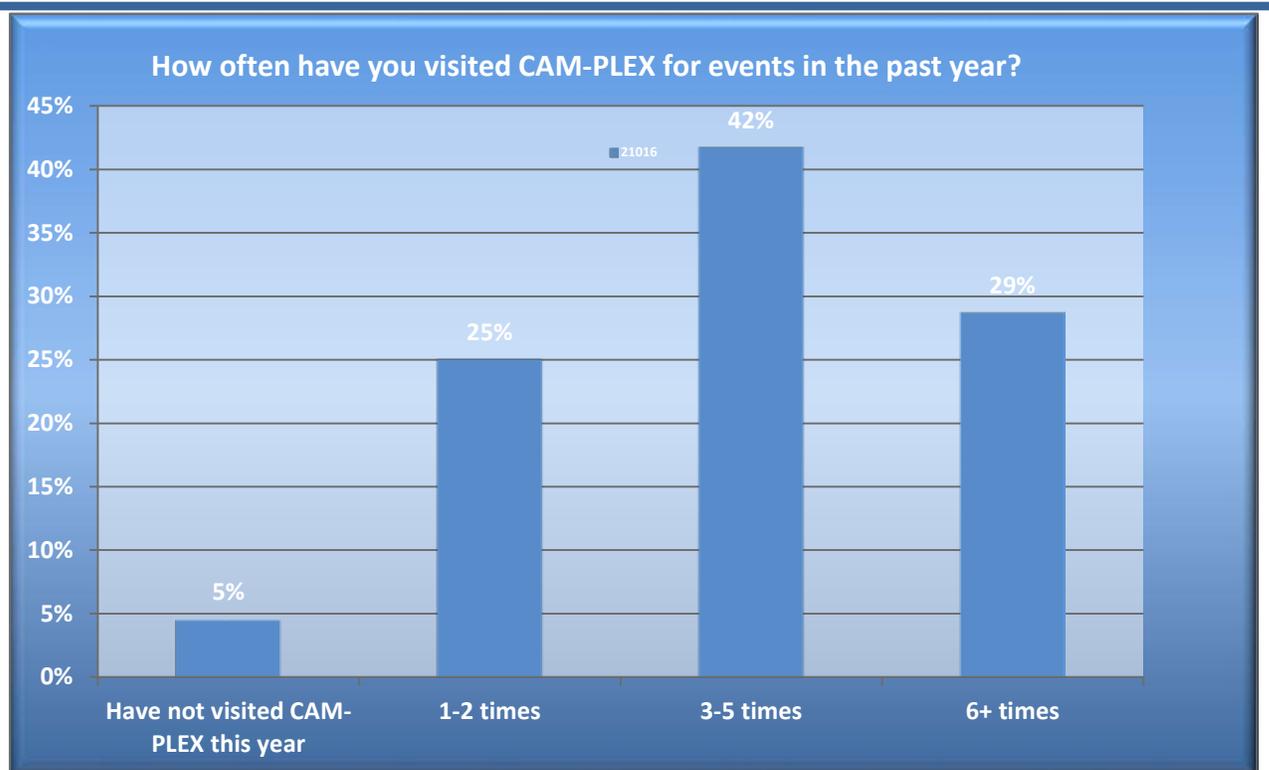
Bring more business to Gillette

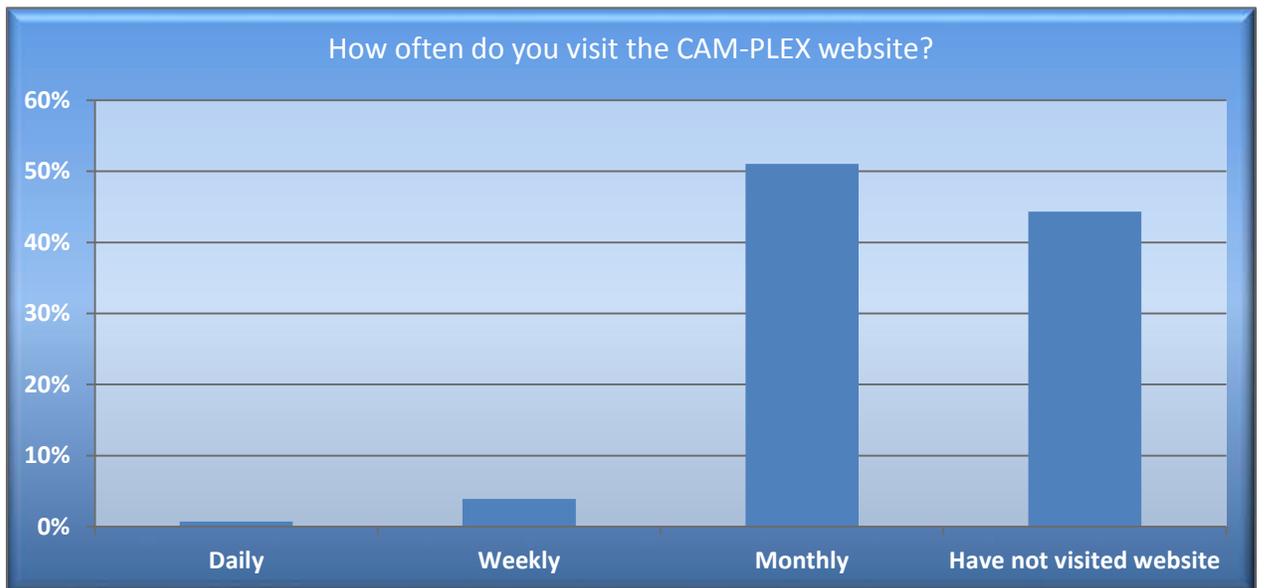
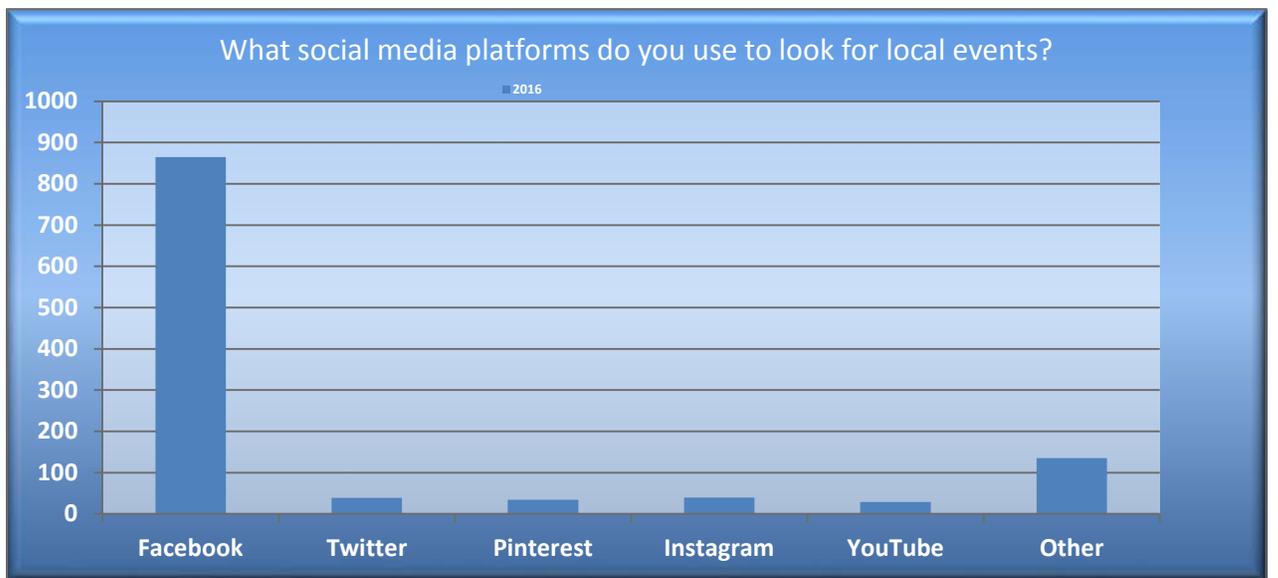
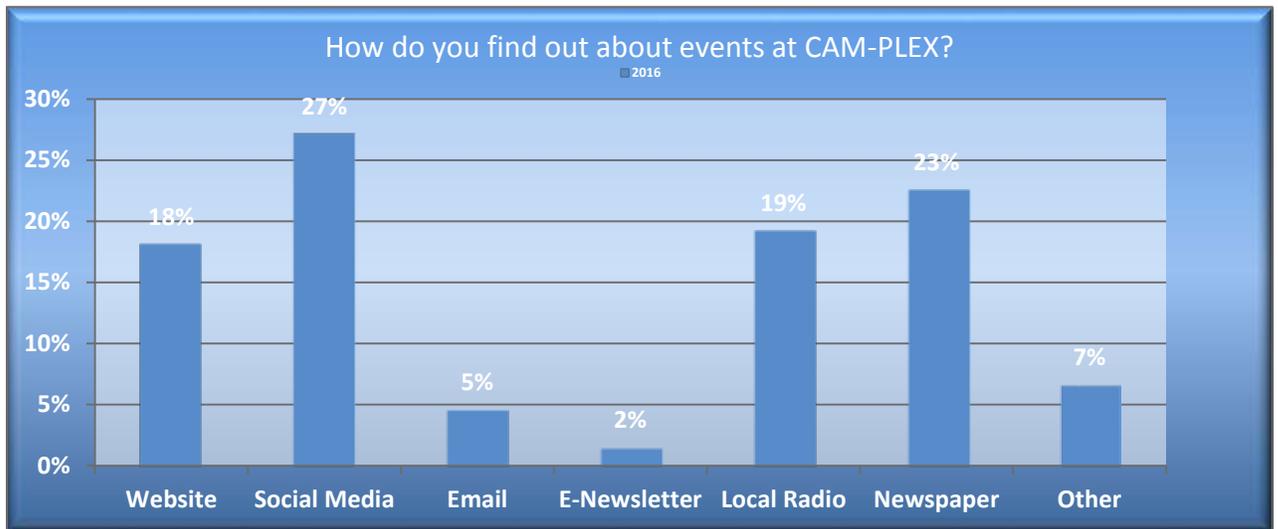
It's spread thin the way it is

Gillette College would be my top priority if given that choice

You say contribute as if I had a choice. The 1% tax has turned into a necessity! It should have been set aside for special projects and emergency funding. Instead it is use for street maintenance on infrastructure which should be paid for by property and the nonoptional sales tax. But, because the city can't live within its means, even during a boom, the 1% optional sales tax is anything but optional.

CAM-PLEX





Music	All
Rodeo	All
Rodeo	Rodeos
Rodeo	Rodeos
Rodeo	Rodeos
Rodeo	trade shows
Rodeo	trade shows
concerts	trade shows
concerts	Trade show
concerts	Trade show
concerts	Trade show
concerts	Concert
concert	Concert
concert	Concert
concert	Trade fairs
concert	Trade fairs
concert	Trade fairs
None	Open shows, rodeo
None	Open shows, rodeo
None	Plays and musicals
None	Plays and musicals
Theatre	sports
Theatre	sports
Theatre	Rodeo or music
Theatre	Rodeo or music
Family	Trade fair
Family	Trade fair
Family	Home shows
Family	Home shows
Family friendly	Performing Arts
Family friendly	Performing Arts
Family friendly	Musicals
Family friendly	Musicals
Concerts	Crawfish boil
Concerts	Crawfish boil
Concerts	Country concerts
Concerts	Country concerts
Fair	Family
Fair	Family
Fair	none
Fair	none
Plays	Shows
Plays	Shows
Plays	Homeshow and community garage sale.
Plays	Homeshow and community garage sale.
Family friendly	Plays, concerts
Family friendly	Plays, concerts
Family friendly	Music concert
Family friendly	Music concert
All	Play

Play
 Family events
 Family events
 sporting
 sporting
 Comedians
 Comedians
 Community based events
 Community based events
 County Fair
 County Fair
 Kids programs
 Kids programs
 Good entertainment, theater, community events.
 Good entertainment, theater, community events.
 Motorsports
 Car and gun show
 Rodeo's, craft/vendor shows & Crawfish boil
 Just about anything.
 Banquet
 children's events and trade shows
 Cheap ones!
 home improvement shows
 I enjoy them all but even after 3 years it is the same every year and becoming boring.
 Rock concert maybe or gillette wild
 Theater, concert, comedy,
 Plays, music, dance, etc.
 Hockey and concerts
 Concerts, shows,
 crawfish boil and home shows
 Rodeo
 Large event centered around tasting food and or alcohol.
 trade shows, fair, community events
 Anything but a drunk fest
 Musical performances
 Just depends
 Sportsman's events (banquets, gun shows, expos, etc.)
 Concerts Plays
 all
 Trade shows, concerts and the garage sale
 rock concert, military associated program, school performance, festival
 Family Events
 Kids programs and Hockey.
 something that can include the family

CONCERTS, PLAYS
 Theatre, music, youth performances
 Trade show, rodeo, plays - no concerts they sound terrible in the Wyoming center.
 Children's theater
 kids events
 Trade fairs and concerts
 Concerts/rodeos
 Multiple
 Slaes
 Gunshow
 Homeshow, Outsource events
 Less than \$5 and family-oriented
 Rock
 Concerts, chili cook off
 Gun shows,home shows,chilli cook off
 Trade show / Gun Show
 Symphony or play
 Gun shows
 Concerts, Fairs, Expos
 Concerts and rodeos
 plays and/or concerts
 Not sure
 none, waste of my money
 Craft show
 concert, comedy, family events
 Big name Music-Home Shows/Gun Shows b
 Fair, Fund raisers, Christmas parties, trade shows
 Crap my kids are in
 Most everything
 Hockey
 Relay for life and fell fest
 Concerts and craft fairs
 Concerts but we never have any good ones.
 Country music concert
 Home/craft shows
 craft shows, music events
 Concerts or community events
 Concerts, plays, flea markets
 Ones that interest us. We go to all kinds of stuff
 Fireworks, Rodeo
 Theater, fireworks, show
 None. We don't get any events I am interested in. And when we do (Lewis Black) the people of this town mess it all up
 Beer
 Carries.
 Kids events and concerts

Trade shows	Musicals
Trade shows	Craft or Winter Western type events
Trade shows	gunshow, musicals, plays,banquets
Trade shows	Anything that deals with kids.
Trade shows	Music and Theater
Trade shows	Horse races
Trade shows	Concerts, community events
concerts	Rodeo
concerts	trade show
concerts	Concerts, gun shows, car shows.....
Concert	plays, concerts, displays/shows
Concert	Trade shows, holiday bazaars,
Concert	These days only those that are free
Hockey	theatre and private events
Hockey	All types
bazaar	Concerts, craft bazaars and grandchildren's
bazaar	school programs
Entertainment	arts
Entertainment	sport show
Gun shows	Theater, symphonies, art shows, craft shows
Gun shows	Childrens events. Concerts
Plays	crafts
Plays	Concerts, and Kid Oriented activities
None	Harvest Festival on Oct 31st.
None	Craft fairs
Theatre	Plays and Musicas
Theatre	Music, sports.
concert	plays
concert	Concerts, Trade Shows and Family Friendly
concert or show	Events such as circus, rodeos, kid shows
Broadway Theater Programs	As many as schedule allows
Concerts and Private Events	Kids' school activities and trade shows
Concerts/plays	Dinner Events, Concerts, Plays.
Plays, , Band Concerts, Musicals	Anything that I find interesting from shows at
Garage Sales	Heritage Center to trade shows, bazaars,
Trade shows, fair, and Mannheim	and horse shows
Shows	various
Crawfish Boil, Pyrotechnics, School	Concert or Fairs
Concerts	concerts. theater, education
Concerts	Plays & Concerts
shows,	Concerts, MMA Events, Gun Shows
concerts-mostly rock or blues	County Fair/ R V Show
4th of july	sports
Rock Concerts, trade shows, gun shows,	Kid events. Hockey everything.
other sales	trade shows, stage shows, county fair
school concerts, plays. everything else out	Broadway plays, Fair, NSHFR
there is to expensive	fair, concert, craft fair
unknown	Varies - Musicals, comedies, home show,
gun show/car show/voting	school programs
concert or play sports event	CONCERTS/TRADE SHOWS

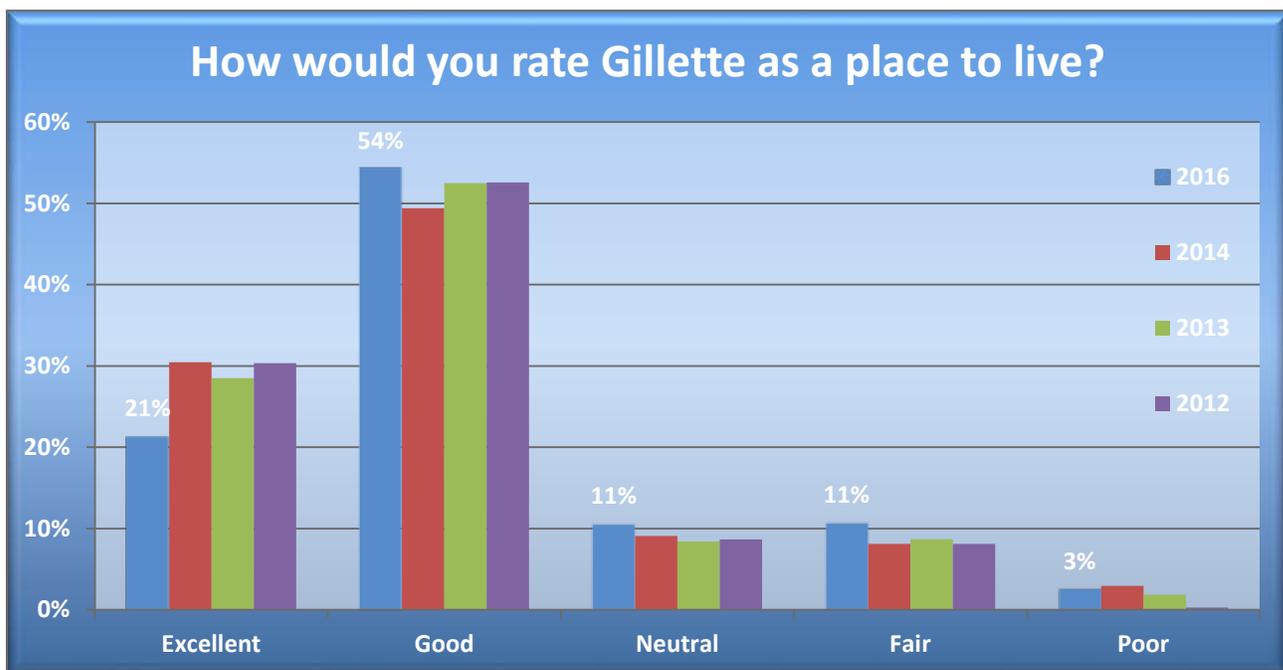
sports show
 craft shows and garage sales
 music
 Trade shows
 all
 sports,gun shows concerts,plays
 Sporting events, concerts
 Shopping and concerts
 hard to pick one as our family includes
 grandchildren
 Arts, concerts, rodeo
 Concert or musical event
 fair
 trade fairs, garage sales, gun shows and
 county fair
 sales events
 markets, rodeo
 Family
 concert, trade/craft/home shows, garage
 sale
 School programs, trade shows, banquets
 Christmas programs. home shows. Gun
 shows
 local
 gun show
 music/play or trade shows
 Music events, plays, family events, trade
 shows
 trade shows, guns shows, county fair
 Homeowner show
 Pyrotechnics, rodeo, horse races, children
 music programs
 something for the kids. We enjoy the plays
 that come to town.
 Sports
 rock concert
 Family Friendly events
 Child friendly events
 fireworks,chili cook off,
 school related child programs and art
 theater
 Selling stuff
 country/western concert
 Concerts, community events such as the
 chili cook off.
 Touring shows brought in to Gillette.
 Concerts and performances
 Trade show
 rodeos
 Gun shows, garage sale, Dance competition

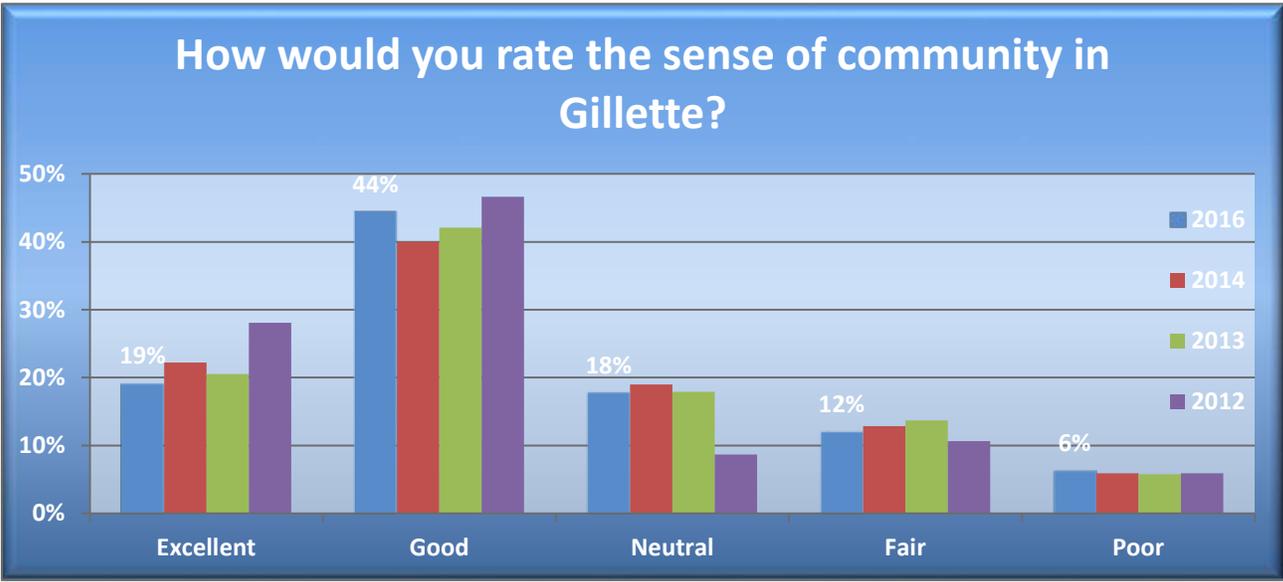
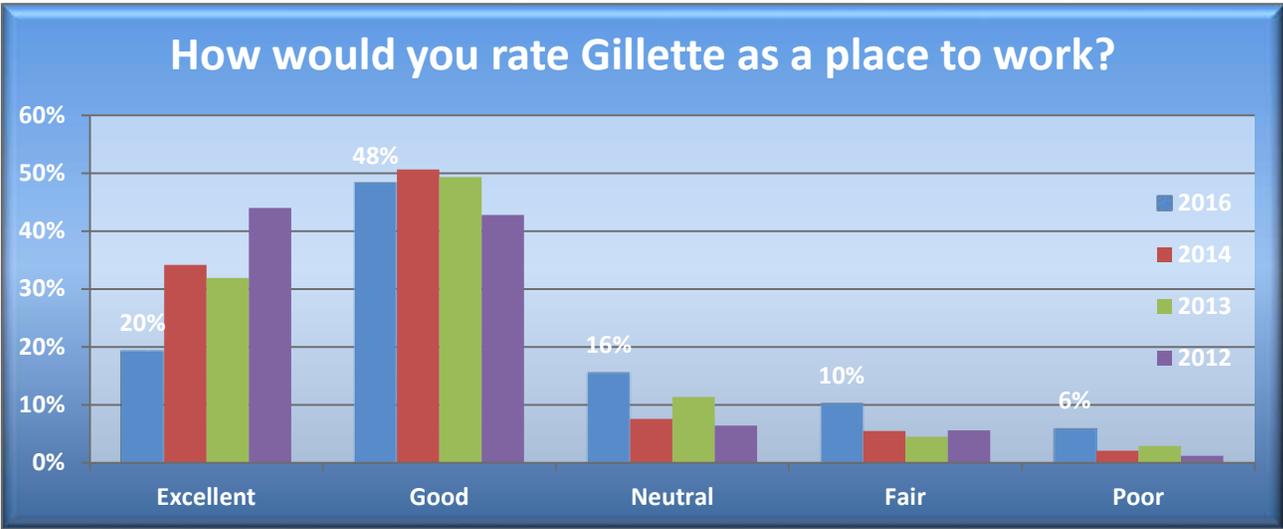
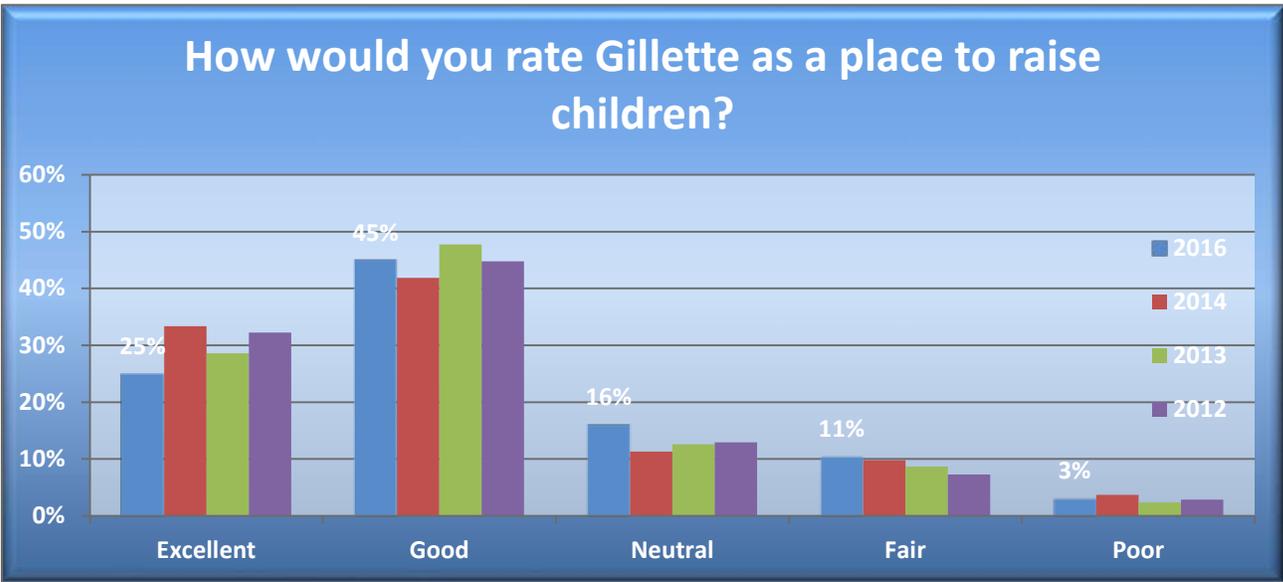
School events
 Fair, shows at Heritage Center, horse racing
 Child friendly
 music programs, county fair
 art shows
 Music events
 County Fair, craft fair, other family events
 Trade shows, craft fairs, Festival of Trees,
 County Fair, chili cook-off and other events
 where you can come and go when you like
 and can socialize with friends that you see.
 home trade shows
 Winter Western, New Life Craft Show
 camper or car shows
 Gun shows, good concerts
 Theatre / Performing & Visual Arts Private
 Events
 concerts, art events & local performances
 Fund raisers
 sports, sales, rodeo, bridal, concerts,
 home show, christmas craft show
 ,occasional concert
 hockey or concerts
 music and children's program
 home show
 musical
 Not rodeo
 theater or concerts
 entertainment
 Concerts, National High School Finals
 Rodeo, Pyrotechnics, Bazaars, Home show
 etc.
 Concerts, professional and school
 TOOL CONCERT!
 The Circus. If the sound quality wasn't so
 awful, I'd attend concerts.
 gun shows, concerts, trade shows
 Sales
 Music
 Gun show, home show, kids programs
 Concerts, antique shows
 Fundraising events for local social service
 agencies, Shows-Concerts
 Taste of home cook show
 private event
 Symphony, plays, concerts, public events
 exhibits, gun shows
 Entertainment, craft shows, garage sales
 Musical entertainment
 concert - shows

shows, big events
 Kids stuff, NEWCA Show, 4H Fair, Craft and
 Garage Sales, Rodeo, Theater
 sporting events
 craft shows, gun shows, things like that
 Shows that don't cost too much
 shows, symphony, work meetings
 horseracing
 Local Talent artistic - business
 fairs, retail booth functions
 Dance Competitions
 Home shows, craft shows, antique shows,
 family events
 fireworks

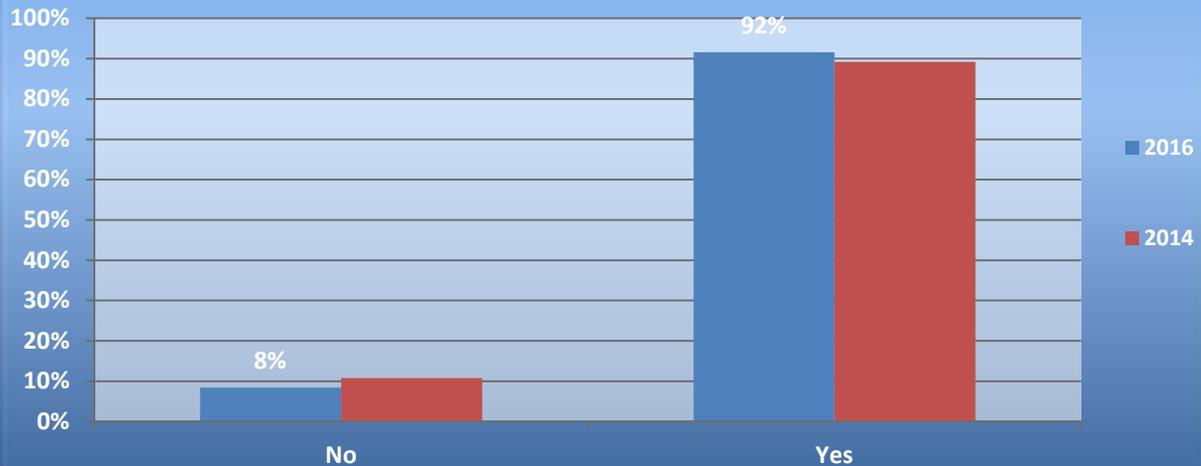
musical programs, home show
 company sponsored
 trade shows
 concert, hockey, rodeo
 concerts and trade shows
 Several different types of events.
 Plays, rodeos, concerts
 More concerts
 good musical
 Theater and arts; local events
 Entertainment - theater, rodeo etc.
 top musical
 musical events
 Trade shows and plays

OTHER QUESTIONS





Should local government support energy industry outreach (educating legislators and other government entities about our coal, oil, natural gas, etc.)?



ANY FINAL COMMENTS

Please keep our budget in the black

large projects that are not essential need to be put on hold while our economy is in turmoil. There are roads with potholes. Keeping our city streets safe and in good condition is very important. We need to prioritize what is financially important and needed by the community and what is a luxury not necessary for our economy. Continue improvements on the dog park please! Glad we finally have one here!

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Your code enforcers are insane. I got a nasty gram for forgetting to put stickers on my car parked in MY driveway. It wasn't on the road and it wasn't falling apart, it's a 2012 without body damage. That's a waste of money, time, and postage.

I applaud the City for the work that it's done for the community, and what it will continue

to do. We're heading into hard times, and I hope that our Council members take a hard look at some of the "luxury" programs that the citizens have come to expect. (I'm sure the spring clean up was a hard one to dump, but likely it was cost-effective.)

We should look at ways to address the adult suicide rate. Since 2009, more than 65 adults have completed suicide. When adults rates are this high, it is inevitable that youth suicide will be and remain high as well.

They spend our money on unnecessary things and projects

Please don't let the liberals ruin our way of life

We need to stop spending money on beautification projects, museums, etc. for now. If things pick back up, then move forward, but it is completely backwards to continue these projects when people in the community are worried about having a steady income.

I have been here for 30 years, seen a lot of changes, decent place but need more focus on our kids and our vets!!

We are being forced out of our community, which we have invested in throughout our lives due to the war on coal.

Need new industry to fall back on

There is a horrible issue with bullying in schools and what we are doing isn't working.

Please remind citizens that parking in cross walks is both illegal and dangerous. Thank you!

Our local government does not work for the energy industry, it works for local citizens. Therefore, it's job is not to promote the energy industry but promote the interests of our community, which is best served by figuring out we can best diversify our local economy and attract a variety of businesses to set up shop in our community. Energy will always be a part of the mix, but the problem now is that there is no mix. We can no longer afford to have the fate of community tied so closely to one industry if we ever hope to escape from the boom and bust cycle.

#28 - This should on a limited basis only

Gillette and Campbell county have been my home for 30+ years. I enjoy raising my family here and am proud to call it my home.

I am worried about gillette's future. With the downturn in coal, oil and natural gas I fear gillette is going to be hit hard. From those industry's to supporting local business, housing market, medical fields, law inforcement, and schools. The list goes on and on. The biggest supporter for our community is coal is it going to make a comeback probably not however, I do believe a smaller amount will always be mined in the powder river. What solutions can we come up with its not all on the city's shoulders as a community I feel we are more then capable of finding more avenues of businesses coming to gillette. A portfolio needs to be diversified and right now we are all in with energy.

WAKE UP !!! Quit wasting money : fields of dreams, 7 million dollar water park, back 9 at golf course. Going on a retreat , then raising utility rates .

Work faster on Field Of Dreams-Larger or second Rec Center

Find the balance in serving and providing the needed services.

We need a park in Moon Meadows. Lots of kids in this neighborhood, but separated by busy streets from the nearest parks. Also, complete Sinclair Street all the way to Butler Spaeth. A whole new subdivision went in south of the golf course with no additional access street.

This town has become filthy dirty it's embarrassing to visitors. I've complained to city about my neighbors filth and nothing came of it

I think Gillette needs more stuff for the kids and young adults to do. There is nothing for them to but there stuff for adults over 21 to but why not for the one's under 21

Plow the streets not just when you feel like it

Get rid of our anti-american King that's in our nation's office and get a real president back in there. This city of Gillette Wyoming has grown onto me. At first when I first moved here I didn't like it here but certain people I've met here in the past two and almost half years of living here made my mind change. City of Gillette, you're stuck with me now.

Gillette needs to diversify beyond coal, oil & natural gas. The city will never survive otherwise. Gillette & Wyoming can't be so dependent on these industries, with the war being waged on coal and oil. Gillette is hurting with the downturn of these industries and the trickle down effect remains to be seen in other industries in Gillette (restaurants, retail, tourism (hotel)).

Energy is our life here

Keep project bidding local.

I'm afraid the recent downturn has shaken that "sense of community" I thought existed. Lots of comments of "we're going to head back home." If you live here, this should be what you consider to be home. Too many people chasing bucks and not trying to be a real citizen and do nothing to give back to the community. Really tired of the whiner generation that's so vocal about their entitlements but have done nothing to earn it...want it all handed to them on a platter

just because they are breathing and sometimes standing upright.

If industry dies, Gillette dies.

Maybe we have depended too much on oil and coal money. Maybe we should be looking to advance a more diverse business community to provide continued and stable growth. We seem to have all our eggs in one basket

I would never have guess that I would like living in Gillette, but my husband are happy raising our family here. The suicide rate is the only thing that worries me. Thank you City for all you do! I think downtown looks great!

I know winter is a difficult time to keep trash along roadsides cleared, but the enterances to our city look terrible, especially south 59. It may be state area, however it is OUR town's entrance. People come in for student activities, Complex events, etc. Our taxes are paying for those housed in the detention center to sleep, watch tv, eat, stay warm, and have medical care...how about putting those to work picking up roadside trash for our community more often than just once or twice in the summer?!

Citizens should lobby their legislators, not the city. Even is the call it "outreach."

Pay your share on projects and stop spending on unnecessary projects

I think law enforcement in Gillette needs a lot of work. Other than that, I think Gillette needs some type of anti-harassment or anti-bullying organization to teach children in kindergarten and first grade, and then maybe our suicide rate might finally start to drop. Instead of teaching children to ignore bullies, I think we need to be teaching children that bullying in the first place is wrong.

Local Economy is of utmost importance as far as 1% goes.

It seems so expensive to live here

Not Gillette specifically but I believe the State of Wyoming should allow conceal carry to anonymous accepting teachers or other faculty in schools. I also feel like we need less Subways, auto parts stores,

banks but more choices, like the upcoming indoor gun range.

No new taxes not even victimless taxes the one you won't pay but the ones someone else pays the lodging tax I am so passed of with the amount of reckless spending I shop out of town for big ticket items and groceries cause Gillette isn't a boom town no more.

Stop raising utilties every other month!

People are struggling as it is an you're adding insult to injury. The money spent on a new clock could have gone back to the people who have called on hardships.

Gillette's sense of community is way better for those born here, outsiders don't experience quite the same thing except with other outsiders as we are forced to create our own community.

I am a woman in her 50s. With a good work history. When I was out of work and applying for several jobs that I was very qualified for, I was not hired. When I was younger I had no problem getting hired on at almost any job I applied for. I knew that the local business did not want to have to pay me for my experience or they were discriminatory about my age. That's when shop local went out the window for me. They should hire local also. And yes I am now employed, but have spoken with several women in my age group who feel the same and are afraid to lose their job or look for a better job due to their age and the discrimination in this town. I have 2,older sisters that live in Casper and changed jobs within the last few years and they did not have this issue.

Listen to the people, put things up to a vote.

I can't wait to move. Driving is akin to mexico, jobs are nonexistent,

You shouldn't have to ask about number 28!

City council needs to stop spending money frivolously! Start being fiscally responsible and listen to your citizens. We need an overhaul of our city government including the chief of police and the whole city council.

The city needs to change its policy about barking dog complaints and be able to ticket repeat offenders without requiring a reporting party to have to file a complaint. I

understand that dogs will bark, but constant and undisciplined barking can be a major breach of public peace.

I have lived here 40 years and would not want to live anywhere else

I love Gillette and chose to return to Gillette to raise my son. I give credit to the City of Gillette for taking care of its citizens and making Gillette an amazing place to live. Our energy industry is under attack and needs whatever support we as a community can give it.

Sense of community, issue is predominately with newer residents with community roots, support, extended family. Perhaps some organizations could work to create a "Know Gillette" series of on-going informational meetings.

Continue with projects such as sports complex and water park.

Diversify with other industries, NOW.

Thank You!

i wish the city would realize it is a medium size town, not the big city govt thinks we are lower utility costs before fixed income people have to move away, stop building crap we don't want/need and put that toward our utility bills. Quit acting like this is Denver, it is not.

While we need to diversify our business interests, we can't slow down our support and education of the country about energy.

Major Ostentatious projects should be reigned in. We have more than what we need at this time. the Field of Dreams should be curtailed at the current time.

We need Costco and better shopping. We also need to make our city look nicer. No more metal buildings and higher standards for the appearance of the community and businesses in it. (Think Bozeman, MT)

to 28 thats a def. yes as that is Gillettes bread and butter. educate educate

This place will turn into a ghost town again, after school is done. We need the revenue from the energy to help with streets and roads. We cannot rely on the citizens of Gillette, and over charging them electric.

With our economy in such a terrible place right now, we should not spend on things

such as baseball fields, upgrades of buildings, new builds, but sit back and wait for the economy to rebound. Just as I have in my household, priorities are important in making sure we do not run a deficit.

don't overdo regulations

The city (as well as the county, state, etc.) needs to find ways to diversify the economy in Gillette. The current downturn in the economy demonstrates this. Gillette has nothing to fall back on if this downturn lasts for an extended period.

Thank you.

Now that the boom has gone bust, let's hope the some of the riff-raff that blew in to town will blow back out. The number of repeat DUI offenders is ridiculous, as is the number of drug users.

I wish that Gillette had a stronger retail industry and more of a night life.

We have local subject matter experts on the energy industry and the truth behind it all and the US public needs to be bombarded with their knowledge & facts... and this government needs to give them a platform or support some financially if needed to do this. Backyard chickens was quickly squashed behind closed doors away from the public. There are more advantages than disadvantages to allowing backyard chickens with restrictions. This is Wyoming, many of us have the need and space to build Gardens and support chickens. And they're much more advantageous than the neighbor's barking dogs.

Cut costs because the money is stopping.

There are many more layoffs coming.

It is expensive to live in Gillette WY unless you have a good paying job. People who do not have a good paying jobs suffers the increase on taxes on electricity and other utilities causing people to live to other places. Soon people who live in apartments have to go back to live with family members or others to hopefully get out of debts and survive in Gillette. It is definitely a place without future!

we need the oil & gas and the coal mine to keep Gillette going

As with the Federal Government, the City Government needs to stop spending money that does not belong to them on frivolous projects while the cost of utilities continue to rise, jobs evaporate, the population and tax base decline and the schools lose students. Are you really going to approve remodeling projects for Complex and South Campus? Really? Maybe it's time for a tax-payer revolt!

I'm pretty sure that this won't be my final comment, unless you plan to kill me for twitter trolling.

We need to support the energy and railroad industries but it is also time to diversify our economy.

Be careful how you use 1% sales tax

The bullying in the schools is horrible.

Gillette appears to be in denial. This used to be a much more community based place.

The running of red lights is at an epidemic rate; why stop when you don't get in trouble? Drugs are rampant. Our economy is in the toilet; why stay here? The City doesn't listen to its residents so why care? I've lived here a long time and am sad with the negative evolution of this community. A positive shift needs to occur in attitude around here.

Gillette is the people not the city, if the city counsel, city administrators, city workers are interested in keeping this city and there livelihoods in tact they should and will organize the people of this city and this county into a unified body with a voice to both our state representatives and our federal government. The people of Gillette and Campbell county are strong! And can be a potent motivator to our representatives in this state and our capital.

The city has a lot of junky areas. Something should be done to clean these up. They are an eyesore. Also, there are too many vehicles and utility type trucks parked on the streets in residential areas. This make for difficult and sometimes dangerous driving mostly in snow and where there are a lot of young children.

Overall I am very happy to be a citizen of Gillette. As most right now I am very

concerned about the job market and energy industry and the effect it will have on the city.

This WAS a great place to work until my husband got laid off today (not blaming anyone but Obama) but I had to give "neutral" as a response for that reason.

Field of dreams was a big waste of tax payers money

Suicide Rate is very concerning for the raising kids in Gillette part- I'm not sure how that can be worked on as that is a tough issue.

Our government should be the most supportive of what coal mines and oil fields because that's the main source of jobs around here. It's depressing to see so many people hurting not knowing if tomorrow we might not have a job to go to.

We have an awesome police force.

Please support coal,oil,natural gas...

It is CRUCIAL to educate legislation on coal and gas and energy related topics.

Gillette needs to separate its identity from the energy industry. We are more than a coal town or oil and gas town. We need to celebrate and promote our many other good qualities.

Partnering with County and trying to get state/federal funds for a workforce retraining for laid off energy workers should be a priority. Also must try to recruit manufacturing firms to diversify economy.

It's about time we start taking bullying seriously!!! Way to crack down on Meth GPD. Officer Rozier is a model to how the other officers should behave. Promote local business. Public Officials should show up more and let the community know what's happening.

Not too impressed with raising rates on city utilities since there have been so many job losses. People are leaving town because they can no longer afford to live here. And if they start charging for the use of the city pool it is not good. Also the spring clean up, if people can haul it to drop off sites then they can haul it to the dump. There are elderly people and regular people who have no way to haul items away. Instead of

building the stupid Field of Dreams, they should have saved the money.

Stop raising utilities. The price of natural gas and coal is at an all time low and our utilities keep getting raised...

Gillette needs more things for kids to do and we need better shopping besides Wal-Mart.

It would be a better place to raise kids if the law enforcement was tougher on drug crimes, dwi's, and underage drinking.

It's a very sad and dismal time for Gillette. I don't know how much longer we will be able to hang on.

Bring jobs back!

Find out why kids are killing themselves.

Have lived in Gillette 34 years. Have seen lots of changes, some good and some bad. Wish we could have more shopping. Very worried about the down-turn in energy industry. Hope we don't turn into a ghost town.

Don't let out oil and coal fall apart

Start a city suggestion box, do it often. let people tell the city what it needs

I hated this place when I moved here from out-of-state for a social-services job in 1998. It was industrial & a culture shock for me. I was going to put in 2 years & get out. I didn't understand why anyone would want to live here. Since then, I met & married my husband & we are raising 2 children here. When we looked at moving 5 years ago, I researched all over the country & learned that our educational system here in Campbell County is undeniably one of the better ones in the country, which was a huge reason for staying. Gillette has grown on us & it is a phenomenal community regarding youth & kindness toward one's neighbors. But the recent downturn in the coal & oil industry (not Gillette's fault at all) has many people on edge, scrambling for options & jumping ship - all of which are understandable. It's already expensive to live here. Even though we knew our money could go further living somewhere else, the balance of everything else that is good about Gillette made that sacrifice worth it. But we are concerned about the future of Gillette & our ability to stay here if this bust

lasts for years. We would like to stay here until our children have graduated from high school (last one in 2025) but we aren't as certain about that as we used to be.

We need more things to do in Gillette. It's either bars or little kid attraction. It gets tiring going to the movies and eating at the same type restaurants every weekend. More diversity.

Do NOT start charging at city pool. Kids and families NEED this in summer when school is out especially with all the layoffs. If they could pay, they'd be at the rec center. Keep this structured, supervised activity free. It has always been free and is a huge draw of how this community cares for its families.

Focusing on bettering the schools in education and better punishments for bullies. Make more resources available for children to learn.

The coal industry crashing is taking away all of the jobs and we are finding that there is nobody offering work right now. If we get laid off, we have to move away. That sucks.

Both my husband and I have lived here for our entire lives, but we have to go where there is work and there isn't work here anymore.

Lets look to the future and find alternate job sources. Coal and oil will always be around, but not the cash cow they once were. I hear a lot of people say that windmills take coal to make...well lets encourage more windmills then. At least they use coal and will keep a few people working. I'd like to see the City be honest with the people about our future in energy and stop encouraging the BS.

Just seen on Facebook that they may start charging at the city pool this year, if it happens it's a shame. The cost to take them swimming at the Rec. Center for one day costs me \$11 for the family. If they do charge for the city pool, I hope it's reasonable like \$0.25 or \$0.50 each person or I know my kids won't be able to go as much as they like.

Local, private sector businesses should be used by the City for services when possible. The local businesses are the local economy. Growing government and taking away from

the private sector is not always the best option for the community as a whole.

More Coal Education

We need to continually educate that coal is good and can be clean & efficient energy source, along with natural gas. I love our coal miners!

I moved here in 1984 from Upton. Single mom with 2 young children. I have seen Gillette in it's growing pains. Gillette has done me and mine well over the 32 years. However...I think we need to start looking at ourselves to improve in streets, self infrastructure to make us stronger to handle the next step in our future... more police presence because crime is going to go up due to people are desperate at this time, make the "dime" we have on the books count... help keep the family's that are laid off from jobs here with programs they can go to. And ...Yes...I am employed in a small oil industry office.

I wish the street festivals would come back to the downtown area during the summer.

More music!

Gillette is a 'very who you know' kind of community.

Some of the problem with the community is if you went born here you are treated as an outsider. The other is prices. Not everyone wants to live off of credit or has a high paying job. When the main energy industry is hurting all of the community is hurting.

The coal companies, energy industry should be promoting themselves with the City back them but not financing it!

This is a wonderful place to live, we will be here for the next 20 years

Well with the way energy Capitol of the Nation is going with coal and oil layoff and bankruptcys the city should STOP spending Gillette used to be a good place to live and raise your kids but it has gotten to be a not so good place with to many riff raff people moving here bringing crime with them

During an economic down turn it is NOT the time to grow government It is instead the governments job to support and encourage local business in any and all facets to help

bolster the local economy putting tax dollars to work within the private sector

Our community is going to be decimated if the strict coal regulations continue and worsen. We need to let the Washington bureaucrats they are affecting thousands of people and the positive side of our clean coal!

The city is spending money like a bunch of drunken Democrat senators and this need to stop!

Gillette has come a long way. I lived here in the late 70's when the coal mines were being built. Then, moved away for many years, living in a variety of different places. I moved back 6 years ago and there have been many improvements made since the 70's. The school system is very good. The activities for families at the Rec center is great. We have lost a good department store. Money that should be spent here is spent in Rapid City or Casper because we are limited in shopping. I'm happy to be here again...

We are a blessed community going through some rough times, we need to work together hands in hands to move forward as things will turn around soon. We should look closely at the teen suicide issue and create and support system and this can be achieved through working together: city, county and school district

The City of Gillette need so step up and assist with the downturn in the oil and coal industries. Quit spending money frivolously and start assisting with social services!!!

No more fun projects. Save money. Many are unemployed or under employed. We have to stretch our dollar and so should you. City workers for city jobs. No contractors for little things. Use scoria instead of ice cutter. This depression that Gillette is in is going to hurt. We're not going to bounce back right away. Please hunker down like the common folk.

Many of my negative votes on this one directly relate to the amount of layoffs occurring in the energy sector

Quit spending money like water. Be fiscally responsible.

Same as the others about tons of people loosing jobs, not being able to find work, support their families. Kids and adults are becoming increasingly bad, crime and drugs are getting worse. Cost of living is getting higher.

Answers for questions 22-26 have more to do with the community, location and my answer to 27. I think the City is doing a good job trying to make Gillette a great place to live and I think a lot of the reasons I choose my answers for 22-26 are out of the City's control.

Keep up the great work and visioning for our community

There are pockets of awesomeness with truly amazing people in our community. Then, there are some real ignorant and myopic individuals that ruin things for everybody. I stay in this community because of the good people.

I know tough times are ahead and people will need help. Don't treat social service programs like they are a luxury. They will be more important, not less.

I also am happy about the amount of time and money that our town is putting into suicide awareness and prevention. I do however, wish they would do even more.

Last year, great place to work, now....very poor, very scared for our town

Gillette is going to hell fast.

I think Gillette has the possibility of becoming a wonderful city. My family and I wish there was more culture here.

Industry Diversification! Take the lead on bringing good paying jobs in the clean energy industry or technology industry instead of promoting the dying fossil fuel industry.

Time to stop building million dollar bathrooms and useless industrial park that will sit empty .

We were told a couple years back that water bills wouldn't be raised if we passed the 1% sales tax to fund the Madison Project. What happened there? Now they are still raising our water bills!

Though the energy industry is a very important part of our economy I think it is a

very fuzzy line when you start getting government involved in supporting specific economic sectors.

I don't want the city to waste time and money to fight to bring coal back. I want them to help us to find other ways to prosper so that we aren't dependent on one source of energy.

Time to control spending!!

Cost of living only sustainable by coalminers.

Gillette wastes money!!! Now with the coal lay offs we are going to see the waste at its peak. That complex could be utilized much better. Attract people to come here, but instead the people from here have to go to casper, Rapid City, or even Denver. Sheridan puts on better events than complex without the facility.

Keep the people in Wyoming.. so many people are loosing their jobs in the coal industry.

If you don't support the energy industry you will not have a town to worry about Not only do need to educate but hold them accountable to represent our interests and not just skate by and tell us what they want us to here to get elected.

what happened to the water park?

Yes to #28 but it should be unbiased information.

Gillette is getting bad we need our city heads to step up

Energy is this town and industry develop We need to educate our government and our citizens.

Enough with wasteful spending. The large sum of money that is government received into our community is managed poorly.

Question 21 is poorly worded. I doubt most people visit the complex website at set intervals.

We need to figure out how to keep our kids from killing themselves rather than worry about if council has shirts with the city logo on them. I'd rather have our limited funds going back to the community

Would more done in schools to combat bullying. They talk the talk, but do not walk the walk. I know this firsthand, as my

grandchild had to transfer to Wright. The did not tolerate it at all!!!!

I, like most people, moved here for work. I came here with some clothes and \$86 in my pocket. I may leave the same way.

QUIT SPENDING MONEY UNTIL WE SEE WHAT KIND OF EFFECT THE RECENT LAYOFFS FROM THE MINING INDUSTRY ARE GOING TO HAVE ON OUR ECONOMY, SUCH AS FORECLOSURES, REPOSSESSIONS, BANKRUPTCIES, ETC. I BELIEVE AT THIS TIME IT IS WRONG TO RAISE ANY UTILITIES ESPECIALLY WATER AND SEWER. IF TAX MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR ANYTHING EXTRA IT SHOULD BE USED TO EDUCATE UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN SOMETHING OTHER THAN MINE JOBS. WITHOUT THE COAL MINE WORKER'S PAYCHECKS ALL BUSINESSES WILL SUFFER IN GILLETTE. I HAVE BEEN IN GILLETTE SINCE 1979, MY HUSBAND WORKED IN THE COAL INDUSTRY FOR 24 YEARS. HE WENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY MEDICAL DISABILITY, BECAUSE OF CANCER AND THEN WEST NILE ENCEPHALITIS. HE IS STILL ALIVE. WE HAVE SEEN BOOM AND BUST HERE IN GILLETTE SEVERAL TIMES, BUT WE HAVE NEVER SEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SO ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THE OIL, GAS AND COAL INDUSTRIES, AND THIS OPPOSITION IS ALL BASED ON A FALSE PRESUMPTION THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS CAUSED BY THINGS HUMANS DO. THERE HAVE BEEN EXTREMES IN WEATHER ALL THROUGH HISTORY. THANKS FOR READIG THIS A 69 YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF GILLETTE AND PROUD TO BE HERE.

God Bless our wonderful city!

Would like to see police stopping more people running red lights, and controlling speed limits in residential neighborhoods far to much speeding

The city council needs to stop spending and save for the future. Charging for the pool and increase utilities all after millions spent on the field of dreams??? Get priorities straight!

It's sad what has happened to our states coal jobs but I haven't heard one thing about the oil field industry. My husband worked for s company that employed over 300 people and now there are 8 working there he was just layed off and he was one of their top guys. ☹️

City council should not get catered meals at their meetings with the city limiting budget spending on other things gs. This is not a necessity and is a waste of valuable funds

No charge for City Pool, stop unnecessary spending for things like new high school, field of dreams

City should be a better partner with the county.

I think the city charges way way to much for water. You want Gillette to be beautiful but I for one on a limited income have to let my yard depend on rain because I can't afford the water. So its not my fault when my yard is brown and ugly and people think Gillette is an ugly place to live. Electricity is over charged, and your raising again? Better stop and think about all the people being laid off in this country and its not just the coal miners.

We need to also concentrate on creating new exports for our town beside oil and coal. Don't give up on them either but also expand. Or concentrate on bringing more money here. Generate ideas and share them to get more interest to start new and exciting things here.

Companies are very cliquish. Hard to get in if you are an outsider.

The cost of living in Gillette is way to high. Before all the layoffs not everyone made coal or oil money. Now with all the layoffs prices for renting places to cost of food need to come down.

Gillette needs to expand to other methods of energy production like wind and solar. The coal companies are going broke and people are out of work. We need to diversify our assets so this town doesn't die.

Doing a great job city workers!

Yeah, city council and others should stop wasting our money

Gillette is getting better every year, try to combat racism and homophobia. Wind power seems like an obvious for Wyoming. We need our coal miners open up the trains and give russia there coal back we have what we need here and plenty of people willing to work to un cover it

Times are tough and going to become tougher, tighten the belt straps and help the people that are suffering.

Please stop spending millions on seasonal infrastructures like softball fields that are locked up and a water park that will be open 3 months a year and require massive maintenance costs.

We need to have a bigger voice for our energy workers. Gillette needs to be heard and coal needs to be saved!

Water department shouldn't be spending money on meter stations above ground when the same process could be done underground in metering vaults that would cost a lot less and wouldn't be such an eyesore.

Sucks we will have to move now
Use local stores and contractors

Energy fuels our economy

We need more to do in town for Adults and Children . Not much to Do for Exciting activities.

Get the Fire Board deal worked out. Fighting is ridiculous!

For years the city has spent money like it grew on trees. Now with the down turn in coal and oil, it's time to get into the general fund savings instead of sucking us dry. To most of you on the council \$14 is not much, but for most of us it is a chunk that will most likely come out of the grocery budget!

The moral of Gillette is not very high. It could start to improve by making Gillette look like a quality place to live. Contractors should be held accountable for there trash blowing around. There is no reason why Gillette needs to be covered in trash. The streets need swept and rocks picked up on a regular basis. Gillette needs to start doing the little things to preserve there wonderful parks other infrastructure.

Our city better figure out how to tighten the belt . Spending money on unneeded projects and taxing people an additional 1% that are already taxed to the hilt doesn't make any sense to me. Especially in the economic times we are in.

Stop wasting money, fight back agensnt the unconstitutional overreach of the government , support and defent the people you are elected to serve.

Yes! If Gillette didn't it would be a fraud. You must not forget what are city was built on. Energy capital of the world. I Know Gillette has enjoyed the money energy has provided through the years.

WE NEED TRUMP!!

We need to explore/develop alternative energy sources.

I have lived in Gillette my whole life and love it here - hope to continue seeing Gillette grow.

It's usually a bad idea to put all of your eggs in one basket. The city of Gillette seems to put them all in the nonrenewable energy resources. I think more of our time money and effort should be placed in making Gillette a more self sufficient place. More commercial and industry work so people have more options other than coal oil or gas for their income.with falling gas prices and current legislation I currently know of at least 3 individuals laid off from the price drop.maybe even look more into renewable energy resources like wind and sun. Gillette has always been an energy capital. We should capitalize on other sources as well.

Felons are human too.

Why bring in outside people because the governor wants to and we will receive money for this?

times are hard now. Quit spending money
Increase speed limits on main roads, work harder to diversify economy.

stop spending money, be wise about it. stop spending on the downtown plaza, it is not going to get me downtown, just benefitting our mayors business. do shop down town, nothing there.

W/O the energy industry, Gillette will become a ghost town.

No Gillette without energy industry.

More Senior Housing

Diversify

Please do not cut essential services. Our snow plowing is second to none and I would like to keep that. Roads are important, getting money for the regional water system is important. Economic development as well. No more avenues of art or other bs until the economy comes back and we have money to spend on that. Spend on things the benefit EVERYONE or that bring outside dollars into the community.

I'm pretty sure they are already aware of the problems the Energy industry is facing.

I have lived all over the west. Gillette has the rudest and most disrespectful people I have met. Service anywhere is appalling, shopping is terrible

Stop spending tax money on sports and entertainment and art.

We need to support our energy industry

I was exceedingly proud of Mayor CarterKing for standing up against the bullies of Islam. Having this hate filled, uneducated, judgmental group in our community disgusts me. Knowing the our Mayor stands for liberty and equality makes me proud!

My subdivision moon meadows seems to have a lot of trailers parked on the street more than 48 hours...more like months. Causes Reduced visibility at stop signs...like to see Sinclair St finished so more options to reduce traffic with all of the houses, apartments and the new subdivision by the golf course. Afraid a child will be hit since there are a lot of speeders though the residential areas

Instead of harassing people about yards and taxes, maybe you should attack out of state license plates as about half the plates are out of state and a lot of business owners also run out of state plates. Years ago our law enforcement and county made lots of money by making people license locally after 30 days here or as soon as employed whichever was first.

Coal, oil, and Natural Gas affects the entire economy of Gillette. Please do everything in

your power to keep the coal, oil, and gas industries going to support all of the jobs in the Campbell County and Wyoming area.

Our families and communities depend on it!

The companies can reach out to legislators and entities because they are more familiar with what goes on than the local government. The energy industry is declining in Gillette at this time, with hundreds laid off, and the city needs to adjust its revenue and expenditure projections accordingly, and not assume they can pay for everything they have planned.

Diversity in the Gillette Economy is more desirable than lobbying other government entities. Gillette needs to focus on the future; only by having multiple streams of income, can this city prosper.

Love Gillette and love the people.

Economic diversity needs to be addressed.

The city is dirty, there is garbage everywhere. It would be nice to have more community clean-up events.

We should be focusing on Alternative Means of Industry Energy by supporting jobs in those Alternative Energy Fields instead of trying to revive something that will eventually die out anyways! Lets remain the Energy Capital of the Nation by supporting all types of Energy... not just Coal, Oil, or Gas!

Couldn't answer question 15 something wrong with the computer. The city needs to work harder to try to diversify the economy away from so much energy industry.

#28 does make sense if you are talking about funding a position or budgeting for this cause. This is something that should occur regularly between city, county, state governments and elected officials.

at this time we need support the energy industry anyway we can to keep workers in this area employed.

Learn to live within a budget.

Gillette might want to give some tax incentives to a more diverse choice of industry. We could be a ghost town if the coal and oil industries dry up.

City council needs to be in touch with the economics of the area. We build needless

roads, motels, restaurants, sub-divisions without consideration of economic situations of Gillette and Wyoming.

Stop spending money like there is no end to the supply, the oil & coal are about done for, people are going to be leaving this town, than the ones that are left are going to have to pay super high taxes to support everything. I am retired coal miner and have lost my retirement benefits because the coal company went bankrupt, so now I have to tighten my belt and so should the City & County Government.

Please do anything and everything in your power to diversify our economy, attract new businesses.

need to light a fire under economic development folks

We have a lovely city with many great opportunities. Like many, I don't favor the sports craze here, and like to see other opportunities for people. I worry very much about our youth and the ongoing suicide epidemic. Not sure the answer, but feel the school district has had to do more than should be expected to help "cure" this. Not sure it's all their responsibility. Scary times with the economy as well.

We need economic diversity in the form of non-energy related industry.

It's scary right now to see so many people moving away. I hope the economy comes back like it has in the past

You could find other entities to bring to the Complex that don't fly the Traitors flag, especially those like PGI that are practicing using explosives while intimidating the non whites in Gillette with their Traitors flag.

we need to diversify our economy. Spent money on this

Thanks for considering my comments. We may never be a great tourism place, like Jackson, or have all the natural beauty around us, but our strength is our people and our ability to come together. We should continue to encourage that.

I'm worried about city income and the council wants to build a stream at the cemetery among other things and an

industrial park when we have empty shop buildings all over town.

need new industry development

If we don't educate government on our industries Gillette will become a ghost town!

My greatest concern with regard to the City (same goes for the County) is the size of our annual budget in comparison to nearby, larger communities. Looking back to 2013, Gillette's gross budget was \$198 Million.

Rapid City's was just \$149 Million that year. Our stated population then was 32,000 while Rapid's was 71,000. Casper's budget was \$151 Million for its 60,000 residents.

Cheyenne's budget was just \$86 Million for its 62,000 residents! I recognize you have to consider county budgets as well, but if you do, you will also find our county also heavily outspends the forementioned communities. It would appear the main difference is that we have a larger number of employees and at much higher wage/benefits costs. I believe this is a result of the bloated coffers we have been blessed with (ie or cursed with) in recent years and the belief by our City and County residents that it all must be spent. When the downturn comes (which is now), it's pretty tough to make meaningful cuts. We need to cut our fat.

How can one educate anyone more stupid than the inhabitants of the swamp!

I have lived in Gillette for 40 years and have seen many positive changes. There is still some of the small town attitude which does not do well when favors are given to the "important families" and "friend favors" by the different departments. But I think that progress is being made as new people come to town and new persons get into the political field.

We need more trash/litter cleaned up, the out skirts of Gillette are forgotten.

I have been in Gillette 35 years and retired from Arch Coal 3 years ago. I love Wyoming and Gillette in general, but would prefer the City to be a bit more frugal with spending tactics. The only main gripes I have are some poor street repairs and lack of maintenance of downtown alleys, including occasionally sweeping alleys. Also lack of

enforcement for misc. trash or tree limbs left in alleys, and also the lack of enforcement on fireworks in the City limits. If fireworks are not legal in the city limits, why do we even allow them to be sold. When violators are confronted about fireworks infractions, police only give them a warning. The only way anyone learns from their mistakes is with a fine. Start enforcing the fireworks Law ! I've rated Gillette as a good place to raise kids, and overall it is, but I see a disproportionate amount of emphasis placed on sports and physical competitiveness (which I believe, if overdone, leads to the aggressive bullying we see around town, including harassment that may have led to the recent suicide of a young gay man). An equal emphasis should be placed on the arts and sciences, such as a STEM (or STEAM) center, Odyssey of the Mind or Destination Imagination competitions, or more attention to the community choirs and bands for kids. My kids find it easy (ample opportunity) to participate in sports, but there is little opportunity for any of the other activities I've named, and I worry with school funding cuts the opportunity could dry up completely. Well rounded kids make for well rounded communities. Gillette can and should be more than sports and energy extraction.

Be more conservative with taxpayer dollars

It is a mistake for the City Council to have the Engineering Department take on the quality control of municipal projects. Over time it will be made manifest once again the quality of the product decreases, costs increase and your employees will not be able to do what they were hired to do, which is to manage. It will be a mess contrary to what the council may think. If this is to continue then....since the City owns dump trucks shouldn't they haul their own gravel to their projects too? That way at least the conflict claims would accurately reflect those who truly are in conflict during the council meetings.

Gillette revolves around energy-coal, oil, gas. Things are getting tuff around here and going to get worse. Why wouldn't the local

government reach out and educate when they can. Where do they think the money comes from that pay them? Without energy happening Gillette will be a ghost town because they don't focus on trying to get other types of business in. Things are good when energy is doing well, when it tanks so does the economy. Need to broaden things so you don't rely on just one main source. Please be fiscally responsible in all areas.

The city government needs to open their eyes and take a good look at the economic down turn that is going on and make GOOD decisions.

More women in upper level positions.

taxes from energy are drying up - face it and cut your spending to match folks!

The size of the City government should be reduced. For every 8 jobs lost in the private sector there should be a reduction of one City job. Pay and benefits are too great for the City employees. The government says that they don't pay as well as the private sector but that is an incredible pile of horse hockey. Very Very Very few private sectors have the pay and benefits that the City jobs pay when basic pay, health insurance, vacation, sick and retirement are all included.

In regards to 28; the local government would be foolish not to be on the front line supporting the energy industry through outreach and education.

I like that we are finally seeing some larger stores and restaurants coming to town.

Gillette is not a diverse community in which to find a job.

If you look, you can find a community of like-minded people. However, if you're not a straight, white, Christian; it's not easy to live in Gillette, even if you were born and raised here.

We need more diverse businesses, not relying on mostly energy business.

Our local and state officials should already be educated. They should promote on the national level.

Please stop all new projects until our area stabilizes. We might have a hard time just

servicing what we already have. Our future is going to be tight. Prepare.

I would like to see more things for families to do, even if its private business, and not a city or county ran place. I almost feel like that's why the youth drug use and crime is up, just because there's not alot to do...

Even the young adults need something to do besides the bar and the movie theatre. The last few concerts that have been here, have been artists that haven't been relevent in the last 30 years. I think I saw the median age in Gillette is like 35, so maybe some things to entice those people to stay.

Thanks for so many things: clearing the roads of snow, clearing the bike paths, the "Jiffy Johns" in the park during the summer, the beautiful landscaping on 59 and 4-J, great park maintenance, great library, and so many other things!

We need to diversify beyond the energy industry. This would help is get through the boom and bust cycles of energy.

We need to diversify our local economy. Relying mainly on natural resources is a recipe for disaster.

We need gardening education in our schools. We also need to remove political influences from our teachers.

Rather than wasting time "educating" legislators about energy, we should be considering other ways to diversify our economy.

If every major industry in the powder river basin is cutting there work force numbers, why aren't we. Nothing like a govt job!

If you loose the energy industry Gillette can not support all the nice things it has!

Don't think they did well supporting coal and oil

Gillette has been a very good place to live and have a good quality of life. I hope that as times become a little harder for many people and organizations that government will dip into the reserves that were saved for a rainy day, and not cut things that are important to our quality of life. If they must, I hope that it is a slow transition that allows people the chance to get use to cuts.

Good job!

stop wasteful sending NOW !!!!!

A lot of wasted money, once again the field of dreams

i think the city was kind of slow to see this economic down turn coming and should do a better job with the resources we have because you have seen nothing yet . wait until the big coal companys start laying off in a month or two. we will not need two high schools.

Gillette is a great place to live, our community sometimes struggles to see all sides of an issue, they tend to only look at their side

Energy is our way of life here. We must fight for our right to produce it for our nation!

Careful Gillette doesn't overbuild (costs money to maintain those things).

Absolutely educate those who do not have an opinon or are opinionated conversely about Gillette

Proper maintenance up keep and repair is most important. If you can't fund proper maintenance, don't build it!

I can't imagine why local government would not support the energy industry outreach as asked in #28!

Chris in the Utility Dept was very helpful in helping resolve a billing problem.

Stop wasting money on down town area and field of dreams

budget responsibly and stay on budget; most people and businesses have to follow this rule

Energy industries should educate others. the city council members need to improve on how they interact with the people of gillette and their concerns on where the tax payers money is being spent-it is not the councils money to be spent on their personal projects they want to have

Try to keep services the residents enjoy.

raise the qualifications on the leaders of the town-use the taxpayers money wisely-not on projects of just a few individuals

Most of the elected officials in Gillette, and probably everywhere else, are short sighted and self serving. The city is a patchwork of industrial, commercial, and residential areas caused by a lackadaisical view of city

coding. As long as it adds to the tax basis its ok. So we have homes with streets on both sides, industrial buildings next to residential areas, etc. There are some areas of Gillette where you wouldn't catch a sane person after dark unless they were living there. And even then you would have to question their sanity. I was born in Gillette almost 60 years ago. I remember what it was like not to be

afraid of going out after dark. I remember when our neighbors were our friends and you knew who you could trust. I remember when the town was a place you could walk anywhere in. Now you stick to the bike paths and even those aren't safe. My beloved hometown has been torn apart by the boom and bust cycles of the last 50 years but, I still call it home.

Demographics

