



WEST YELLOWSTONE HOSTS THE MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS CONFERENCE

By: Montana League of Cities and Towns Staff

This year, from October 2nd to 4th, nearly 450 Montana League members, partners, and an array of speakers gathered in picturesque West Yellowstone for the League's 93rd Annual Conference, LOCAL LEGACY, to celebrate Montana's history of local resilience and connection. Highlights included a Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, Cam Sholly's keynote presentation where he stressed the importance of building relationships before a crisis and a very special fireside chat between Cam and National League of Cities CEO and Executive Director, Clarence Anthony. The two leaders talked about striving for togetherness in a world often divided. Their exchange was equally informative and inspiring.

Conference goers had the option of choosing from 15 different breakout sessions to attend on topics like AI in Action, Affording Affordable Housing, and How to Win Infrastructure Money. And, of course, it would not be a League Conference without two

supremely fun evenings of networking. Our first evening out took place at the iconic Old Faithful Lodge where many watched America's favorite geyser in action. Our second evening was all about a night on the town in West Yellowstone which featured three different locations, lots of food, and tasty beverages.

We also had a visit from Senator Jon Tester followed by one of the best moments of the conference, presenting Mayor David Olsen of Lima with the Alec Hansen Lifetime Achievement Award which took place in the historic Union Pacific Dining Lodge. Sixteen of Mayor Olsen's family members surprised him that afternoon to join us in celebrating his lifetime of service.

LOCAL LEGACY was truly a celebration of the history, strength, and community spirit that makes Montana's municipalities unique. Thank you to our exhibitors, partners, organizers, and enthusiastic attendees for making it memorable.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The Povah Community Center located at 10 Geyser Street (corner of Yellowstone Ave and Geyser Street) will open at 7 am until 8 pm.

Voters that are registered absentee voters will receive a ballot by mail. Absentee ballots were mailed October 11, 2024. Registered absentee voters may mail their ballots back but they must be received by November 5, 2024. On Election Day ONLY, absentee ballots may be dropped in the box at the Povah Community Center.

Regular voter registration has closed, but late registration is still open through 12 noon on November 4, 2024.

In order to register between now and November 4, 2024, citizens must appear in person with legal identification at the Elections Office at the Gallatin County Courthouse, 311 W Main Street, Room 210, in Bozeman. Contact the Elections Office at (406)582-3060 for more information.



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