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## City of Sheridan Selects City Manager

Utilizing an extensive process and the recruiting firm, The Mercer Group, Inc., the Sheridan City Council unanimously selected **Devin Granbery** to serve as the next City Manager for Sheridan. Granbery will start work on Mon., Dec. 5, 2011.

Granbery served as Dillon's Town Manager since 2007 with responsibility for creating and managing their urban renewal authority established in 2009. The Town just broke ground on their first renewal project, an expansion of the well-known Pug Ryan's Brewery, with anticipated completion in spring 2012. Granbery's prior economic development experience includes work as department head in the Town of Superior. There, Granbery put together an extensive plan and guided the economic development efforts of Superior for four years. His interest and dedication to economic development started over ten years ago when he was working on the City of Thornton's administrative team and was selected as a founding member of the city's very first economic development department. Granbery says, "I really enjoy working with developers and putting projects together that benefit both the business and the local municipality." He welcomes the challenge of completing the build out and maximizing occupancy at the River Point shopping area.

"I am impressed with strides that the City of Sheridan has made over the last ten years in regards to economic growth and improved quality of life," shares Granbery. "This is a really neat opportunity for me to continue my commitment to economic development and assist City Council to move things forward." Granbery also embraces the challenges that face Sheridan. He reflects, "In times of lowered revenues, municipalities struggle to keep up with infrastructure demands. Sheridan needs a creative plan to meet the financial needs required to make infrastructure improvements. Simply put, we need to bring our streets up to speed."

Granbery and his family, wife Jennifer and three children, are eager to return to the Denver metro community where they can be close to extended family. They look forward to settling in the southwest area near Granbery's work. Jennifer has recently completed her degree in geriatric social work and improves her chances for employment by living in the metro area. Granbery shares, "Jobs in assisted living facilities and hospice care are few and far between in the mountain communities. Elderly folks with many needs are often told by their physicians to move to Denver."

"I have already gained tremendous respect and admiration for the hardworking, dedicated staff and leadership of the City of Sheridan. This is a wonderful chance for me to grow both personally and professionally and for my family to become grounded in the Denver metro area," states Granbery.

Granbery has a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder and is currently working toward a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Colorado at Denver. He will be in attendance at the first Sheridan Council meeting in December on Wed., Dec. 14, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 4101 S. Federal Blvd. To learn more about the City of Sheridan visit [www.ci.sheridan.co.us](http://www.ci.sheridan.co.us).

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## Meet Council Member Ernie Camacho

Service has been part of **Council Member Ernie Camacho's** life since he was a teenager growing up in Sheridan. After leaving West High School, Ernie enlisted in the Army and served 15 years, travelling to several countries learning how people and families from different cultures spend their daily lives.

Ernie strongly believes in service work and stated, "Every American youth should spend time serving in some way to learn about other cultures, while gaining a sense of the larger world."

Ernie grew up in Sheridan, attended Sheridan schools from seventh to eleventh grade, and "has always thought of Sheridan as his home town." He returned to Sheridan, after his stint in the Army, to settle down and was married. He eventually purchased a home in Ward III and continues to live there today. All four of Ernie's children, and his grandchildren, attend, or have attended, Sheridan Public Schools. Ernie's brother, Johnny, also calls Sheridan home and all of his children graduated from Sheridan High School. Ernie has always told his children, "Aim high! I am, and someday I will be the mayor of Sheridan."

Ernie took his first step in that direction after the 2009 Sheridan "All High School" reunion. A Sheridan city staff member

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## Mark Your Calendar

**City Council Work Session**  
Wed., December 7, 6:30 p.m.

**CANDO Meeting**  
Fri., December 9, 8-9 a.m.

**City Council Meeting**  
Wed., December 14, 7 p.m.

**City Council Work Session**  
Tue., December 20, 6:30 p.m.

**Sheridan Housing Authority  
City Council Meeting  
Sheridan Redevelopment Agency**  
Wed., December 28, 6:30 p.m.

### Election Results in New Sheridan Leadership

Sheridan voters elected three City Council Members in the November 1, 2011 election. In Ward 1, **R. Landau DeLaguna** was elected by a margin of 12.5% defeating incumbent **Don Smith**. The candidates in both Wards 2 and 3 ran unopposed. **Chanele Beacham**, Ward 2, replaces term-limited Council Member, **Cynthia Radke**. **Tara Beiter-Fluhr**, incumbent candidate from Ward 3, retains her seat.

R. Landau DeLaguna, Ward 1 Council Member, returns to Sheridan leadership with an attitude of collaboration. He feels it is important to “find ways to encourage people and City leadership to work together and help each other.” DeLaguna shares that, “Part of the reason families stay in Sheridan for several generations is due to the spirit and action of neighbors helping neighbors.” DeLaguna sees that Sheridan, much like the rest of the south metro area, is becoming more multi-cultural and thinks that Sheridan Council should reach out to these diverse communities, within each of the separate Wards, identifying the small groups and individuals engaging them within their immediate area. “When you bring people together you can talk and solve problems before they start,” states DeLaguna.

Chanele Beacham, Ward 2 Council Member, is excited to be returning to Sheridan leadership. Beacham would like to see the city “become more attractive to businesses creating additional jobs so that local citizens can find work close to home.” She is enthusiastic about Sheridan’s new River Point Shopping Area and would like it to be filled to capacity. However, Beacham’s enthusiasm is not only for River Point, she also believes that “city government should look at ways to attract ‘mom and pop’ businesses as these companies also contribute to the local economy.” As an employment specialist for the disabled, Beacham sees business growth as job growth and believes that local businesses benefit from local employees. Beacham has successfully facilitated a Sheridan job fair and hopes to do so again with the support of Senator, Linda Newell. She anticipates that this fair can occur in early 2012.

Tara Beiter-Fluhr, Ward 3 Council Member, says “I’m thrilled to continue to serve the residents and businesses of Ward 3. Council has a number of efforts underway that will improve city services. A Capital Improvement Fund has been established in the proposed 2012 budget to allow for street and other infrastructure repairs and assist in planning for other capital outlays like vehicles, building repairs, and equipment.” Beiter-Fluhr has been a strong proponent of the recently proposed business incentives program which is being considered by council members. “City government needs to encourage businesses to invest in the areas of Sheridan outside of River Point and I’m so pleased to be able to stay on Council to work on these and other projects,” comments Beiter-Fluhr.

DeLaguna, Beacham and Beiter-Fluhr were sworn in at a ceremony at the regular council meeting on Wed., Nov. 30, at 7 p.m.. The candidates took the oath of office administered by Presiding **Judge James Kimmel**.

For further election information, contact the Sheridan City Clerk at 303-438-3306, or visit the web site at [www.ci.sheridan.co.us](http://www.ci.sheridan.co.us).

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**Council Member R. Landau DeLaguna Ward 1**  
**Council Member Chanele Beacham Ward 2**



**Council Member Ward 3**  
**Ernie Camacho**  
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**Meet Ernie Camacho**, continued from front page

encouraged Ernie to run for the Ward III City Council seat. During his campaign, Ernie took pleasure in going door-to-door visiting with his neighbors. Ernie was surprised that 136 voters selected him over his opponents when he was elected to office in November 2009. Ernie overcame one opponent by only six votes and the other by only three. Ernie continues the practice of circulating in his neighborhood and interacting with neighbors. Look out for his red Charger and wave him down for a chat.

According to Ernie, the most challenging part of serving as a Sheridan City Council member is hearing what the public desires and weighing the pro and cons of each subject to determine a decision. Ernie would like to see more Sheridan residents get involved with the City Council expressing their opinions on different issues, assisting Council to act on their behalf. Sheridan, like many local communities, has experienced some very lean years and there are maintenance challenges that have gone unmet. The passage of 2A in November, 2010 will now allow Council to address some of these past matters and look forward to upcoming projects. Ernie welcomes the opportunity to work with citizens to create a vision for future Sheridan improvements.

The best part of Ernie's City Council work is getting to know the professional staff members, informed City Council representatives and the diligent volunteers. Ernie likes collaborating with Sheridan staff and worked with the new Police Chief, Mark Campbell, to institute this past summer's "Operation Chill" program which provided youth with free 7-Eleven Slurpees when they exhibited positive community behaviors. Ernie also enjoys his enhanced community involvement attending the Sheridan High School football games and working with the Sheridan Celebrates Parade and Festival. Ernie believes when the public comes together at social functions the older

and younger members get to know each other better and become more united as a community.

Ernie Camacho encourages all Sheridan residents to "never give up on their dreams." A good place to start is participating in your local government by attending a Sheridan City Council meeting. These meetings are open to the public and are held at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, in City Hall, 4101 S. Federal Blvd. For more information, visit the City website at [www.ci.sheridan.co.us](http://www.ci.sheridan.co.us).

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Priority streets include Oxford Ave., Irving St. from southern boundary to Oxford Ave., Quincy Ave., Lowell Blvd., Hampden Ave., Brady Ct., Hamilton Pl., South Platte River Dr., Natches Ct., Dartmouth St., Zuni St. and River Point Pkwy.

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## Sheridan's Outdoor Treasures Were Celebrated in Grand Style

Saturday, September 24 was a day to treasure with amazing sunshine and glorious blue skies. The 22nd Annual Sheridan Celebrates Parade and Festival could not have happened on a more beautiful day. The parade boasted nearly 40 entries starting at Red & Jerry's proceeding west to Sheridan City Hall. The festival featured a budget-conscious pancake breakfast followed by numerous free and low-cost activities on City Hall's lovely lawn. Attendees were truly delighted in the free local and professional live performances that provided entertainment all afternoon.

Families with children enjoyed a bouncy castle, giant inflatable obstacle course, exclusive kiddie area, South Suburban's Fitness Van and life-size tic-tac-toe. New this year, for adults only, the well-stocked beer tent was a popular landing spot. Craft and food vendors numbered near 50 and the browsing and shopping was very enticing. One of the newest and most popular attractions was the dunk tank featuring **Mayor, Dallas Hall, and Council Member, Ernie Camacho**. Many local youth also participated drenching themselves and each other to benefit Freedom Service Dogs, a local charity that staffed the booth and garnered nearly \$230.

Planning has already begun for next year's event that will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Watch this newsletter for details as they become available. If you have questions or suggestions for the Sheridan Celebrates Committee, post them on the Sheridan Celebrates Facebook page or call the hotline at 303-438-3321.



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## Sheridan Police Host First Ever Citizen's Academy

Ever wonder if you can get the feeling of intoxication without the hangover? The attendees of the Sheridan Police Department's first ever Citizen's Academy had this experience during their informative six-week learning involvement. Eight local citizens, all adults over 18 years, attended eight evening sessions gaining knowledge about the history of law enforcement, patrol operations, personal safety, traffic stops and DUIs, basic first aid, officer impersonation, terrorism, investigations and arrest control. Academy participants also had the chance to shoot firearms at the local Highlands Ranch Training Facility.

The Academy, designed to enhance communication between area residents and the Sheridan Police Department, offered participants the opportunity to learn what it is really like to be a law enforcement officer. Attendee, **Michelle Jones** shared, "The Academy was a great opportunity to learn about safety at home and on the street. My respect, appreciation and admiration for the Sheridan Police force and investigations team grew tremendously during my involvement." Another participant, **Ed Guerin**, mirrored Michelle's comments, "The greatest thing that I got from the class was a whole different attitude and respect for the officers. There is so much pressure on them every time they pull someone over or visit a residence, they have no idea what they will find or the risks they will encounter."

Ed Guerin, a Sheridan business owner and resident, also reflected about his experience wearing the "drunk goggles," "When wearing the drunk goggles, as someone completely sober, I was really enlightened as to how impaired one's senses are when they have had a couple of drinks. It really debunked the myth of 'I'm okay to drive.'" Ed also commented that many of the other myths he had previously believed were discredited, such as the public's view of terrorists. Ed was surprised to learn that terrorists are not as easy to identify as one might think, "They can look just like you and me, not necessarily like the actors on television." He gained a better understanding of how terrorists think and how their families see their involvement in violent, and potentially life-threatening, activities as a sign of bravery and honor.

Michelle Jones, a Pawn Citation data volunteer for Sheridan, particularly enjoyed her experience at the Highlands Ranch Training facility. Prior to this experience, Michelle had only fired

a gun once when she was quite a bit younger. This previous experience made her apprehensive. However, "**Officers Groff, Owens and Sergeant Wszolek** provided comforting hands-on instruction that was useful and to the point, so I understood the safety procedures and felt comfortable with the weapon."

**Sheridan Police Chief, Mark Campbell**, came to Sheridan last summer bringing more than 25 years of experience with Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Campbell had been associated with the Citizen's Academy presented by Arapahoe County and wanted to incorporate it into the community outreach programs in the City of Sheridan. **Community Resource Officer, Chuck Owens**, also had experience with Citizen's Academies and was assigned to head up this new venture. Officer Owens commented on this first class, "I'm always excited to demonstrate the skills that are needed by police officers to function in their everyday jobs. We help the participants understand the little things we do to ensure our own safety and help them learn how difficult and dangerous our job duties can be, like shooting a firearm. The attendees get the chance to walk a mile in our shoes." Officer Owens welcomes you to join the next Citizen's Police Academy and become more familiar with law enforcement practices and procedures.

Adults, 18 years and older, who live, work or volunteer for the City of Sheridan are encouraged to complete an application and get involved with the next Citizen's Police Academy in early 2012. Interested individuals will be asked to undergo a background screening and sign a waiver of liability. For more information contact the Sheridan Police Department's Officer Chuck Owens at 303-762-2234 or cowens@sheridangov.org. You can also visit the City of Sheridan web site at [www.ci.sheridan.co.us](http://www.ci.sheridan.co.us) to learn more.



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A list of voters was made on February 18, 1890, with a total of 69 electors of which 66 voted for incorporation. The results were filed in the Secretary of State's office in April 1890.

Over 100 years later in May 1991, the Sheridan Historical Society was created and incorporated as a non-profit organization. The Society's purpose is to solicit and encourage contributions devoted to the preservation of historic municipal sites and promote, solicit and encourage charitable, education, historic, artistic, musical and dramatic programs and events related to historic preservation.

On September 17, 2011, the Society erected their second commemorative marker on the Bear Creek Trail near the River Point Shopping District. This marker denotes the settlement of Petersburg, a historic event that occurred prior to the City's incorporation in 1890. Peter Magnus, his family, and other Sheridan founding fathers settled the land between the newly erected marker and South Santa Fe Dr. and it became known as Petersburg.

Petersburg was a stopping place along the Bradford toll road and in 1879 the Petersburg Hotel was built near the corner of what is now Hampden Ave. and Santa Fe Dr. The community grew to encompass 8 blacksmiths, 14 saloons, 1 newspaper and 3 stores. In 1874, Peter Magnus erected the Harvest Queen Flour Mill, however this enterprise proved to be a financial failure and it was abandoned. The Wayside Inn, believed to have been built in the latter part of the 1880s south of the Petersburg Hotel, had a reputation for vice. The Wayside Inn was constructed with stables

in the rear and an old cell house with bar-covered windows stood between the Inn and the stables. In the cell house floor was a trapdoor which led to a small brick cellar. There is much speculation regarding the cell house and cellar. It may have been a convenient hiding place for some of the naughty ladies who operated in this establishment, especially if the area Marshal was paying a visit.

The area was first known as a farm center, although its reputation changed with the construction of The Wayside Inn, The Petersburg Hotel and other roadhouses. Today, the area encom-

passes a new kind of commerce with the River Point Shopping District featuring retail shopping, personal services, a variety of restaurants and the Sheridan Police Department's River Point COP SHOP. To visit the historical marker, park at the north end of the River Point Shopping district and walk north down to the Bear Creek Trail. Just before the trail crosses the Bear Creek on a pedestrian bridge, you will find the marker on the south side of the trail. To learn

more about the Sheridan Historical Society, visit [www.ci.sheridan.co.us](http://www.ci.sheridan.co.us) and select Community and Sheridan Historical Society.



**Sheridan Holiday Event**

City of Sheridan, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe Library District and Sheridan Schools are hosting the 3rd Annual Free holiday event exclusively for Sheridan Senior Citizens. This daytime event will be held on Mon., Dec 5., from 1-3:30 p.m., at Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W. Oxford Ave. Participants will enjoy complimentary holiday treats, beverages, live entertainment from Ms. Senior Colorado, door prizes, giveaways and a resource fair with information from local organizations. The holiday celebration will continue on into the evening of Mon., Dec. 5, from 5:30-8 p.m. All ages can enjoy free activities and snacks offered at Sheridan Recreation Center, Sheridan High School and Sheridan Library. Welcome in the season and the extra special holiday gatherings.

## Volunteer Corner

**Pat Mathes** is a Colorado native living much of her life in Denver, raising her three daughters and reaching her retirement in good health and spirits. In 1987, she left her family and friends behind and departed Denver in a mobile home on a travelling adventure with her husband, Ron. For three years the happy couple explored the United States seeing the country and enjoying their retirement. In 1990, they settled in Mesa, Arizona and soon they were intrinsically involved in the community at the local senior center. While her husband called bingo, Pat managed the gift shop in which, in addition to other articles, handmade senior crafter items were sold. Later, Pat became supervisor of the craft room where the handmade items were constructed. The couple also assisted serving coffee at the lunch program four days per week. Pat worked as many as seven hours per day as a volunteer and “just loved it.”

In 2004, Ron passed away and Pat’s children, grandchildren and great grandchildren encouraged her to return to Denver. Pat loved Mesa, her volunteer work and all her familiar connections, so it took some time for her to decide to come back to Denver. However, in June 2005, she recalled a mobile home park, in the south metro area, in which a close friend had lived. The mobile home park had been called Kon Tiki and is now Bear Creek Village. As Pat was a long-time mobile home resident, she decided to take a look at the mobile home park she remembered. Determining Bear Creek Village was conveniently located to her multitudes of Denver family members and was clean, neat and affordable, Pat purchased a mobile home there in 2005. Four years later, prompted by a neighbor, she came to the City of Sheridan to volunteer.

Starting in 2009, Pat chose to volunteer one morning per week in the Law Enforcement Records Division. With the assistance of the “two Vicky’s”, Pat was well-trained to complete computer data entry for citations and pawn tickets. Pat said, “It was easy to learn with the support of **Vicki Nickels, Vickey Howard and Marilyn Duckett.**” Pat also assists Police Department Administrative Coordinator, Marilyn Duckett, with a variety of events and inductions serving refreshments and greeting guests. Pat feels good about the service she provides to the City of Sheridan, “I am happy to be doing what I am doing because it relieves the workload for the records division staff members and saves the taxpayers money.” Pat’s favorite part about her City of Sheridan volunteer work is “the people.” Pat has developed personal friendships with other Sheridan volunteers and has gained a deep respect for the industrious staff members. Pat shares, “If you want to help the City, this is a good way to do so.”

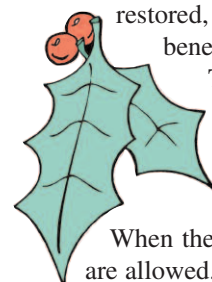
There are many opportunities to volunteer in the City of Sheridan including Boards, Commissions and Committees; Reserve Police Officers; Volunteers in Policing and Volunteer Victim Advocates. If you would like to become a City of Sheridan volunteer call 303-762-2200 or visit [www.ci.sheridan.co.us](http://www.ci.sheridan.co.us).



## Know Your Mistletoe

Kissing under the mistletoe is a custom that has spawned any number of popular songs, love affairs, and slaps across the faces of unwanted suitors. The origins of the tradition are unknown.

Here’s one story: In Viking mythology, the god Baldr was killed through the trickery of Loki, who caused Baldr’s blind brother to shoot him with a poisoned dart made of mistletoe. Baldr’s mother Frigga, the goddess of love, was stricken with grief. When her tears fell on a mistletoe plant, the berries turned from red to white (mistletoe has both red and white berries), and this brought her son back from the dead. Because Frigga was so grateful to have her son restored, she kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe.



The berries are important to the tradition: According to etiquette, a man who kisses a woman under the mistletoe is supposed to remove one berry for each kiss.

When the berries are gone, no more kisses are allowed.