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Lander to undergo Community Assessment Update on April 14th-16th

A Community Assessment Update has been scheduled in Lander for April 14th-16th, 2008.

The assessment will divide the community into several sessions over a three day period. A Community Assessment Team consisting of five outside professionals will facilitate the meetings, collect the information, find common themes, and provide a final report that address solutions to community issues. The final report will also provide a list of items for the community to address over the next ten years.

The last Lander Community Assessment was held in 2001. Communities are encouraged to update their community assessment every five years.

The community assessment is sponsored by the Wyoming Rural Development Council, an organization that has completed these assessments throughout the state. The City of Lander is organizing the event and hosting the team.

The community assessment is a continuation of recent planning events sponsored by the City of Lander. According to Gary Michaud, City of Lander Community Resource Coordinator, the strategic planning events held by the City in the past year were focused on gathering input on the City's plans as an organization, while the community assessment emphasizes a "community-driven" approach with solutions that will involve many individuals and entities from throughout the community.

The Community Assessment gathers information by asking three key questions during each listening session:

1. What are your community's major problems and challenges?
2. What are your community's major strengths and assets?

3. What are the projects you would like to see accomplished in two, five, ten, and twenty years?

Lander area residents are encouraged to attend the sessions and provide their thoughts and ideas.

The schedule for the assessment is as follows:

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Monday, April 14th	Activity	Location
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Tribal Session	Ft. Washakie
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Law Enforcement/Safety Session	Lander Community Center
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Education Session	Lander Community Center
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	General Session	Lander Community Center
Tuesday, April 15th	Activity	Location
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Interagency Session	Lander Community Center
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Healthcare/Disability Session	Lander Community Center
11:00 am - Noon	Main Street	Lander Community Center
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Senior Session	Lander Senior Center
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Housing/Real Estate Session	Lander Community Center
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Agriculture	Lander Community Center
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Service Organizations/Nonprofits/Volunteers	Lander Community Center
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Young Families Session	Lander Community Center
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Community Development - Planning, etc.	Lander Community Center
Wednesday, April 16th	Activity	Location
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Economic Development Session	Oxbow Restaurant - back room
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Tourism/Recreation/State Parks	Lander Community Center
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Quality of Life/Arts& Culture/Hist. Preservation	Lander Community Center
11:15 pm - 12:15 pm	High School Youth Session	Lander Valley High School
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Transportation	Lander Community Center
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Summary Presentation	Lander Community Center

The City will be hosting a dinner and wrap up summary presentation from the assessment team to be held at the Lander Community Center at 5:00 pm on April 16th.

For more information contact the Community Resources Department at Lander City Hall - 332-2870.