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**Laramie Main Street director search is moving forward**[Print Page](#)**By Carrie Haderlie**  
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Laramie Main Street may have a new permanent director by mid-February, if all goes as planned.

Interim Director and local businesswoman Jo Korpitz said the Main Street board met Tuesday to review applications and move forward with the selection process. Former Director Kara Griffin left Main Street in late 2008.

"I am just holding down the fort until we get that good person in here," Korpitz said.

The mission of the Laramie Main Street Program "is to preserve historic downtown Laramie while enhancing economic and social vitality."

Main Street projects include plans for a downtown community plaza at the corner of Grand Avenue and First Street. Russell Mills Studios, the landscape architectural firm designing the plaza, presented the final plan for the plaza at both a special Main Street board meeting and a city council work session on Oct 28.

According to [www.laramiemain](http://www.laramiemain)

[street.org](http://street.org), the Main Street program is a nationwide program that works to revitalize historic downtowns. The National Trust for Historic Preservation created the Main Street program in 1977 in reaction to economic decline and threats to traditional architecture in core commercial districts.

Laramie became a pilot community of the Wyoming Main Street program in January 2005, and in June 2005, the Laramie Main Street program was formed. It follows the national approach.

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