

The Cheryl Ann Sommer Memorial Fire Feature- In 2016, Cheryl Sommer was the executive director of Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB). With the support of the entire KYB organization, Cheryl brought the idea of adding a fire feature to the Walnut Street corridor to help promote community and social interactions while providing a view of the Meridian Bridge when looking south. When planning for the Walnut Street redesign, the City along with the newly formed Meridian District, brought to town the Design South Dakota group. Design South Dakota held meetings with the community stakeholders, the fire feature was proposed, and the idea gained traction. As a result of the community input, the fire feature was included in the Walnut Street design. The fire feature can be turned on with the push of a button. It is available seven days a week from approximately 4:00pm to 11:00pm. The Welcome to Walnut celebration commemorates the important community investment in a public space aimed at making the downtown a really great experience for citizens and visitors.