



## City of Sheridan - Historical Time Line

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Event	Year	Surrounding Events
The United States completes the Louisiana Purchase from France. This area included part of northeastern Colorado including the area that would become Sheridan.	1803	
The Kansas Territory is created including the area that would become Sheridan.	1854	
John McBroom explores the area along Montana Creek now Bear Creek.	1857	The US has the worst depression since the country was started.
The John McBroom homestead application is made.	1858	Beginning of the Pikes Peak Gold Rush, beginning encampments and settlements of Auraria, Denver City, and Golden.
The McBroom ditch is constructed (It starts at Bear Creek Park in Denver and ends at the Englewood Golf Course). The ditch has the number one water rights in the District 9 of Bear Creek. The rights are now owned by the city of Englewood.	1859	William Byers publishes the first edition of the Rocky Mountain News.
Land purchased by Peter Magnes (later a Arapahoe County Commissioner) along Santa Fe Drive.	1860	
Isaac McBroom makes his homestead application for the land west of Federal.	1860	
The Isaac McBroom cabin is built (The cabin is now located at the Littleton Historical Museum).	1861	The Colorado Territory is created.
John McBroom receives his first homestead patent.	1865	
The Denver and Rio Grande railroad was built along what is now know as Santa Fe Drive. It is one of three railroads constructed in Sheridan.	1871	
Isaac McBroom receives his homestead patent.	1872	
Peter Magnes lays out the Petersburg settlement. At one point there would be 14 saloons in Petersburg.	1873	The "Panic of 1873" created another depression across Europe and the United States. It slowed the growth of railroads.
John McBroom was elected to the first Colorado legislature.	1876	August 1, Colorado receives statehood.
General Phil Sheridan selects the site of the fort south of Denver of 640 acres. Originally called the "The Camp south of Denver," then Fort Sheridan, and finally Fort Logan.	1887	
Isaac McBroom creates first subdivision just south of the new fort, within a year four more subdivisions would be created in the area.	1887	
The railroad spur line was built from the D&RG line on Santa Fe Drive to Fort Logan.	1888	
The first petition for incorporation was filed in January. It was challenged and a second petition was filed. The election was held on February 18 with 66 in favor and 2 against. The incorporation papers were filed in April with the Secretary of State.	1890	The City of Littleton becomes incorporated. Loretto Heights is established by the Sisters of Loretto.
The first Petersburg school built.	1892	
Sheridan census population is 442	1900	The US population exceeds 75 million.
Monaghans Tavern first licensed by the State of Colorado.	1903	The City of Englewood is incorporated



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Alfred Packard was denied the right to vote in the town election, even though he was registered, as he was a "paroled prisoner."	1904	
The "Great North South Highway" (Santa Fe Drive) is constructed. It was the first concrete highway built in Colorado from Denver to Littleton.	1918	World War I ends on November 11.
Fort Logan Elementary built	1923	
The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department is officially recognized.	1925	The Scopes Trial is held in Tennessee testing the legality of teaching "evolution" in schools.
Petersburg Elementary is built replacing the school that was burnt down.	1927	
Military constructs concrete roadways for Hampden Avenue & Lowell extending from Santa Fe Drive to the Fort Logan northgate. Oxford is also constructed from Santa Fe to the Fort Logan east gate.	1927	
The Fort Logan Elementary gym was built by the military.	1940	Germany invades Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg as a prelude for the invasion of France. The "Battle of Britain" air war rages from July through October.
With the onset of armed hostilities in Europe, Fort Logan becomes a subpost of the Army Air Corp at Lowry. It will serve as an induction and training facility during World War II. Later it becomes a convalescent hospital		
Fort Logan is decommissioned as a military facility. The Fort would be used as VA hospital facility until 1951.	1946	
The VFW is established on west Hampden Avenue.	1948	
Englewood Speedway was purchased and operated by the Codner family.	1950	Fort Logan National Cemetery is established. This area includes the original fort cemetery that was started in 1889.
The new Sheridan Union School District built a high school which served the College View, Fort Logan, and Petersburg elementary school districts.	1952	
Martin Company announces it is coming to the Denver area and will spur new housing subdivisions in Sheridan	1955	Some of the Fort Logan facilities are rented out to the Martin Company.
The school district makes a grant request for part of the land of Fort Logan. The land was deeded to the school district by the federal government in two parcels. The first in 1958 and the second in 1960, provided the school district met all of the conditions of the 1957 grant request. Over time, the following facilities will be constructed on the land: Ora Oliver Elementary, swimming pool, high school, recreation center, Sheridan Community Park, and Fort Logan Northgate School.	1957	The Soviets launch Sputnik and the space race begins.
Ora Oliver Elementary school is built.	1958	
Alice B. Terry Elementary school is built.	1959	South Suburban Parks and Recreation District is created.
Sheridan is changed from a statutory town to a city. A new Police Department is created to replace the town marshal.	1959	
The right of way of US 285 is acquired by the state highway and construction begins. Part of Petersburg is demolished for the highway construction.	1959	
The remaining portion of Fort Logan is deeded to the State of Colorado.	1960	



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Sheridan School District # 2 is created in a election held in December and included the former elementary districts of Fort Logan and Petersburg	1962	In February, Denver annexes College View including the elementary school.
Construction was completed on the fire station on West Hamilton Avenue. All the labor for construction was provided by the volunteer firefighters.	1964	The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is adopted ending legalized segregation in the United States.
Platte River Flood destroys the old City Hall bulding and many houses in "The Bottoms" area.	1965	
The remaining open portions of the McBroom ditch are covered over from King Street to Clay Street.	1970s	
The "new" Sheridan High School is built north of Oxford. The old building becomes the Middle School.	1972	Colorado voters reject the 1976 Olympics.
Cinderella Twin drive in theater opens.	1973	The Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling overturns state laws against abortion.
Bear Creek floods for the last time. The Bear Creek dam is completed in 1982. There were a total of 24 recorded floods of Bear Creek from 1866 to 1973.	1973	The Eisenhower Tunnel is opened under the Continental Divide.
Petersburg Elementary School was closed and eventually sold.	1974	President Nixon becomes the only President to ever resign. Gerald Ford becomes President.
The Englewood Golf Course was created through an intergovernmental agreement between Sheridan and Englewood. The golf course is located entirely within the Sheridan city limits.	1974	
Chatfield Dam is completed on the South Platte River. There are no more Platte River floods in Sheridan.	1975	
The first brand new fire engine was purchased by the city and first full time paid firemen are hired by the city.	1976	The Bicentennial of the United States is celebrated.
Englewood Golf Course is built inside the city of Sheridan.	1977	
A very large area south of Oxford and west of Santa Fe is annexed into Sheridan.	1977	
Englewood Speedway is closed.	1979	The second bore of the Eisenhower tunnel was completed under the Continental Divide and is named the Johnson tunnel.
The first paid fire chief was hired by the city.	1979	
The city purchased it's first computer for the accounting functions of the city.	1982	
The Bear Creek Trail was completed. It extended from the South Platte River west to the city limits just beyond Lowell Boulevard.	1984	
Formalized fire mutual aid agreements were made with the cities of Englewood and Littleton.	1984	
Last Fire Department bingo was held. The first bingo occurred in 1950.	1985	The World Wrestling Federation holds it's first ever WrestleMania event and Hulk Hogan becomes a cultural icon.
City Administrator is given authority over all city departments by ordinance	1986	



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The new Municipal Center is built.	1987	President Reagan challenges Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev to "Tear down this wall!" This paves the way for the reunification of Germany.
First Lady Hillary Clinton visits Fort Logan Elementary School.	1998	
A Home Rule Charter was written and approved in a election. The City Manager position is created. The City Clerk becomes a City Council appointed position. The Treasurer position becomes the responsibility of the City Manager.	2002	The Department of Homeland Security is adopted by the US government as a result of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon.
Urban Renewal district was approved. This area was previously land fills. Over one million cubic yards of land fill were removed from the site.	2003	
Cinderella Twin drive in theater closes.	2007	A recession in the US econmy begins in December.
The Riverpoint development opens. Nothing remains from the Petersburg area except for a historical marker on the Platte River bike trail.	2008	Barack Obama is elected as President. He is the first African-American to hold the office.
The city contracts with Denver for Fire Protection Services.	2010	
Fort Logan Northgate school opens. Ora Oliver and Fort Logan Elementary schools are demolished.	2014	
A thirty-one million dollar street bonds imprevement program was approved by the city voters. Construction started in 2016 and was completed in 2019.	2015	Sheridan schools experience a major lock down as there was an active shooter in the area of the Recreaton Center.
A school district mill levy override election is held and was approved by the voters. The override provides three and half million dollars per year. This allows an increase in teacher salaries and staff wages. For the first time ever, this results in the starting teacher salary in Sheridan to surpass Denver, Englewood, and Littleton. It also addresses badly needed maintenance issues within the district.	2018	The Loretto Heights campus is sold to Westside Investment Partners of Denver. The campus had been sold to Regis University in 1988 by the Sisters of Loretto. A year later Regis sold it to Teikyo University. Teikyo closed the campus in in 2017.
Habitat for Humanity completes Sheridan Square with 63 homes built. The project is located on the land of the old Fort Logan Elementary School.	2019	
Sheridan High School commencement held virtually due to Covid Pandemic.	2020	
Muncipal Judge James Kimmel retires after forty-nine (49) years of continuous service.	2024	

### Sheridan Census Population Figures

1900	442	
1910	498	
1920	455	
1930	587	
1940	712	
1950	1,715	
1960	3,559	
1970	4,787	90% Caucasian, 7% Hispanic, 3% Black and Other
1980	5,377	
1990	4,976	
2000	5,600	Major shift in population demographic occurs
2010	5,664	45% Caucasian, 43% Hispanic, 12% Black and Other
2020	6,104	