

Hanging light pole flower baskets.

In 2014, the downtown businesses requested the City of Yankton take over the planting, watering, and maintenance of the hanging light pole flower baskets. These hanging baskets and their colorful flowers have been the recipient of many compliments year in and year out. Since accepting the request and managing the hanging baskets program, the City has added a number of hanging baskets in different areas to expand the program because of its popularity with citizens and visitors to our beautiful city. There are not only more hanging baskets in the downtown area now, but hanging baskets can also be found in the Meridian Bridge Plaza and in Riverside Park. When planning for the Walnut Street redesign, the City along with the newly formed Meridian District, brought to town the Design South Dakota group. As a part of the Design South Dakota meetings with community stakeholders, it was made clear that the designs needed to include natural beauty using flowers, trees, and perennial plants. 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.