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Neighborhood NEWS



Low Income Assistance Program: *Finance Department Announces New Program*

The City of Bozeman recently adopted a Low Income Utility Assistance program that gives customers a Water & Sewer service charge discount on their monthly utility bills. Qualifying customers will be charged for their water consumption only, a savings of approximately \$21.00 per month.

To be eligible, you must qualify for the State of Montana's Property Tax Assistance Program, by March 15th. The City then gives qualifying customers monthly utility discounts beginning in the fall.

To qualify for this program, you must own a home or mobile home that you occupy as your residence for at least 7 months per year, and your total income from last year, does not exceed \$18,187 for a single person, or \$24,249 for married or head of household.

The Property Tax Assistance Program form (PPB-8) may be picked up at our local Department of Revenue Office, 2273 Boot Hill Court, Ste 100, Bozeman, MT 59715. Again, the deadline to qualify for this program is **March 15th**. If you have questions regarding the state's Property Tax Assistance Program—call (406) 582-2328 or (406) 582-2332.

School Trust Lands: *Public Meeting Scheduled*

Each year DNRC evaluates real estate opportunities on school trust lands. Projects are identified through detailed analyses involving consideration of public input, market conditions, projected rates of return, environmental review, local regulations, and other considerations as defined in the DNRC Real Estate Plan. The kick-off to this process of identifying real estate opportunities is a series of public meetings held across the state. At the meeting, you will be offered an opportunity to learn more about the adopted real estate plan, interact with local DNRC personnel, and comment on all matters related to real estate activities on school trust lands. **The meeting is scheduled for February 23rd from 5:30-8:30pm at 2273 Boothill Court.** For more information—call Jeanne Holmgren at (406) 444-3844.

city projects

Police Report: *Bozeman's Most Common Crimes*

Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicles; Theft from Motor Vehicles; Burglary; Theft of property (firearms, bicycles, barbecues, tools, checks & wallets etc.) are some of the most common crimes reported to the Bozeman Police Department. Keeping in mind that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, the following tips may prevent you from becoming the victim of a crime of opportunity. Bozeman is a great place to live but it is not that kind of town (very few in North America are) where you can leave your home or vehicle unlocked and your property unwatched.

Becoming the victim of a crime will cost you time, money and cause inconvenience. To try and minimize the risk of becoming a victim:

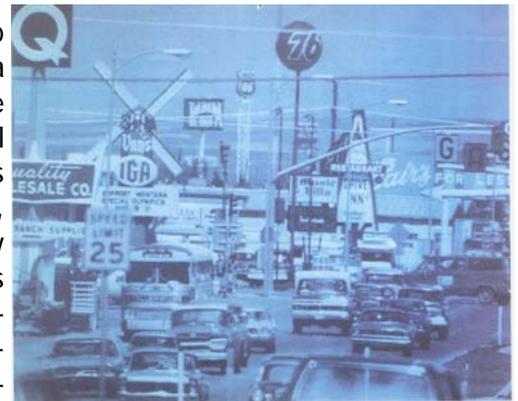
- Always lock your car and never leave the keys in the vehicle;
- Don't leave purses, wallets, checkbooks or firearms in a vehicle;
- Always lock your residence and secure all accessible windows;
- Lock your garage and storage sheds;
- Record the make, model and serial numbers of your bicycles, power tools, cell phones, cameras and electronic gear.

Crime prevention is a partnership between the police and our community. Be a "nosy neighbor" and watch the area around your home, schools, parks and businesses. Trust your intuition, if it seems like something is wrong, you are probably right. Many cases have been solved and crimes have been prevented because of a telephone call reporting suspicious activity. Don't hesitate to contact the police department at 582-2000 to report suspicious activity.

North 7th Avenue:

Community Workshop Scheduled

The City will host a Community Workshop for citizens interested in helping to develop a distinct identity for the North 7th Avenue corridor. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss the role that 7th Avenue plays as a gateway, economic generator, neighborhood service center and community connector. Design components such as automotive, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, landscape opportunities and way-finding will also be discussed. If you are interested in helping to create a distinct identity for North 7th Avenue—don't miss this workshop scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15th at City Hall (corner of Rouse and Main) beginning at 7pm.** For more information contact Ron Brey at 582-2306 or Susan Kozub at 582-2260.



*North 7th Avenue before our sign code.
What do you image in the future?*

President's Day: *City Offices Schedule*

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of President's Day.

Garbage service will NOT be interrupted due to the holiday. Please have your trash container set out the night before or by 6:00 A.M. on your regularly-scheduled collection day.

Bozeman Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 22

Are you interested in bringing Bozeman Clean-Up Day into your neighborhood? Garbage bags and sign-in sheets are available to residents willing to organize clean-up efforts on their streets and neighborhoods. If you would like to learn more or receive help organizing your neighbors—call the Neighborhoods Program at 582-2258.

spotlight

Working towards Affordability: *Community Affordable Housing Advisory Board*

The City's Community Affordable Housing Advisory Board (CAHAB) originated as the Community Development Block Grant Loan Review Committee in 1993. The original purpose was to review loan applications by developers of affordable housing for CDBG funds. The committee was renamed the Community Affordable Housing Advisory Board in 1995. The purpose of the CAHAB was expanded in 2002 to the following:



An affordable housing project on West College.

- Review CDBG applications;
- Advise City Commission on affordable housing needs, issues, policies, and regulations;
- Work with City and other groups to formulate projects and programs to meet affordable housing needs;
- Advise City on Affordable housing plans relating to annexations and other development proposals.

While the everyday citizen may not have heard of the CAHAB, they have played an important role in nearly every affordable development in our City. They will next be focusing their attention on Workforce Housing, a Housing Publicity Campaign, identifying on-going funding streams, and will be strategizing to address very low income rental needs (*e.g. a household of one earning less than \$12,000 annually such as a resident relying on Social Security*).

Thank you to the volunteers serving on CAHAB for your hard work and commitment to affordability.

@ Our Library

Tom Skeele will present "**Travels in Southeast Asia: Laos, Thailand and Cambodia**" on Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in the Library meeting room. Come see, hear and learn about the people of northern Laos, the ruins of Angkor Wat in Cambodia and a first-hand experience with the 2005 tsunami. The International Speaker Series is free and open to the public; it is sponsored by the Library and Montana Center for International Visitors. Call 994-4887 for more information.

Learning @ the Library classes include "**Microsoft Word Advanced Features**" on Wednesday, February 15 at 8:30 a.m. and "Foundation Center Online" on Friday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m. All classes are free, but registration is required. Please call the Information Desk at 582-2410 to sign up.

School-age kids are invited for an **Arctic Afterschool program** (brrrr!) on Tuesday, February 21 at 4 p.m. in the Library meeting room. Join us for stories and snack, followed by games and activities from the frozen world of ice and snow. No registration is necessary; programs are free and open to the public.

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Association

Constructed Wetlands Proposed in Corridor— Bart Manion provided a presentation to the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council (GGWC) and interested community members about his proposal to construct a wetlands on his property. The GGWC will be looking into 1.) Basic engineering feasibility including long term maintenance; 2.) Integration with the Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Plan; 3.) City / County Issues & Permitting; 4.) Funding opportunities. The discussion also included a need to identify the specific problems and assess if a constructed wetland at this specific location is the best solution.

BCNA Council Elections—Is it your turn to spend a term working for your neighborhood? If you are interested in a council seat—please contact Frank Munshower, BCNA President, @ 587-4324.

New Hyalite View Network

Park Master Plan Review Subcommittee— Residents have been working on a subcommittee to review the City's master plan for the parkland in the New Hyalite View Subdivision. They have been identifying how the park is currently being used and will draft some recommendations for future review and discussion with residents, staff and the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. If you would like to contact this subcommittee—please call Rab Cummings.

Bylaws Subcommittee Begins Work—During the October meeting, the Executive Committee agreed to meet and begin work on the NHVN bylaws. They began work on January 31. If you'd like more information on this effort—please contact Stacy Holmquist at 582-1111.

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Sub Area Plan ONLINE— Potter-Clinton Development has provided the City with an electronic version of the proposed BDH SubArea Plan. The plan can be viewed online at www.bozeman.net/planning and is available for short-term check out at the City Planning Office.

Valentine's Day is February 14th. May each of you pause in your busy schedules to make this a special day for those dear to your heart. "Hug your neighbor".



Marwyn-Lindley Neighbors

In December the **Marwyn-Lindley Neighbors** were asked by the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, to express an opinion regarding consideration to having Lindley Park west of Buttonwood Avenue designated to allow dogs on leash only, and having Lindley Park east of Buttonwood Avenue designated to be "dog free". A survey was developed and distributed to request for opinions from our neighbors. A self-addressed stamped envelope was provided each household to respond with and remain confidential. Seventy-five percent (75%) of our neighbors responded, many with personal comments and suggestions. Duane Burkenpas, Chairman for **MarLinN**, was very pleased with neighbor participation on the survey and received appreciation from the RBAB for a quality report. We were informed there would be no ordinance changes based on the responses from our neighbors. It was communicated that "education not regulation" and better enforcement of present ordinances should be the desired goal.

Duane Burkenpas has been attending meetings with the **City Charter Study Committee**, as our neighborhood representative in the Inter-Neighborhood Council, to assist in drafting charter language relating to neighborhood groups and the Inter-Neighborhood Council. Representatives from other neighborhoods are also participating.



Thank you Duane and Dorothy Bukenpas for coordinating the Grinch Holiday Social!

Northeast Neighborhood Association

North Rouse Street Design— Montana Department of Transportation has begun the community scoping to consider future design of North Rouse Avenue. If you would like to receive the handouts from their first meeting—please call 582-2258.

Story Mill Redevelopment— GoBuild, Inc has announced their plans to redevelop the historic Story Mill. They will be seeking community participation and interest as they begin considering the uses and development of the area. Watch for opportunities to attend meetings in the future!

Southeast Neighborhood Association

The annual **Christmas Eve Luminaries** lit up our streets and brought many viewers to our fair neighborhood. Jan Schweitzer did an outstanding job coordinating the event this year.

There were sad times in the Westridge subdivision during the holidays. Neighbors rallied as....

The **Minkhoff's** house on Highland Court sustained much damage in a terrible fire. Thankfully no one was injured. Their beloved dog didn't survive but both cats did.

A dear neighbor on Westridge Drive, **Elaine Gillam**, died suddenly. Her funeral was on January 3. Steve **Munson's** dad in Iowa passed away unexpectedly on New Year's Day. Thank you to the many neighbors who helped during these difficult times.

A SENA Winter Social is being considered for February. If you are able to help – please contact Bev Tweedale.

Forming Neighborhoods

Cascade Association of Neighbors (CAN) - Previously known as West Bozeman Neighborhood Association, held their second organizing meeting to officially set boundaries and continue their discussion on bylaws. Official boundaries are Ferguson to Fowler and Durston to Babcock. They will produce two newsletters a year and have a new website! *Upon filing by-laws, this neighborhood will become a recognized neighborhood by the INC!*

www.cascadeneighbors.wordpress.com

If you would like to join a committee or learn more—contact Steve Hoffman (522-9865) or Michael Cole (556-1998).

Northwest Neighborhood Network –The NWNN is working with the developers of the Regional Park and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to help with the Dinosaur Theme Park. This is an opportunity for groups or individuals to give their time, skills or financial support to the project. Everyone's welcome, whether you have an hour or a weekend, your efforts will be appreciated. Please contact Frank Dougher at 522-0941 or e-mail him at frank@dougher.net. Check out the schematic on page 6.

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Send submittals to

toulman@bozeman.net or call 582-2258 for more information.

Bozeman Recreation Department & Swim Center

"For all Your Fun and Fitness Needs"

The Bozeman Recreation Department and Swim Center is offering GREAT programs and recreation swim hours for the whole family to enjoy!

Wednesday, February 8th from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.—Join an Under Water Odyssey at the Swim Center with games, crafts and the inflatable polar bear in the water to play on. Swim Center youth specials continue on **February 20th from 1:00 to 3:30p.m.** with Dollar Day. Everyone swims for \$1.00 and re-sale items will also be on sale for \$1.00.

Friday, February 17th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. the entire household can swim for \$7.00 during our Dive-in Movie swimming special. Movie starts at 7:00p.m.

Youth Specials—Friday afternoon play and swim specials are also available for youth K-3 beginning February 24th and running through April 14th. Pre-school Recreation programs will begin Tuesday February 7th. Youth will participate in singing, dancing, games and instrument making. Programs are held at the Lindley Center, 1102 East Curtiss St. Pre-register at the Swim Center.

Call the Bozeman Recreation Department and Swim Center today at 587-4724 or visit us at 1211 W. Main Street for all the February Program and Event details.

MSU Community Forum

MSU hosted a series of forums to gather input for future planning of their campus and lands. They collected the opinions of a range of stakeholders and community members as the first step in developing the plans. The Community Forum focused on the continuity between the campus and broader Bozeman and provided attendees the opportunity to share their opinions, concerns and ideas.

MSU is looking closely at how to define its "edges" and create a more pronounced entrance to the school. Creating the edges and keeping continuity between campus and community will be an on-going opportunity for the us to work together! If you'd like to follow this effort – please visit www.montana.edu/campusplan.



Help make the Dinosaur Park a reality! Contact Frank Dougher at 522-0941 or e-mail him at frank@dougher.net.