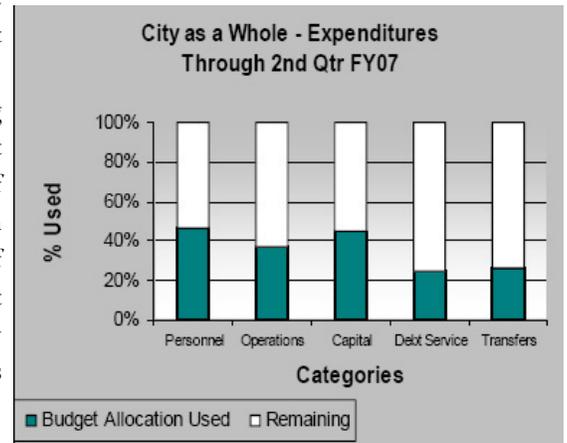


## QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

With two quarters of the fiscal year elapsed, the budget status of all funds-combined is favorable. **Expenditures.** We have utilized \$29.5 million of the total annual budget of \$73.3 million. Personnel expenditures, usually one of the most predictable elements of the budget, sit at 46.3% after half of the year has elapsed. We have expended 37.3% of the operating budget and our capital expenditures are at 45.1% of the budget amounts. This total of \$9.5 million includes the final payments on the Library Construction project and much of the Durston Street Project. A large amount of Dept Service payments occur in January and June, those expenditures are “as expected” at this time of budget cycle. Transfers between funds of \$1.7 million has occurred.



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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

In August 2006, the City Commission appointed the Affordable Housing Task Force. Their charge has been to review, analyze and suggest improvements and alternatives to the Inclusionary Housing draft ordinance being considered by the City Commission.

The task force is comprised of citizen volunteers representing a variety of interests in the Bozeman community. The members

include representatives from the real estate profession, school district, Montana State University, lenders, developers, builders, engineers and affordable housing advocates.

The task force will present their ordinance in a public information session this Monday (televised on channel 20). No formal action will be taken, but this does provide the public with an opportunity to gain information on alternatives being considered.

**MONDAY • FEBRUARY 12 • 6PM • COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

## CODE CORNER: SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Bozeman Municipal Code requires residents to shovel their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall (BMS 12.24.040). This removal is important for safe pedestrian travel. In addition it is important to clear the sidewalk before it is traveled on and becomes icy and compact. Removing icy compacted snow can become very difficult

If a house chronically fails to shovel the sidewalks after snows, several different approaches may be considered.

- Take a plate of cookies over with the Snow Removal Brochure available through the City to offer them a friendly reminder;
- Work with your neighbors to communicate neighborhood expectations and city codes to new residents;
- Make certain the resident is physically able to shovel the sidewalk and, if not, assist by shoveling or finding a neighbor who may be willing to assist.

The last resort may be a complain to the City of Bozeman. The City issues a Courtesy Notice to properties not in compliance. If the walk is not cleared, the owner of the property is billed for the cost of snow removal, plus a penalty.

For more info— Engineering Department (582-2280).

## BOZEMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT: ICE SAFETY TIPS

Here are a few general guidelines for use by winter recreation enthusiasts to lessen their chance for an accidental fall through the ice. It's possible to judge the strength of ice by its appearance, thickness, or daily temperature, or snow cover alone. Ice strength is actually dependent on all four factors, plus water depth under the ice, the size of the water and water chemistry, currents, and distribution of the load on the ice.

- Never assume the ice is safe.
- Never skate on an untested lake or pond.
- The ice should have a minimum of at least 6 inches.
- Never skate alone.
- Never use ice for a short cut.

### *What to do when someone has fallen through the ice.*

- Do not attempt to rescue the victim. If the ice could not support their weight, it will not support your weight.
- Try to calm and reassure the victim and have them stay afloat.
- Provide the victim with something to help them stay afloat.
- If the victim is stable and afloat try to send something to reach and retrieve victim such as a rope, extension cord, ladder, branch, or tying cloths together.

## SHOW ME THE MONEY: THE BUDGET PROCESS IN THREE STEPS

The City's budgeting process begins when city departments submit their budget requests to the City Manager. The departments' requests are compiled by the Finance Director and City Manager and analyzed in relation to available funds in order to determine the adequacy of financial resources available to support the requested services. Accordingly, the requests are reviewed and modified by the City Manager and Finance Director and result in a *recommended budget*. The City Commission then reviews the recommended budget and receives presentations from each of the major departments. They review the requests and make difficult decisions regarding the allocation of City funds to various services and needs. ***Budget presentations for FY2008 are scheduled for mid-February—March.***

After the City Commission reviews and modifies the document to an agreeable status, they vote to adopt the budget. The *adopted budget* dictates how taxpayer monies will be allocated over the fiscal year on everything from police staffing to capital projects such as the Durston – 19<sup>th</sup> improvements to Recreation and Park Grants. Prior to voting, the City Commission takes public comment and deliberates on the recommendations during their regularly scheduled meetings. ***An adopted budget is generally achieved by August.***

The City's Finance Director produces quarterly reports throughout the year to keep the City Commission and the public apprised of the City's expenditures and revenues in comparison to the adopted budget. Citizens may find the quarterly reports useful in monitoring expenditures from specific funds (e.g. Enterprise, General Fund) or to obtain information about the various types of revenues gained by the City. ***The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report was issued January 15<sup>th</sup> and is posted on [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net) (pdf).***

## ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

The City Clerk's Office encourages citizens to apply for boards at any time. Resignations and vacancies occur at unexpected times and applications are retained for one year. For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at 582-2320 or apply online at [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net)—look for the quick link in the lower right corner of the screen.

- Beautification Advisory Board—2 vacancies
- Bicycle Advisory Board—2 vacancies
- Board of Adjustments (new) - 7 vacancies
- Community Alcohol Coalition—2 vacancies (MSU student and ER Doctor)
- Design Review Board—1 vacancy (architectural)
- Public Transit Advisory Board—1 vacancy
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board—1 vacancy

## 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!

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**—The Recreation Department has added a day to their ice skating lessons, a great opportunity for you to use up your punch cards. Lessons depend on weather & rink conditions.

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** —Sledding Special at the Lindley Center. Join the Recreation Department for supervised sledding and free hot chocolate! FREE, no registration required.

**Youth Specials**—Friday afternoon play and swim specials are also available for youth K-3 beginning February 16<sup>th</sup> and running through April 13<sup>th</sup>. Pre-school Recreation programs will begin Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## BUDGET *CONTINUED*

**Revenue.** Revenue recorded during the first half of the year totaled \$32.5 million. This represents 51% of the total revenue budgeted. Collection of service charges, our single largest source of revenue, came in slightly above expectations at 59.6%. Tax revenue and special assessment revenue are on track and interest income has exceeded estimates due to the continued rise in short-term interest rates. License and permit revenue is above estimates.

The complete Quarterly Budget Report is posted at [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net) and contains a breakdown of expenditures and revenues from specific funds including: General Fund, Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer & Solid Waste), Impact Fee Funds and Large Capital Projects (library and Durston projects).

## @ OUR LIBRARY

The Library is open until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### Call for Artists

The Bozeman Public Library is now accepting applications for solo and group art exhibits for the Gallery lobby exhibit space. The Library is committed to exhibiting the work of both established and emerging artists of our region. To get a copy of the exhibit proposal form, ask at the Library Information Desk or visit [www.bozemanlibrary.org](http://www.bozemanlibrary.org).

### Myths, Folktales, Silliness

Montana State University's finest (and weirdest) students tell stories and myths from around the world on Tuesday, February 13 at 4 p.m. in the Children's Room. Employing the 4-P's of storytelling—Puppets, **P**antomime, **P**yretechnics, and audience **P**articipation. Fun for kids of all ages—and their parents!

### Great Decisions Meets

The Foreign Policy Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, February 15 at 7 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. The second topic of 2007 is "Climate Change." Please read the article in the Great Decisions Briefing Book, available at the Library, which looks at how human practices contribute to changes in the environment, and what responses the international community can adopt to lessen the impact of climate change. For more information, please call MCIV at 994-4887.

# Neighborhood UPDATES

## Nepal & Tibet Feb. 22

Retired diplomat Ross Rodgers will speak on "Turmoil in the Himalaya: The Future for Nepal and Tibet" on Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. in the Library's conference room. The International Speaker Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Montana Center for International Visitors and is free and open to the public

## STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Monday • February 26  
City Commission Meeting

The Inter-Neighborhood Council will present the Bozeman City Commission with the first annual State of the Neighborhoods Address.

Tune in on Cable Channel 20 or join us in person at the Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room.

## BOZEMAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

No news reported.

## CASCADE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS

**Bozeman Clean-Up Day**—This will be the Cascade Association of Neighbor's first annual Neighborhood Clean-Up scheduled to run concurrently with Bozeman Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 21st. The event will be organized by the neighborhood's Trail and Parks Subcommittee. Garbage bags and orange vests will be available and residents will be encouraged to join the community picnic at Bogert Park after working with their neighbors. 🌍 Volunteers are needed to help plan this fun event. Call James Mason for more information at 586-8248 or email [mason@imt.net](mailto:mason@imt.net).

**Potluck & General Meeting**— On **Sunday, April 29th**, the Cascade Association of Neighbors will hold the annual meeting and a potluck. The agenda will include updates on the Fowler Avenue trail project, committee reports and a special guest speaker will provide a brief presentation on gardening. The meeting will follow a festive potluck with the opportunity to catch up with neighbors and say hello to new faces. Details will come in an upcoming newsletter.

Website: <http://cascadeneighbors.wordpress.com/>

## MARWYN-LINDLEY NEIGHBORHOOD

The Christmas Holidays were celebrated by our neighbors, including at our **neighborhood Christmas Party**. Florence Guest and Chuck Knighton had a very nice celebration planned. Lot's of visiting, good food, and children making Christmas ornaments under Chuck's guidance and his neighbor assistants.

Our **snow plowing arrangements** with John VanDelinder and his City Streets staff have been very successful. Neighbors have been very supportive in moving their vehicles from the streets so the grader could do a great job, Rodney and Peggy Andersen physically pushing Peggy's car off the street when it was too cold and would not start (that is true neighbor support).

Michele Nielson arranged sending remembrance gift(s) from our neighbors to Ron and Margo Krager, while Ron is receiving cancer treatments in Seattle. Gene Brooks and Stan Holmquist, next door neighbors on each side of Krager's home, are clearing snow from walks and driveways, and being certain the Krager home remains in good condition, no heat failures, leaking pipes, etc. We all are looking forward to Krager's return home soon, with good news about his recovery. What a blessing we have with so many thoughtful and caring neighbors.

Bill VandenBos and Duane Burkenpas, with Tracy Oulman, City Neighborhood Coordinator, have been working on our neighborhood **State Of The Neighborhoods address** to be presented to the City Commission, February 26th, as part of the new City Charter official recognition of neighborhood organizations.

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**BOZEMAN  
CITY COMMISSION**

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The Bozeman City Commission holds regularly scheduled meetings each Monday (except on 5th Mondays) at the Gallatin County Courthouse. Meetings begin at 6pm and public comment is accepted at the beginning of each agenda.

Meetings are also televised on Bresnan Channel 20 and City Commission review materials can be accessed by visiting [www.bozemean.net](http://www.bozemean.net)

*The public is encouraged to attend.*

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Send submittals to:

[Toulman@bozeman.net](mailto:Toulman@bozeman.net) or call 582-2258 for more information.

**NEW HYALITE VIEW NETWORK**

**Bozeman Deaconess Property**—A subdivision pre-application has been submitted to the City for the BDH property which borders the New Hyalite View Subdivision. A pre-application is a required step for large subdivisions. The pre-application process includes three Development Review Committee meetings, a review of the Planning Board (March 6th) and the City Commission (March 26th @6pm @ Gallatin County Courthouse. The pre-application process does not result in final decisions, but is regarded as an opportunity for the developer to receive input from the boards and commission which will review their formal application when it is submitted. *Pre-application materials can be viewed at the Planning Department located at 20 East Olive.*

**NORTHEAST  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

**Story Mill Center**—The Story Mill Center, located at the historic mill and surrounding area, will receive the first of many public hearings on the project beginning this month. Hearings for growth policy amendments to change the land use designations in the area are scheduled. The request will be in front of the *Planning Board on Tuesday, February 27 @ 7pm and in front of the City Commission on Monday, March 19th @6pm.* Both meetings occur at the Gallatin County Courthouse and are televised on Bresnan Channel 20.

**NENA Annual Meeting**— The annual meeting of northeast neighbors will be held in March. The date, time and location are yet to be determined. Agenda items will include voting on association bylaws, Story Mill Center, Brewery Reuse, and Village Downtown Wetlands Preservation Project. If you'd like to add agenda items, please contact Tom Noble by calling 585-8748.

**Feedback Sought on Bylaws**—NENA is in the process of drafting bylaws to be voted

on during the next meeting. Visit [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net)>Residents>Neighborhoods Program> Neighborhood Associations>NENA>bylaws to view the draft.

**SOUTH CENTRAL  
ASSOCIATION OF  
NEIGHBORS**

**Winter Festival this Weekend!** The Sigma Chi's and SCAN are sponsoring a Winter Festival on Sunday, February 11 on the grounds of the Story Mansion from 2-4 pm. Don't miss the snowman building contest, games and races, hot cocoa and other snacks. All Bozeman families are invited to spend the afternoon having some small town fun! For more information — email [SCANwinterfest@hotmail.com](mailto:SCANwinterfest@hotmail.com).

**Intersection Update**—MDT reported that they are reviewing 4 possible alternatives for the intersection of College / Willson (2 with signals and 2 with roundabouts). They anticipate completing the review by early March and are expected to make a presentation to the City Commission.

<http://bozemanneighborhoods.org/>

**SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Luminaries**— A warm neighborhood thank you to Jan Schweitzer for coordinating the neighborhood Christmas luminaries again this year!

**Proposal for 3rd and Kagy**—A new proposal has been submitted to the City for the development of 3rd and Kagy. Information is available at the City of Bozeman Planning Office. The project is called "South Towne Square" and is in the pre-application process.