

## LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPERSONATORS

In recent months, there have been a rash of police impersonations nationwide, including two big stories out of Denver and Los Angeles. Criminals are pulling people over in unmarked cars, making fake federal ids – and posing as officers to gain victims' trust.

While these are not stories we tell often about Bozeman, it is important to know how to protect yourself from Law Enforcement impersonators.

### General Traffic Stop:

- Make sure it is a marked unit with a realistic looking light bar or built-in lights (very few jurisdictions allow blue lights for their police cars; most must be red). If it's NOT a marked unit, the take-down lights should be built-in and somewhat uniform front and back.
- Try to stop in a well-lit area;
- Turn on your flashers & lock your door, but don't turn off your car;
- DO NOT get out of the vehicle to meet the approaching officer;
- Look for a uniform, raid jacket, body armor, radio, flashlight (at night). Plainclothes officers rarely make traffic stops without numerous identifying pieces of clothing and equipment.
- Pay attention to what they ask. They should first ask for driver's license, proof of insurance, etc. MOST will tell you the violation or reason for the stop right away.

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### MARCH 2007

#### *Neighborhood* points of interest:

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*Cascade Association of Neighbors  
Southeast Neighborhood Association*

## NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION ORDINANCE

The City is seeking residents interested in creating the language for the Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance. This is an opportunity for anyone who has wanted to participate in a community process with lasting results.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance is to define how the City will identify neighborhood associations and create a framework providing forming neighborhood associations with a predictable

guide to receiving recognition by the City of Bozeman.

If you are a city resident, do not live within the boundaries of a neighborhood association and have an interest in participating—you are qualified!

For more information—please call 582-2258 or email [Toulman@bozeman.net](mailto:Toulman@bozeman.net).



## NEW SERVICES: INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY

The City Clerk's Office is now able to make **DVD's** (video) of Commission meetings available to the public. The DVD's are available on the Tuesday following each Bozeman City Commission meeting. The City offers the video reproduction at the low cost of \$5.00 and they can be purchased at City Hall.

**CD's** (audio) of Bozeman City Commission meetings are also available at the City Clerk's office. The cost of the audio CD is \$1.00.

In addition to these new services, the Clerk's Office also posts weekly digital packets on the website each Thursday. **Digital packets** are in pdf format and include the agenda and all documents being reviewed by the City Commission for each agenda item.

Please contact the Clerk's office at 582-2320 for more information.

## City Ice Rinks: CLOSED

The City's ice rinks have been closed for the season. Due to warm weather, wet snow, and springtime obligations, the city rinks located at Beall Park, South Side Park and Bogert Park are no longer open.

## BOZEMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT: BURN PERMITS

Open burning in the City of Bozeman requires a \$15 permit which is available to City residents at the Fire Department (34 North Rouse). The following rules apply to open burning conducted within Bozeman city limits:

- No burn barrels are allowed within City limits;
- Preparation for Fires: Before a fire is set, Permit holder or designee shall ensure that adequate fire suppression equipment and personnel are present for fire control for duration of the burn.
- Daylight Hours Only: No fire shall be set between sunset and sunrise. If it appears the fire will continue to burn after sunset, the fire shall be extinguished.
- Control of Fire: The permit holder or designee shall not leave the immediate area until the fire has completely burned out, with no embers or smoke remaining.
- See ARM 17.8.604 for list of materials prohibited for open burning.

The open burning season is between **March 1 and November 30**, as mandated by the State of Montana. After September 1, the burner must call 1-800-225-6779 for an Air Quality Report in **Airshed 8A** before burning.



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- If they immediately tell you to get out of the car without any preliminary questions (and you've not committed a felony), be suspicious. Explain to the "officer" that you are unsure about the situation and you'd like a minute to verify his/her identity. **KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE THE OFFICER CAN SEE THEM**, be polite, and do not make sudden movements. Watch their reaction to you.
- Ask them where they work and would they mind if you called their dispatch (not their boss or their office) center to confirm their identity.
- Trust your instincts.

### Home or Office Visit:

- Do not let an officer in if you are not 100% sure of their identity;
- Ask to see a badge, a photo ID card and a commission card. A business card is not an ID;
- Ask them for the purpose of the visit;
- Ask them if you can call their dispatch center or headquarters to confirm their identity;
- **BE POLITE** but firm; if you suspect something is not right, call 911 immediately.

Generally, police officers either wear a full uniform or none at all and the public should be wary of people in "partial" uniform (i.e.: a uniform shirt with jeans, or a uniform shirt with a badge but no patches or nametag). Male police officers are not generally allowed to have long hair, excessive facial hair, or piercings. Unprofessional, overly dramatic, or threatening behaviors also point to illegitimacy.

## COST SHARE TREE PROGRAM

The City's CostShare Tree Program will open on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The costshare program offers residents the opportunity to purchase containerized trees for the low cost of \$75. A variety of tree species are available.

To be eligible for the Costshare Program:

- Planting site must be on city property, inside the city limits.
- Site must be to final landscape grade and suitable for species selected.
- City Forestry personnel will not be held responsible for location or repair of underground irrigation.
- Homeowner agrees to water tree regularly.
- Limit **ONE** tree per applicant/location.

Interested residents should obtain and application at one of the following locations:

- [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net) > Divisions > Forestry (print out and send)
- City Hall
- City Shop Complex
- Bozeman Daily Chronicle (clip-out application):
  - March 18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday---in 'This Week)
  - March 25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

## BOZEMAN RECREATION DEPARTMENT & SWIM CENTER

*"For all Your Fun and Fitness Needs"*

**Monday - Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 (11:00am on Wed & Fri) to 3:30 p.m.**—Join the Swim Center for a trip "Around the World in 5 Days" Spring Break Youth Special. We will go on an African safari, have a Luau, visit the Arctic, Little Italy (pizza day) and then back to the USA (hamburger day) with exciting games, and arts and craft activities. All specials include swimming. Fee: \$3.00 youth, \$4.00 adult, free with a Swim Center pass. (\$1.50 extra on pizza day and \$1.00 extra on hamburger day). Youth must arrive at 11:00 on food days.

**T-Ball**—T-ball registration is taking place at the Swim Center, 1211 W. Main. T-ball is for youth ages 4-8 years old. Youth will learn the fundamental skills of throwing, catching, hitting a ball off of a tee and running. Fee: \$30.00 City of Bozeman Resident/\$35.00 County Resident.

**Summer Activity Brochure**—Available March 25<sup>th</sup>. Bozeman Recreation Department 587-4724

## CITY SMART BOZEMANITE

**APRIL 11TH, 18TH, 25TH**

**6:00 -8:00PM**

The City Smart Bozemanite courses are scheduled to occur April 11th, 18th and 25th (Wednesdays) from 6—8pm. These courses are designed to provide citizens with the basic information they need to become informed about our community and involved in shaping Bozeman's future.

The Spring 2007 course will provide a general overview on the 2020 Community Plan and will include a guest speaker, group discussions and mapping activities.

Registration for the City Smart Bozemanite is handled by the Bozeman Community Education Program and begins March 26th.

For more information on the City Smart courses – call 582-2258 or call 522-6012 for information on the Community Education program.

## @ OUR LIBRARY

### Library Scene in Fiji March 18

Retired MSU Libraries distance learning coordinator Vicky York will speak on "Beyond the Beach: A Look at Libraries in Fiji" on Sunday, March 18 at 1:15 p.m. in the Library's large Community Room. This special presentation is hosted by the Headwaters Library Association and is open to the public.

### Penguins! March 22

MSU Researchers Matt Becker and Dave McWethy will talk about "Penguins of the Antarctic Peninsula" on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in the large Community 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. For more information, please call MCIV at 994-4887.

**Learn Japanese Origami** on Sunday, April 1 at 2 p.m. with Japanese students visiting Bozeman. All ages invited.

Friends of the Library **Used Book Sale** April 14-16

**National Library Week** is April 15-21. . . The Library will have a week of special programs to celebrate, including Doug Chabot's slides of his adventure in Afghanistan on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

**Peter Rabbit Party** for children. . . call the Children's Desk for more information at 582-2404.

# Neighborhood UPDATES

## INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH

7PM

ALFRED STIFF BUILDING

Agenda Items: State of the Neighborhoods Review, Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance, future meeting guests.

## BOZEMAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

No news reported.

## CASCADE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS

**Bozeman Clean-Up Day**—This will be the Cascade Association of Neighbors' 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

Our relationship with the City motor grader operators has been very much appreciated by our neighbors this past month with all the extra snow that we received. With Dorothy Burkenpas' plate of cookies given each time to the grader operator, we are getting what we feel is extra attention in quality clearing of our streets.

Duane Burkenpas, representing Marwyn-Lindley Neighbors, presented a "State of the Neighborhood" to the City Commissioners at their regular meeting, February 26th. Six other neighborhood organizations presented their "State of the Neighborhood" at the same meeting. Our presentations were very short, but well planned with the guidance and outline given us by Tracy Oulman, City Neighborhood Coordinator. The Commissioners were well pleased with what they heard, and are considering having this now as an annual event, as well as encouraging other areas of the City to develop neighborhood organizations for better mutual communication.

We do have two homes for sale in our neighborhood, if anyone is interested, call Duane, evenings 586-2169, for more information.

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

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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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**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. The City Commission will review the pre-application on 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 and have been posted on the NHVN Listserv.*

**NORTHEAST  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

**NENA Annual Meeting— Tuesday, April 17th @ 7pm @ Hawthorne Elementary School.** Agenda items will include review and discussion on association bylaws, Story Mill Center, Transportation Issues, 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 reviewed and discussed during the April meeting. Bylaws will be required by the City of Bozeman for all neighborhood associations. To view the draft and provide input— [isit www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net)>Residents>Neighborhoods Program> Neighborhood Associations>NENA>bylaws.

**SOUTH CENTRAL  
ASSOCIATION OF  
NEIGHBORS**

**State of the Neighborhoods Address**—Paul Schirmer, SCAN's Inter-Neighborhood Council representative, provided the City Commission with information about the accomplishments, obstacles, interests and events of our neighborhood association.

**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. The SCAN Steering Committee is still requesting neighborhood residents to provide their input on this issue so they may report the interests of neighbors to the City Commission.

<http://bozemanneighborhoods.org/>

**SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

SENA president, Terry Wolfe, represented the Southeast Neighborhood Association at the first annual *State of the Neighborhoods address to the Bozeman City Commission on February 26.* As other neighborhood representatives did, Terry explained the area's boundaries and reported on our neighborhood's events, accomplishments, interests, obstacles and partnerships. Like the "State of the Union" and the "State of the State", plans are to have a neighborhood report before the City Commission every year.

On Thursday, February 22, several SENA members met at the Valley View Golf Club restaurant for a luncheon bidding farewell and appreciation to longtime South Tracy neighbors **Lloyd and Sue Bender.** They will soon be moving to Helena to be closer to family. The Benders were very active in the formation and continuation of the Southeast Neighborhood Association.