



Neighborhood NEWS



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Tax Dollars @ Work: *West Babcock Improvement Update*

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The estimated average daily traffic on West Babcock in 5 years will be approximately 12,000. West Babcock does not currently meet our "local street" standard in Bozeman.

West Babcock has entered the first of three construction phases. The purpose of three phases is to allow portions of the street which are not under construction to carry traffic and decrease disruption to routine travel. Phase One is nearing completion and the street is open to local traffic between Yellowstone Avenue and Fowler. Phase Two boundaries are Fowler Avenue to Hunters Way and is currently under construction. During Phase Three, Hunters Way to Main Street will be closed for approximately 2-3 months. Upon completion in October 2005, the street will have two travel lanes, a center turn lane, curb and gutter on both sides of the street and boulevards and sidewalks.



Your tax dollar at work. The cost to improve West Babcock will be roughly \$4,175,400. Money from three different "pots" is combined to pay for the improvements. The G.O. Bond (\$200,000) was a City-wide assessment approved by voters in 1995 to improve certain transportation facilities. West Babcock was specifically

identified as a project to be supported with these funds and the G.O. Bond will cover 5% of the total cost. Impact Fees account for 62% (\$2,603,400) of the money used to implement these improvements. Impact Fees are collected from property owners as a one-time tax to new users of a service/facility. The tax is assessed because increasing the use will ultimately increase the need for improvements to services. A Special Improvement District will pay for 33% (\$1,372,000) of the total cost to improve West Babcock. A SID is effectively a 19 year assessment on properties near the improvement. SIDs are based on the assertion that property owners nearest to the improvements use the facility more frequently than other City residents and receive a greater benefit from the improvements.

Please drive safely when traveling through construction zones and use neighborly speeds during detours.

city projects

Code Corner: *Fireworks Ordinance*

Fireworks can be an explosive topic among neighbors. It is important for citizens to understand the ordinance before lighting fireworks or calling law enforcement to report the use of fireworks.

The Bozeman Municipal Code has been amended to allow Class "C" fireworks to be discharged during limited hours around the 4th of July and New Years Eve. *This is an exception to the general ban on all fireworks in the City limits without a permit.*

Fireworks (Class "C" only) may be discharged within the city limits ONLY on private property of the owner, or with the owner's permission or on paved city streets which are not arterial or collector streets and is done so in a "safe and sane" manner.

Violation of the provisions may result in a misdemeanor charge and a fine of up to \$500 (not less than \$100 on the first offense) if convicted. **Citizen responsibilities are to** know and understand the ordinance before discharging fireworks, be considerate of your neighbors and help educate others on the ordinance in a neighborly way.

Additional information regarding Class "C" fireworks and the ordinance are available at the Public Library and on the City website www.bozeman.net. For copies of handouts—contact Tracy Oulman @ 582-2258.

4th of July Holiday

Between Noon July 3rd and Midnight July 4th

Between Noon July 4th and 1:00am July 5th

Between Noon July 5th and Midnight July 6th

Study Commission:

Why Their Work Matters to You.

The Montana Constitution allows for citizens governed by Local Governments to elect a Study Commission to "study" the form of Local Government. If a Study Commission is elected, citizens will be asked to vote on Study Commission recommendations in an upcoming local election.

Why does this work matter to Bozeman citizens? Answering this question requires considering both big picture and details. For example, a big picture consideration may be whether or not to establish a City Charter. The purpose of a City Charter may include clarification of the roles of authority between elected officials and the City Manager, providing an operations manual for how various city functions will be accomplished, and increasing representation on the City Commission.

The details of their work will focus on how to address the big picture items. For example, if the Study Commission is discussing how to increase representation on or with the City Commission, they may "study" a variety of approaches. The Study Commission could compare our "at-large" representational structure to a system which elects representatives from wards or districts within the City. They may chose to consider a different approach focusing on formalizing the creation and involvement of neighborhood organizations. These approaches are different, but both would aim to accomplish the big picture objective to increase representation.

The Study Commission invites you to join them on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Bozeman City Commission room (in the basement of City Hall), or send email to studycommission@bozeman.net, or call 582-2383. Big picture or details – they want your input.

Recreation & Park Board:

Community Recreation Needs Survey

The City of Bozeman's Recreation and Park Advisory Board recently completed a survey to assess satisfaction and needs associated with City recreation and park opportunities. The survey was sent 1,000 randomly selected residential addresses and 315 surveys were returned. A total of 53% of respondents feel recreation opportunities available in Bozeman are adequate and a majority rank hiking and walking trails as the most important use to their household. The number one recommendation on how to improve the City's recreation opportunities was to increase and improve trails and bike paths in the community. Dog Waste was cited as the top park or trail maintenance issue by 51% of respondents followed by mud (18%) and unleashed dogs (16%). If you would like to review the entire survey or a summary—visit www.bozeman.net/planning.html or visit the Planning Department at 20 East Olive Street.

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Lindley Center. Their meetings are open to the public and comment is accepted at the beginning of each meeting.

spotlight

Photo Gallery:

Historic Preservation Award Winners

On May 12, the Historic Preservation Board recognized the following residents and businesses with Historic Preservation Awards for their contributions to preserves Bozeman's unique history.

Residential Rehabilitation



203 South Church Avenue – Greg & Renee Harris

812 South 3rd Avenue – Hans & Sharon Figi, owners

213 East Olive Street - Mark Roberts

New Residential Construction

515 North 3rd Avenue - Ed Adamson, Bozeman Building Traditions

218 Lindley Place – Rob Pertzborn, Architect – Dave & Kristi Crawford, owners

921 South Willson Avenue - KC Walsh, owner



Commercial Rehabilitation



20 West Main Street - Lovelace Building

Commercial Rehabilitation (new storefront & brick restoration)

127 East Main Street – “Bellissimo Belly”

202 West Main Street - First Interstate Bank

Additional awards were given for Adaptive Re-Use, Streetscape Improvements and New Signage. The Appreciation Award was presented to Derek Strahn for his contributions to historic preservation in Bozeman and the *Historic Homes of Bozeman* publication. Thomas Lee and Melissa McPherson Summerfield were also recognized. Congratulations!

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Bozeman Creek Neighborhood *BCNA*

For a Cause Tax deductible contributions can be made to the campaign to preserve the Bozeman Creek stream corridor. The capital campaign focuses on acquiring public open space along Bozeman Creek between Kagy Boulevard and Ice Pond Road. Don't know enough about the effort? Call KC Cassidy to obtain information or join a meeting – 586-5303.

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Plan is available for purchase! The final adoption of the implementation strategies for the Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Plan has occurred and the document is available for purchase from the Planning Department (\$25). The plan is also available on CD for \$5 and can be viewed online by visiting www.bozeman.net and viewing the Planning Department link.

Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood *MLN*

Sale-o-Rama – Thank you to all who participated in the neighborhood garage sale!

Bylaws – Marwyn-Lindley residents are currently working on bylaws for the neighborhood organization. Thank you to residents taking the initiative in writing a draft. Residents will have an opportunity to review the bylaws draft during our next annual meeting.

Where Business meets Neighborhood – Sondra Torma and Duane Burkenpas have begun working on language addressing concerns related to the areas where business zoning meets residential zoning. They may be proposing additional language to the Unified Development Ordinance to increase screening requirements between two land uses. The most recent example of how this could mitigate impact is the new office building on Main Street (B-3) which is in full compliance with the B-3 zoning but is adjacent to the Marwyn-Lindley neighborhood (R-1). Possible solutions may be vegetation requirements for taller and/or more dense trees, height limits based on a calculation established with the lesser intensive use.

Neighborhood Handbook – A Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood Handbook is currently in the works! The publication will include the neighborhood's current covenants, applicable City ordinances and regulations, and information on R-1 zoning as well as the history of the neighborhood.

New Hyalite View Network *NHVN*

Annual Meeting Needed—Volunteers are needed to help plan our next annual meeting. Agenda issues might include park maintenance, traffic and noise, park encroachment and establishing a relationship with the hospital to stay involved in plans for the land adjacent to New Hyalite View. Residents are needed to make this happen - call Dana Huschle at 595-2244.

Northeast Neighborhood *NENA*

Interim Representative Needed—NENA is in need of an interim representative until an autumn meeting and election can occur. The representative would attend a single monthly meeting of the Inter-Neighborhood Council and keep other neighborhoods and City staff updated on concerns, events and information affecting the NorthEast neighbors. For more information—contact Jon Gerster at 585-6933 or Tracy Oulman @ 582-2258.

The Mill District Proposal— The Mill District is a proposed area within the northeast neighborhood which would include shopping and renovation / infill on the property north of Peach Street. ThinkTank Design Group has a website for interested parties to obtain information and follow the proposal as it moves through the process of review. The website is <http://www.bozemanmilldistrict.com/>.

NorthWest Neighborhood *NWN*

General Meeting—Residents of the NW neighborhood are attempting to organize a general meeting and need your help. If you are able to assist in delivering invitations to residents of your street or vicinity—please contact Tracy Oulman at 582-2258.

Durston Street Improvements—Residents who are interested in electronically receiving notices regarding meetings and information should contact Tracy Oulman at 582-2258. This direct noticing is only available via internet. Notices will also run in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. *The proposal will be presented to the City Commission @7pm @ Gallatin County Courthouse on June 20.*

Southeast Neighborhood *SENA*

Town and Country Grocery Store Proposal—The Town and Country Grocery Store Proposal will appear on the City Commission agenda on July 18th. The City Commission will voting to approve, approve with conditions or deny the proposal.

Statement of Neighborhood Character and Standards—The final draft of the SENA Statement of Neighborhood Character and Standards has been completed. The 2 page document is written to provide new residents, renters, property managers, realtors, etc with a brief history of the neighborhood, describe the neighborhood's character, zoning designation, and expectations for responsible property management. Copies of the statement will be provided to all property management companies in Bozeman.

SENA Dialogue—A new internet resource begins this week for SENA members! SENA Dialogue is a new weekly e-forum for residents in the southeast neighborhood to share his/her opinions. The SENA Dialogue will be emailed

@ Our Library

Art at the Library

Tom and Deborah Lightner and family donated a life-size sculpture to the Library. It portrays two children reading a book on a park bench. The artist is unknown. Presently located in the foyer, the sculpture will be placed in the outdoor plaza of the new library. The Library would like to thank Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage, Steve Zabel of Montana Trails Gallery, Mitch Billis of Northwest Art Casting, and Ott Jones. Many thanks to the Lightner family as well!

Build a Fairy House!

Preschoolers are invited to a special program on Wednesday, July 28 at 10:15 am. Following story time featuring stories of fairies and elves, kids can build their own fairy houses. Please bring a shoebox and any found natural materials such as pebbles and sticks. For details, call 582-2404

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Send submittals to

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

community

MSU—MSU-CERT will conduct its next 20-hour CERT course Wed-Fri, 29 June – 1 July at the Stadium Club in Bobcat Stadium. Bozeman community members are invited to participate. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn (or review) basic skills such as light fire suppression, light search and rescue, and first aid along with other good-to-know information about disaster and emergency preparedness and response. The course is free to all participants and lunch will be provided all three days. The course is also accepted for 20 Continuing Education Units (CEU) for state employees and certified emergency responders. There is a CERT Overview paper located at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/overview.asp> that gives you a complete description of CERT. Contact Glenn Puffer, Assistant Dean of Students and MSU-CERT Coordinator - phone 406-994-2826 for more information or to sign up for this event.

Kids— The 2nd ANNUAL BOZEMAN CHILDREN'S TRIATHLON. Swim, bike and run around Bogert Park in the second annual Children's Triathlon on June 25th. Meet at the Bogert Pavilion at 8:30 a.m. to get ready for a 9:00 a.m. race start. Age groups will start in waves in Bogert Pool, transition in the pavilion, ride along the Gallagator Trail, and run around Bogert Park. Participants provide their own equipment. Bike helmets mandatory. Everyone gets a goody bag! Kids ages 6-12 are eligible and can register by calling the Bozeman Swim Center at 587-4724 (Fee is \$5).

FULL MOON & MIDNIGHT SWIMS Schedule

July 1 - Friday	8:30-12:00 (Midnight Swim)
July 22 - Friday	8:30-11:00 (Full Moon Swim)
August 19 - Friday	8:30-11:00 (Full Moon Swim)

Full Moon and Midnight Swims occur at Bogert Pool located on South Church Street. For more information about his event – call 587-4724.

Seniors—

Health & Wellness at the Senior Center

Health & Wellness issues are addressed in a variety of ways by the Bozeman Senior Center.

Blood Pressure checks are done free every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the Senior Center lobby area.

Flu Shots are given by the Gallatin County Health Department every Fall at the Senior Center.

Medical Equipment for short term individual use is loaned free of charge by the Senior Center. This includes: canes, walkers, crutches, raised toilet seats, shower chairs, commodes, and wheel chairs.

Information regarding fees for membership and for health and wellness services can be obtained by contacting the Senior Center - 586-2421.