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# Neighborhood NEWS



## North 19th Avenue: *Project Update*

Residents of Bozeman can't help but notice the North 19th Avenue project as they traverse across town. This is a "CM designated" project which means its primary objective is congestion mitigation. The result of the North 19th work should help traffic move more efficiently and increase the flow. Detours are currently being routed down 11th Avenue and the project will include a chip/seal treatment and painting in the near future. JTL Group estimates the project will begin to wrap-up the last week of July and traffic return to usual for residents who commonly use North 19th and the neighborhoods surrounding the street. The project has gone smoothly with the exception of a few days complicated by weather and residents have had patience during the construction. Steve Baeth of JTL Group complimented Bozeman residents by stating, "People have been understanding and great to work with during this project".

### North 19th Project Information

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## Beautification Awards: *Nominations Needed!*

For nearly a decade, the Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board (BBAB) has been awarding businesses, neighborhoods, private residences and organizations with awards for their special efforts to keep Bozeman beautiful. Categories have included Lifetime Contribution, Garden, New and Existing Commercial, Private Residence, Neighborhood Enhancement and Landscape Preservation. If you would like to make a nomination—contact Susan Kozub at 582-2260.



*Brown Warehouse  
2003 Winner  
New Commercial*

# city projects

## Code Corner: *Boulevard Maintenance*

The small strip of grass between the sidewalk and the curb is considered the “boulevard”. The responsibility of maintaining the City’s boulevards belongs to the adjacent land owners. Maintaining the area benefits the City and the owners. The City does not have the resources to take care of these small sections of grass adjacent to each property and maintenance of the area keeps the neighborhood looking clean and beautiful. Boulevards must be 70% vegetation and cannot be filled with materials other than vegetation. It is also important to know a permit is required before trees can be planted in the boulevard, but the City will be responsible for removal if the need arises. The next time you’re out mowing the lawn—don’t forget to cross the sidewalk and spend a few minutes on the boulevard!



## Traffic Report: *It's Construction Season*

**North 19<sup>th</sup> Construction:** Public update meetings are held every Friday @ 9am @ the Comfort Inn. For more information on the project – contact JTL Group @ 388-6832.

**North Rouse Sewer Project:** Sewer installation is being wrapped up from Griffin to Oak and street restoration work will follow in the coming weeks. Once

this is complete, the contractor will focus efforts from Tamarack to Lamme. Residents can expect that Rouse will be closed between Tamarack to Lamme for at least 45 days. **Traffic Detours:** Traffic will continue to be detoured down North Wallace and North Bozeman during this time.

**Use caution and obey speed limits when using neighborhood streets.**

## Photo Gallery—*Historic Preservation Days*



*Residents wait in line during the Ice Cream Social..*



*TB Story Mansion*



*Children's Activities*

## Neighborhoods & Renting: *Discussion Review*

On the warm evening of July 13th, twenty-five residents and representatives attended the INC-sponsored community discussion on Neighborhoods and Renting. Participants of the discussion worked in small groups to identify the stakeholders and issues on the topic. A brief presentation was given about the approaches used in other communities to address some of the issues related to neighborhoods and renting. *A special thanks to Montana State University representatives, property managers Suzy Hall and Jaclyn Katz, and to the renters and property owners who joined to help make this exchange meaningful and well-rounded.*

### **Stakeholders**

Homeowners  
 Landlords  
 Tenants  
 Community Organizations  
 City Services  
 Zone Code Officer  
 Police / Fire / Ambulance  
 Elected Officials  
 Realtors  
 Property Management Companies  
 Businesses  
 University  
 Attorneys  
 Insurance Companies  
 Mediators  
 Media  
 Contractors  
 Banks

### **Issues**

Safety  
 Disruption  
 Ordinances & Laws (enforcement)  
 Sense of Community  
 Property Neglect  
 Occupancy Limits  
 Property Values  
 Neighborhood Integrity  
 Availability & Affordability of Rentals  
 Covenants  
 Neighbor / Renter Relations  
 Perception of Renting / Renters

### **Solution-Minded!**

Solution examples discussed during the meeting included Landlord Licensing, Univer-City Relations, Party Plans and Neighborhood Standards. The group agreed that no single solution could address the variety of issues. Participants discussed a need for education and possibly establishing a "clearinghouse" for information to acquaint renters, neighbors, and prop-

erty owners with the resources available to them. Communication and relationships were consistently cited as issues during the large group discussion. The group also discussed how organized neighborhoods could communicate with property management companies and landlords about the quality of life residents maintain and how to help integrate new renters into the neighborhood. *If you are interested in obtaining the meeting handouts, contact Tracy Oulman, Neighborhood Coordinator at 582-2258.*

## CITY-COUNTY COMMISSION BREAKFAST MEETING

**Tuesday, July 21st  
 7am**

*Gallatin County Courthouse  
 Community Room*

**Agenda includes:** Transfer Development Rights update, 911 Funding, Park Master Plan, Sewer Treatment Plant & Fairgrounds Planning. NENA subcommittee will appear on the agenda.

*Public comment is not generally taken at City-County Breakfast Meetings.*

Call the County Commission office at 582-3000 for more information.

## Library Book Sale!

July 23 & 24

*Sponsored by the  
 Friends of the Library*

## FAIRGROUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE

### Meeting Schedule

*2nd & 4th Thursday of  
every month*

*6:30pm*

The public is encouraged to attend to stay informed about BRAVO's proposed amphitheater on the fairgrounds property! **Contact Jill Abbot-Stolfus for more information and meeting location @ 587-1445.**

## Inter- Neighborhood Council

### General Meeting

**August 10th**

**7-8:30pm**

**Alfred M. Stiff  
Building**

*Downstairs Conference  
Room*

**\*\* Neighborhood  
Representatives  
required to attend. \*\***

## Centennial Park: *Is "Dedication" Required?*

On the 21st of August, 1934, the City of Bozeman used \$500 in park funds to purchase the area we now know as Centennial Park from Clyde and Dora Rushing. The property located between North Grand and North Tracy is reported to have been purchased with the expressed purpose of park and playground purposes and is designated as park on the City's park map.



Louis McCarl, a 70 year resident of Bozeman and neighbor to the area, has asked the Bozeman Recreation and Park Advisory Board to recommend to

the City Commission that a separate action be taken to dedicate the park. The Board approved to recommend a formal park dedication for the area to the City Commission. It is unclear if this action is necessary. A report from the City's legal staff stated, "My opinion is that both North Grand and Centennial are established parks and nothing further need be done to afford them park protection".

Louis McCarl is the NENA contact on Centennial Park and can be reached at 587-8886. Written comments may be sent to [Ireishus@bozeman.net](mailto:Ireishus@bozeman.net).

*\*NENA has not made any formal comments re: this matter.*

# spotlight

## Bike Lanes—*The Bicycle Advisory Board (BABAB) Keeps the Wheels Turning*

Bicyclists frustrated by not being able to choose the best route to work, school or play should soon find some relief. Installation of the Bozeman bike route network will begin in July. To be selected for bicycle route designation, a street has to meet several bicycle friendly criteria such as adequate lane width, minimal uncon-

trolled intersections, minimal truck traffic and provide a direct route between popular destinations. This CTEP funded project consists of over 500 bike routes and related signs, a bicycle route map, bike racks at popular destinations and a community wide education program. It has been a five year effort with contribu-



tions from the Western Transportation Institute, City of Bozeman, BABAB and the Montana Department of Transportation.

*Thank you BABAB!*

## Bozeman Creek Neighborhood

**North Christie Park Rezoning**— The second reading of the North Christie Park rezoning has occurred and passed. The ordinance will be effective beginning September 28, 2004. The zoning of the affected area has changed from R-3 to R-1.

**Edgewater Condominiums**—The Edgewater Condominium proposal was not approved during the City Commission meeting on June 28th.

**Ice Pond Road Tech Park**—The Ice Pond Road Tech Park zone map amendment was postponed indefinitely during the July 12 City Commission meeting. The project will be rescheduled and re-advertised.

## New Hyalite View Network

**History Project**— The Neighborhoods Program is interested in piloting a History Project in the New Hyalite View neighborhood to gather information from long-term residents about the stories of the neighborhood. If you are willing to assist in coordinating this project —please contact Tracy Oulman at 582-2258.

## Northeast Neighborhood Association

**Amphitheater**—Interested residents are encouraged to attend to meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month to remain informed and involved. For more information—contact Jill Abbot-Stolzfus @ 587-1445.

## Northwest Network

**North 24th Avenue:** Residents of North 24th Avenue were contacted to attend a meeting to discuss traffic mitigation options for their street. The meeting participants identified several options to discuss with their neighbors. No further decisions were made.

**Hunters Way Signs Installed:** Drivers using Hunters Way will notice the installation of four way stops where Hunters Way meets Rose Street and Annie Street.

## Southeast Neighborhood Association

**Neighborhood Standards**—A draft of Neighborhood Standards is being produced by SENA representatives and will be available for review and feedback. Contact Pierce Mullen for more information @ 587-3455.

*Interested in forming a neighborhood association? Call the Neighborhoods Program at 582-2258 to receive information.*

# neighborhoods

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Marcia Youngman &  
Jeff Krauss.

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Commissioners: Bill  
Murdock, John Vincent,  
Jennifer Smith-Mitchell.

## Tips for Being Heard by Elected Officials...

**Know why you are commenting.** Make a list of the specific items you would like to comment on before making a verbal or written comment.

**Facts before feelings.** Elected officials and staff are sympathetic to feelings and the impacts on *individuals*, but they are responsible for making decisions based on facts and for the benefit of the entire community. The fact that it affects you alone is not generally a compelling argument. Keep in mind that *they are responsible for making the best decisions for the most people based on facts.*

**Make certain everyone is working with the same facts.** Identify and understand the facts the elected officials and staff will be working with in order to make their decision. Be able to apply these facts to your comments. This demonstrates an effort to understand their considerations in decision-making and provides a means to consider your point with the facts they have identified as important to the decision.

**Write it down.** Written Comment - Elected officials and staff perform a service to the community and are accessible to the public via verbal and written comment. They are also human and written comment provides them with something to reference in the future. Consider writing your comments down and submitting them.

**Say it in-person.** Verbal Comment - Sharing your comments with elected officials puts a human face on any situation. Contact the staff to find out when participation is the most effective and make an effort to attend. If you have turned in written comment, it is also appropriate to reference your letter and summarize it briefly. Consider the message (and the facts) you want to send before addressing the elected officials. This helps you make a clear and concise point and helps them to connect your comments to the facts they are considering.



Participation is what  
makes our govern-  
ment work and our  
community healthy.

## Neighbors Needed—*a classified section for neighbors to stay connected.*

### Outside Jobs

**Depot Pocket Park:** Volunteers are needed to help maintain the park. Contact Jon Gerster for more information at 585-6933.

**Sweet Pea Festival:** Volunteers are needed to be part of a Bozeman tradition! Call 586-4003 for more information!

