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Neighborhood NEWS

Plastics: *Success with our Recycling Efforts!*

On September 1, 2004, people all over Bozeman noticed the arrival of shiny new plastic recycling binnies at their favorite drop-off sites around town.

Plastic recycling is the result of a creative partnership between the City of Bozeman, Headwaters Cooperative and Yellowstone National Park. Plastic doesn't weigh very much, so a large volume is needed in order to pay for transportation of the product to the recycling center. This partnership has helped make plastic recycling a cost-effective reality for our community.

In order to keep our recycling program a success, it is important to know which plastics are recyclable and how to recycle them correctly. Plastics don't all look the same – plastic wrap, PVC piping, food containers are just a few examples of how plastic can look and they are numbered to help us tell them apart. In Bozeman, we can recycle any plastic with the numbers 1 or 2. It's easy to figure out which plastics are recyclable in Bozeman because the neck is almost always smaller than the body (see picture).



Our Sanitation Superintendent says, "Check the Neck" and "Wash 'em & Squash 'em!" before tossing your plastics into the binnie. Remember, the success of our program depends on you!

New Neighbors: *Starting Off Right*

It is as regular as the seasons. Student migration into Bozeman begins each year in mid-August. The Neighborhoods Program has created a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" bag for residents to deliver to their new neighbors and help them begin a dialogue to set the tone their future relationship. The bag contains a guide to "Living in a Neighborhood," municipal codes brochure, helpful contacts list and a "Good Neighbor" magnet. Take this opportunity to establish a respectful and neighborly relationship right away – because people respond to people they know. Be a good neighbor and help them to be good neighbors, too. Pick up the Welcome to the Neighborhood bag at the Bozeman Public Library or at the Planning Department located at 20 East Olive Street.

city projects

Code Corner: *An Increasing Violation*

Every once in awhile, a code violation springs up and starts to spread. The recent trend in xeroscaping has caused boulevard maintenance violations to increase. The Bozeman Municipal Code (18.80.1490) requires boulevards (space between the sidewalk and street) to have 75% of the area covered in vegetation. While xeroscaping may conserve water and be more environmentally-friendly when applied to the lawn, it has adverse affects on the environment when used in the boulevard area.

The environmental reasons for the municipal code are to maintain a permeable land surface designed to reduce storm water runoff, thereby maintaining our water quality and recharging our groundwater. Vegetation in the boulevard also conserves energy by providing windbreaks, shade, and temperature moderation while also slowing the spread of noxious weeds.

The City strongly encourages residents to be smart about their landscaping choices and consider using drought tolerant grasses to encourage water conservation, while also obeying the Municipal Code. Call a local nursery for more information about native plants, or talk with neighbors who have succeeded in complying with this code by being creative in their choices of boulevard plants.



Unified Development Ordinance : *Get Involved!*

Public comment is currently being accepted for suggested changes to the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance). The Bozeman 2020 Plan is the guiding document for growth and development in Bozeman and the Unified Development Ordinance provides the criteria to implement the Bozeman 2020 Plan. Both of these documents can be viewed online at www.bozeman.net or view a hardcopy at the Bozeman Public Library. Suggested changes must be submitted to the Planning Department by October 15th. For more information – call 582-2260.

Recreation Department : *Gearing Up!*

The Fall/Winter Recreation Brochure will be coming out in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on September 26th and will be available at the Swim Center. Residents can expect to see school year programs that include preschool recreation classes, early release and PIR day programs, SnowFest, letters and phone calls from Santa, and variety of lessons including swimming, ice-skating, cross-country skiing and SCUBA. Call the Recreation Department at 587-4724 for information.

spotlight

Rose Park: *Disc Golf Finds a Home*

In the 1940's, Yale and Dartmouth students began flinging pie tins and the invention of the Frisbee soon followed. Now, 60+ years later, City staff, dedicated residents and generous business people are helping to construct a park specifically for disc golf. Approximately 90,000 yards of fill dirt was donated by Scott Pardee and PEX, Inc. and has been trucked into Rose Park to create hills and terrain features. The park will include trees, bridges, trails, picnic and practice areas, and a parking lot.

The Course of DISCOVERY is located between Woodland and N. 25th and was designed by a disc golf architect who gave special consideration to the wetlands, size, and vegetation in designing the park. Construction has begun and volunteers have been working vigorously to write grants, raise money, and manage the project to produce a thoughtful course for Bozeman residents.

"Education and public outreach are important to what we are doing," says Craig Sward, a volunteer for the Course of DISCOVERY, "We have included a special youth area and will hold free clinics to help teach young and old alike the lessons of disc golf, which include respecting others and the land while having fun and providing an opportunity for physical activity."

Contributions of time and money have been given by countless businesses, individuals, city advisory board members, the Gallatin Foundation and City staff to help bring this new addition to our community.

If you would like to learn more about disc golf, support or volunteer with this effort – send inquiries to Course of DISCOVERY, PO Box 433, Bozeman, MT 59772.

Community Alcohol Coalition: *Be Involved!*

The Community Alcohol Coalition is appointed by the City Commission to represent a variety of community interests in addressing alcohol-related issues and making recommendations to the Commission. The group is currently working to strengthen the existing social host laws which hold adults accountable for providing alcohol to people under the age of 21 who are not their own children. Additionally, the Alcohol Advisory Coalition would like to provide our law enforcement with more tools to deal with "chronic party houses" while also giving neighbors more of a "voice" in what occurs in their neighborhood. The Alcohol Advisory Coalition is identifying ways to help students know their neighbors and considering setting up a hotline for neighbors to report underage drinking and neighborhood impact. A system to notify landlords when a property has been identified by law enforcement as a problem is also being discussed. ***If you think this is important work and would be willing to attend a monthly meeting and act as a NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE to this important issue – please contact Tracy Oulman at 582-2258. The neighborhood perspective needs a volunteer's help in order to be heard.***

Parking Garage

Community Meeting



September
29th

7pm

Emerson
Ballroom



*View a pictorial
representation of
the proposed
parking struc-
ture.*

Parade of Sheds

Northeast
Neighborhood
Annual Event

Saturday

September 18th
10-2pm

Pick up your map
the day of the
event at 712 East
Peach Street.

Everyone is
invited!

neighborhoods

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood

Ice Pond Road: The County intends to build a new bridge on Ice Pond Road, but residents in the area have been unable to reach an agreement with the County regarding the preferred alignment of the bridge. On September 13, the BCNA voted to draft a letter to the Boys & Girls Club asking for their support in assisting with the resolution of this issue.

Neighborhood Plan: A Capital Campaign was approved by the BCNA and residents will begin their effort to raise money to begin to implement the neighborhood plan. Residents and GVLТ are still waiting for answers to the questions they turned in to City Staff in March 2004.

Northwest Energy Facility Upgrade: The Northwest Energy Facility, located in the Bozeman Creek Corridor at Lincoln Street and South Church, received conditional approval in 2003 for an upgrade and expansion of their facilities. The County issued a Floodplain Development Permit last month, but the decision is currently being appealed. A request to have NW Energy annexed to the City has been received from a resident, which would subject the company to UDO requirements regarding stream corridor setbacks. NW Energy has signed a Waiver of Right to Protest Annexation as a condition of the County site plan approval, but have not requested annexation to the City at this time. The BCNA voted to draft a letter to the County Commission in support of relocating the substation out of the floodplain.

New Hyalite View Network

Residents of New Hyalite View may have noticed changes to the trail system in their neighborhood. Montana Conservation Corps, in coordination with Gallatin Valley Land Trust, completed a re-route last month. The purpose of the change was to make the bike route easier to access Kagy Boulevard. Thanks MCC and GVLТ!

Northeast Neighborhood Association

Fairgrounds Amphitheatre: The next neighborhood subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23 at 6:30pm in the public meeting room of Grandma's Place (on Main across from the Willson Auditorium). All interested members of the public are invited to attend. The subcommittee recently met with a professional facilitator, Steve Tanner, to hear his model for public participation. The Fair Board has agreed to his model of participation. The neighborhood group has submitted a letter to the County Commission and Fair Board outlining their requirements before they will participate in future meetings with the Fair Board and Facilitator Tanner. If you would like to be added to the phone tree or email list – call 582-2258.

Garage at City Center: A neighborhood meeting for residential neighbors of the Garage at City Center occurred on September 8. A central theme of the discussion focused on traffic concerns. Residents agreed traffic was a current concern and requested that a meeting for residents of North Black, North Tracy and East Lamme be scheduled to address traffic. City Engineering and Planning representatives will be asked to join the meeting to discuss current traffic issues and how residents may be proactive in working with Garage at City Center developers to anticipate and address traffic needs in the future. The **Traffic Meeting for residents of North Black, North Tracy and East Lamme** will be scheduled for early to mid-October and will include planning and engineering staff. For more information—call 582-2258.

Parade of Sheds!: An annual neighborhood event will occur on Saturday, September 18th beginning with a parade at 9am. Residents are encouraged to meet at pocket park at 8:30ish with their float, marching group, animals, or just about anything else. The parade will move up Plum Street, across Davis Street and back down North Church Street. The Tour of Sheds will follow the parade from 10am to 2pm. Everything from shed tours to bike stunts to garage bands to neighborhood recipe-sharing is expected to occur. Walk your dog, bring a friend and meet the neighbors of the northeast side.

Northwest Network

No news was reported.

Southeast Neighborhood Association

SENA representatives have reported the delivery of white supremacy materials in their neighborhood. Residents who observe these materials being delivered are asked to contact their representatives to help them stay informed of the activity.

INC Community Discussion: *Think Snow!*

John VanDelinder, Streets Superintendent for the City of Bozeman, will be the guest speaker during the community discussion on Tuesday, October 12 at 7pm at the Bozeman Public Library. The Inter-Neighborhood Council invites Bozeman residents to join this discussion with Mr. VanDelinder to discuss street maintenance and snow routes in Bozeman. Call 582-2258 for more information.

Beautification Awards

October 6th

City Commission Room

7-9pm

Enjoy an evening of beauty as the Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board (BBAB) presents their annual slide presentation and awards to businesses and individuals who've helped to keep Bozeman a beautiful place to live. For more information – contact Susan Kozub at 582-2260.

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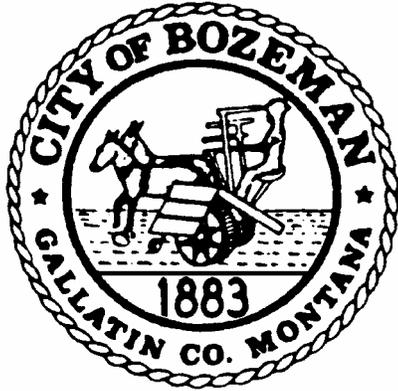
Street Maintenance & Snow Routes

The public is invited to join a discussion with Streets Superintendent John VanDelinder to learn about snow removal and street concerns in Bozeman.

Tuesday,
October 12

7-8pm

Public Library



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Montana State University Exhibit

"100 Palms for Peace," a series of palm drawings by Rosella Vasta, will be displayed through Sept. 22 in the Helen E. Copeland Gallery of Haynes Hall. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 994-2562.

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