

# Neighborhood NEWS



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## **Emergency Preparedness:**

### *Office of Emergency Management*

In the wake of the Hurricane Katrina, many people are asking how they can be prepared for a natural disaster. The Gallatin County / City of Bozeman Office of Emergency Management offers several resources. They can be reached online at [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net) (select Disaster and Emergency Services), by email at [jshrauger@bozeman.net](mailto:jshrauger@bozeman.net) or by telephone at 582-2350.

The office produces fact sheets to help residents prepare themselves and their families for unplanned occurrences. The fact sheets include instructions for a 72 Hour Survival Kit, dealing with Pets and Disasters, Earthquake information, and much more.

The county also has a Gallatin County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) who serve the mission to provide a mechanism to identify hazardous materials risks within Gallatin County and foster the development of plans to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials releases. Hazardous materials risks shall be effectively communicated to local emergency response personnel and will be made available to the general public.

For more information on these important resources—call 582-2350.

## **Firefighters Respond:**

### *Bozeman Firefighters Assist after Hurricane Katrina*

FEMA requested assistance from the nation's firefighters and the City of Bozeman responded by sending two of our own local firefighters.

Keith Johnson and John Bos of the Bozeman Fire Department joined approximately 1,000 two-person professional teams to assist in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. They left on September 6th and will be deployed for approximately 30 days.

They flew to Atlanta to undergo eight hours of training, receive inoculations and be issued gear and deployment orders. FEMA will cover their expenses including salaries, overtime, travel, lodging and food. Thank you to the firefighters and their families!

# city projects

## Code Corner: *Alley Maintenance*

One of the main reasons we plan for alleyways is for placement of utilities and service access. Garbage and fire trucks are the most common examples of services requiring access to a property from an alley. Untrimmed trees and vegetation can be hazardous and inconvenient for our garbage collectors.

Owners are responsible for nuisance weed / vegetation control in the alley right-of-ways adjacent to their property (BMC 8.36). Imagine if a garage were on fire and the fire truck could not get there due to illegal alley parking or obstruction. Bozeman Municipal Code 12.12.020 states that alleys must be kept clear of obstructions and BMC 10.32.160 states parking cannot occur which prevents the free movement of vehicular traffic or blocks the driving entrance to any abutting property.

Weather and manpower permitting, the Bozeman Street Department clears the alleyways between Thanksgiving and Christmas following their leaf cleanup. However, residents are required to make certain they are following these important codes. Do your part in keeping our alleys safe and clean!

## Composting:

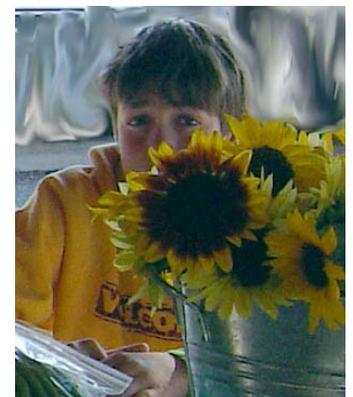
### *The Solid Waste Division ends Composting for 2005*

The Solid Waste Division would like to thank everyone who participated in the compost program this summer. Due to lack of seasonal labor to collect the compost, it is necessary to end the program for the year.

The last week of compost pickup was August 22-26, however, City of Bozeman customers are welcome to bring any end of season compost, such as lawn clippings, to the City Landfill.

If you have questions or would like additional information—call the Solid Waste Division at 582-3200.

## Photo Gallery: *Bogert Farmers Market*



The Bogert Farmers Market occurs under the Bogert Park pavilion located on South Church Avenue. The market happens every Saturday and ends on October 8th.

Don't miss it!

## Two Wheel Deal: *Planning Department is Cruisin';*



The City's Office of Planning and Community Development is leading by example. Staff in the Planning Department have required bike lanes in new developments and bike racks for businesses, so it seemed natural to follow their own lead and incorporate bike transit into City business.

In May, the Planning Department purchased two Cruiser bicycles for staff use. The bikes help staff conduct nearby site visits, travel between meetings at the County Courthouse and City Commission Chambers, and efficiently visit other departments housed in City Hall. These locations generally have limited parking and the bicycles have helped to keep spaces open for the public while reducing gas usage by City vehicles as well as traffic congestion and pollution.

## Commission Candidates: *Get to Know Them!*

November is nearing and soon it will be time to cast ballots for the Bozeman City Commission! Our City Commission has 5 seats and the candidate receiving the most votes during this election will become the mayor-elect (2 years as a Commissioner and 2 years as Mayor). Six candidates have filed for 3 seats. The City Commission candidates are:

- Sean Becker
- Erik Henyon
- Lee Hietala
- Kaaren Jacobsen
- Jeff Rupp
- Dawn Smith

SWMBIA, League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce are all planning forums for the candidates and the Inter-Neighborhood Council will produce a questionnaire for candidates which will be distributed to all Neighborhood News subscribers. Take time to know the candidates!

# spotlight

## Safe Neighborhoods Initiative: *Community Alcohol Coalition provides Info in the Water Bill*

If you receive a City water bill this month, you also received a brochure produced by the Community Alcohol Coalition. The Safe Neighborhoods Initiative brochure provides information for citizens planning a party in a residential neighborhood and for the surrounding neighbors.

The brochure contains the current state laws including topics such as Minor in Possession, Public Nuisance, and Endangering the Welfare of Children. Tips to help neighbors be considerate of their neighbors are included as well as how to avoid Police intervention. Careful planning and consideration for your neighbors and party attendees keeps parties manageable and reduces the impacts on our community resources.

If you would like to contact the Community Alcohol Coalition—email them at [bozemancac@yahoo.com](mailto:bozemancac@yahoo.com).

### Tips for Neighbors:

You are encouraged to speak with neighbors if you are being inconvenienced by a party. However, you should phone the police at 582-2000 (option 2) under the following circumstances:

- The noise has become disruptive after a reasonable hour;
- You suspect illegal or dangerous behavior;
- You do not feel safe approaching anyone at the party.

# neighborhoods

## Bozeman Creek Neighborhood *BCNA*

**Appeal of Administrative Interpretation**—The appeal is regarding a Classification of Use made by the Planning Office relating to the Northwest Energy Replacement and Upgrade along the east side of South Rouse lots was denied during the September 6 City Commission meeting. The neighborhood has requested the City Commission reimburse them for the legal review and is considering legal recourse with the City and NorthWest Energy. If you would like more information on the BCNA Council's stand—please contact Frank Munshower, President at 587-4324.

## Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood *MLN*

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING SCHEDULED:** A special neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, **September 29th at the Lindley Center from 7-9pm.** Residents will receive a flyer notification with a copy of the draft bylaws before the meeting and are asked to review and prepare to comment during the meeting. Nominations and elections are expected to occur for neighborhood representation if the attendees support such an effort. This is an important meeting—please plan to attend!

**Cemetery Board to Review BSF Proposal** – The Cemetery Board will review, discuss and make a recommendation regarding the Bridger Ski Foundation proposal for the purchase of snow-making equipment. The meeting is open to the public and is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 from 1-3pm in the City Commission Room @ City Hall.



**Be Involved!** – Neighborhood involvement is a fun and meaningful way to be make a difference in your community. During the neighborhood meeting, residents will have an opportunity to become an elected representative, volunteer for activities like newsletter production, meeting organizing / set-up and take-down, neighborhood distributor for flyers and newsletters. Be thinking about how you are willing and able to help and raise your hand on September 29th!

## New Hyalite View Network *NHVN*

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING SCHEDULED**— The New Hyalite View Network will hold their annual meeting *tentatively* scheduled for **Tuesday, October 11 @ 7pm at the Lindley Center.** Agenda items will include a review of Bozeman Clean-Up Day, Bozeman Deaconess / subcommittee, parkland encroachment and trail improvements. A flyer will be delivered by our trusty “blockheads” prior to the meeting with the date and agenda. Please plan to attend! If you have questions or would be willing to help with meeting set-up—please contact Dana Huschle at 595-2244.

## Northeast Neighborhood *NENA*

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING SCHEDULED:** The Northeast Neighborhood Association has called a meeting scheduled for **September 28th at 7pm at the Bozeman Senior Center**. Newsletters will go out the week of September 19th containing the meeting agenda and current issues in the neighborhood. For more information—contact Jon Gerster @ 585-6933. Please plan to attend!

**Urban Renewal District Committee**—The City Commission appointed a 13 member committee to draft a plan for the area recently designated blight. The members of the committee include: Business/business property owners (Peter Bronken, Jim Browning, Bobbi Clem, Jack Davis, Terry Giovanini), Resident Property Owners (Jon Gerster, Jeanne Wesley-Weise, Robert Pavlic), Development Group (Michael Barrett, Brian Caldwell, Erik Nelson), Residents adjacent to the district (Marcia Kaveney, Todd Hoitsma).

## Southeast Neighborhood *SENA*

**SENA Summer Celebration** —The SENA Summer Celebration drew a terrific turnout and a lot of good food. Residents of the Westridge area gathered at the Pilgram Congregational Church to enjoy a meal and catch-up after a busy summer. Jim Banks and Pierce Mullen presented JP Pomnichowski with a gift certificate for a local quilting shop and reminded residents of the upcoming neighborhood elections.



### **Commission Candidate Meet and Greet**—

SENA will host another Commission Candidate Meet and Greet for residents of the area interested in learning more about the candidates. If you are able to help organize or prepare the room for this fun and important event—please contact your neighborhood representatives. The event is not currently scheduled, but is anticipated to occur in mid-October.

## NORTHWEST Residents

**Northwest Neighborhood Network Meeting TONIGHT** — The NWNN is holding its first annual meeting this evening (September 15) at Emily Dickinson School beginning at 7pm. The NWNN has been active for 2 years, but is seeking to become a “recognized neighborhood”. An election of representatives, bylaws and boundaries must occur to meet this criteria and the group hopes to meet these requirements this evening. Residents living within the proposed boundaries of Main/Huffine to Oak and 19th to Ferguson are strongly encouraged to attend. The NWNN can be reached by email at northwestneighborhood@yahoo.com or by calling 587-7024.

## @ Our Library

Teens in middle school and high school are invited to be a part of the Library's Teen Advisory Group.

The Teen Advisory Group will help plan programs for teens, helps with material selection, and is brainstorming ideas for the teen space in the new Library for next fall. They are also in the process of publishing a book of teen poetry.

For more information, please call Ginny @ 582-2404.

## DURSTON ROAD MEETING

The City of Bozeman Engineering Department will hold a public informational meeting regarding the Durston Road improvements and Special Improvement District. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm at the Gallatin County Courthouse. For more information—call Susan Stodola at 582-2280.

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# community

**MSU**—The Margaret Mead Film Festival, a nationally renowned program based out of the Museum of Natural History in New York City, is coming to Bozeman starting Sept. 18.

The six-week series of programs will run on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre in downtown Bozeman.

Showing Sept. 18 is "Afghanistan Unveiled," filmed by the first team of female video journalists trained in Afghanistan, and "Madam Ti Zo," about a midwife and herbal doctor who runs her own clinic in Jacmal, Haiti.

The films play at only a limited number of venues nationwide. The MSU Diversity Awareness Office is sponsoring the films in Bozeman. For more information, call 994-3591.

**Kids of All Ages**— The **Adult Community Education** department of the Bozeman School District offers a wide variety of courses in many areas including job skills, CPR/First Aid, computers, finance, wildlife observation in Yellowstone Park, cooking, music, hobbies, and languages. For more information call: 522-6012. You can pick up a brochure at their office in room 220 of the Willson School or access course listings at <http://www.bozeman.k12.mt.us/adlted/>

**Seniors**— RSVP facilitates volunteerism for individuals 55 and older to meet community needs. Volunteers are matched with public and non-profit organizations that need help. These organizations range from education centers to police departments to hospitals. The participating organizations receive the experience that only active older adults can provide and the volunteers receive the satisfaction of making a difference in our community. The only requirements are that the volunteer be 55 or over and willing to serve their community.

#### Contact RSVP!

To be a volunteer or to request the help of our volunteers for your organization, stop by or call the RSVP office.

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