



Neighborhood NEWS



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Northwest Slowdowns

Durston Road Closures and Detour Routes

The patience and understanding of residents living and traveling in the northwest area of Bozeman is appreciated. Durston Road is designated as a minor arterial street and carries approximately 12,000 vehicles per day. This area of our community has seen the fastest rate of growth over the past several years and Durston Road plays an important role in moving traffic in east and west directions. Road construction on the needed improvements between North 19th Avenue and Fowler Avenue began in April 2006. The road is scheduled to be reopened to traffic by mid-November. The project is scheduled to be completed in the spring 2007.

Improvements to Durston Road will be similar to those on West Babcock Street. Bike lanes and a connective sidewalk system will increase the safety of non-vehicular travel. At the school crossing at North 25th Avenue, a changeable speed limit sign will be installed on Durston Road to require motorists to slow down in the school zone during appropriate times of the day. Vehicle improvements include a center left turn lane to allow vehicles to flow through the area without the stop and go experienced when left turn lanes are absent.

The City recognizes that traffic delays can be frustrating for those living, working and traveling through road construction and is by posting road closures schedules and detour routes on our website. In addition, crews have added signage to assist residents in accessing area businesses.

Leaf Clean—Up:

Street Department Prepares for Winter

Did you know last year the City hauled over 900 tons of leaves to the compost pile? The Street Department will begin their annual Leaf Clean Up beginning Nov. 2nd. Residents should watch for the “No Parking” signs in their neighborhoods and move cars to locations which will not interrupt service. Leaves should be raked into the gutter and should NOT be placed in bags. Please put leaves out the day before your pickup is scheduled.

Areas around Longfellow, Hawthorne, Whittier and Irving will be done over the weekends in order to avoid parking disruptions.

city projects

Code Corner: *Boulevard Health*

The strip of lawn between the sidewalk and the street are considered City property but property owners are required to maintain the area. Many residents maintain their boulevard with good intentions by planting trees and attempting to xeriscape the area, but doing so without an understanding of the City's requirements results in negative outcomes. Know these important points before altering your boulevard:

- Each street boulevard must be planted with 75% live vegetation. In addition, for every 50 feet of street frontage a tree is required.
- Trees planted in the boulevard need to be approved with the Forestry Dept. for appropriate species and to learn about the cost share program.
- Obtain a list of draught tolerant shrubs, grasses, trees, flower & groundcover from the Planning Department. Nurseries also could help select appropriate vegetation for yards and blvd. Gravel may seem cheaper, but weeds grow through the gravel which result in unsightly boulevards. An excess of Juniper bushes that will grow extremely large is not a good solution either.

For more information on boulevard health—call 582-2260

Protection while You Sleep: *Fire Department Tips*

The following safety message is brought to you by the Bozeman Fire Department.

Most home fire fatalities occur at night while people are asleep. If a fire occurs in your home, your chance of survival is increased by 50% if smoke detectors are present and working. Important prevention measures include:

- Make sure that you have a working smoke detector on every floor and in every sleeping room in your house.
- Test your smoke detectors every month and change your batteries twice a year. We recommend changing them once in the spring when you change your clocks to daylight saving time, and once again when the time changes back in the fall.

Protect your house and your family by making sure you have working smoke detectors in your home.

Bozeman
Beautification
Advisory Board
presents

Beautification Awards 2006

A quietly sophisticated event to honor the contributions of individuals and businesses keeping Bozeman a unique and beautiful place to live.



Wednesday
October 18th
7pm

First Security Bank

This is event for *everyone*.

Don't miss it.

Interested in Water Quality?:

Greater Gallatin Watershed Council Tour Scheduled

Did you know the State of Montana has identified ten streams in the Gallatin Valley as needing water quality improvement? *Want to learn more? Want to be part of the discussion?* Join the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council (GGWC) for a tour focusing on the Gallatin Valley's water quality.

Thursday, October 26, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Beginning at the Belgrade Community Library, 106 N. Broadway
(buses provided)**

- Learn about the streams needing improvement, the potential causes and solutions—state officials will share the impairment map and be on-hand to answer questions;
- Learn about the proposed expansion of the Bozeman Wastewater Treatment Plant and discuss the future of Bozeman's waste water facility
- Find out how GGWC and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be working with the valley's local citizens to accomplish state-mandated water quality planning.

Please **RSVP by Monday, October 23** to Jody Fagan at jodyfagan@imt.net or 585-2870.

spotlight

A Moving Experience:

Bozeman Book Brigade Reminds Us to be Small



The Library Book Brigade on Sunday, October 8 brought 2,200 people outside on a blustery day to hand pass children's books from the door of the Library, east down Lamme and south on Broadway, across Main Street to the door to the Children's Room in the new Library. The Friends of the Library sold out of t-shirts that proclaimed "It was a moving experience" and over 50 people showed up who had also participated in the 1981 Brigade. The High School Drum Line marched right down the center of the brigade line, while the Bridger Creek Boys played bluegrass along the way. Volunteers from Renne Library at MSU and school libraries helped shelve the picture books in the new custom-built shelving in the Children's Room. Many participants returned to the "old" Library to enjoy donated cookies and refreshments, along with lively fiddle, polka and Cajun music. Children's put their handprint on a tree painting created by staff at the Children's Museum, and a slide show featured people and programs during the last 25 years. What an unforgettable experience!

@ Our Library

Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. when we have our Grand Opening of the new Library at 626 East Main.

E-Waste Event

Scheduled

Saturday • Oct. 21

8am—3pm

Gallatin County
Fairgrounds

(Building #3)

This event will be free to all households of the Gallatin County and assists residents in protecting our land and water resources by properly disposing of electronic waste such as:

- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Televisions
- Fax Machines
- Cameras
- Calculators

For more information—call 582-3145.

Event sponsors: Gallatin Local Water Quality District, Montana State University—IT & Property Management, Allied Waste Services, MT Department of Environmental Quality, West Yellowstone Compost Facility, Gallatin County Fairgrounds, City of Bozeman Public Works, Full Circle Recycling.

neighborhoods

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Association

No news reported.

Cascade Association of Neighbors

CAN Neighborhood Picnic— Despite the lack of cooperation from Mother Nature, more than fifty people joined our first annual neighborhood picnic at the East Gallatin Recreation Area on September 17th. Thank you to Lyman & Theresa Fellows for supplying the best chicken in town and for all who brought food and sweets to share. What a terrific time!

Nomination are being accepted—Participation from every corner of our neighborhood is needed and we are looking for individuals for leadership roles. If you are interested in running for office—please email mhcole@mac.com.

CAN ANNUAL MEETING—is scheduled for *Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm at Christ the King Church*. We will be electing members to the neighborhood steering committee and reviewing a host of topics relevant to our corner of Bozeman. Participation is encouraged from all! See you

A meeting of the

Inter-Neighborhood Council

November 14th

7-8:00pm

Alfred Stiff Building

For more information—call 582-2258

All meetings are open to the public.

Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood

MarLinN ANNUAL MEETING and POTLUCK is scheduled for *Tuesday, October 17th at the Lindley Center beginning at 5:30pm*. The weather did not cooperate for our neighborhood picnic, so was canceled; however, we have added a family potluck preceding our Annual Meeting. A full program is planned for the evening, including meeting new neighbors and reacquainting ourselves with older neighbors, election of new officers, committee volunteers, discussion of past year issues and planned addressing of new issues and projects.

Cross Country Ski Trails Report: Chairman, Duane Burkenpas, had a recent meeting with the City Recreation and Parks Department Superintendent, Ron Dingman, and representatives of the Bridger Ski Foundation addressing some of the concerning issues experienced during last year's ski season, prior to signing a new use agreement of parks and cemetery land for the 2006-2007 ski season. Duane will give a detailed report of the meeting at the Annual Meeting.

Sweet Pea Festival: Duane has met with JoAnn Brekhus, Executive Director for Sweet Pea, and discussed issues expressed by neighbors that Ms. Brekhus plans to address with her Board of Directors and reply to Duane.

Representatives from all neighborhood organizations are WELCOME to attend our family potluck and Annual Meeting. If interested, please call Duane to confirm planned attendance, 388-4177 (office), 586-2169 (home).

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

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No news reported.

Northeast Neighborhood Association

NENA ANNUAL MEETING—*Tuesday, October 24th at Hawthorne School @ 7pm.* Agenda items include presentations on the recent NENA survey, the Rouse Avenue Project, the Story Mill Development and related traffic issues in the neighborhood. The agenda also includes time for residents to discuss their interests and priorities. Look for the newsletter to arrive on your doorstep and do not miss this important meeting!

NENA Survey—NENA partnered with the MSU Sociology Department to conduct a survey of residents living within the neighborhood boundaries. The results of the survey have been posted on the NENA page of the City's website, www.bozeman.net.

No Tour of Sheds—Did you miss having the Tour of Sheds? Then volunteer to help coordinate it for next year during our neighborhood meeting!

North Rouse Avenue Reconstruction—HKM Engineering and MDOT have set up a website to help residents stay informed and connected to information regarding the reconstruction of North Rouse Avenue. Log onto <http://www.hkminc.com/Rouse/>.

Story Mill Redevelopment—Blue Sky Development is planning to redevelop the Story Mill and properties around it—www.storymillcenter.com

South Central Association of Neighbors—*forming*

SCAN ANNUAL MEETING—*Wednesday, October 18th @ 7pm @ Longfellow School Gymnasium.* A draft of neighborhood bylaws have been delivered to all households within the neighborhood and will be discussed and voted on during the October meeting. Additional agenda items are likely to include MSU / Story Mansion purchase, traffic issues, proposed City Charter, and activities and efforts for the upcoming year. Do not miss this important meeting!

MSU Tomorrow

Montana State University is currently in the process of developing a campus plan to establish their physical development including traffic flow, integration with the broader community and provisions for student housing. To view the on-going work and provide comment—visit www.montana.edu/campusplan. This is your opportunity to help shape the future!

Southeast Neighborhood Association

No news reported.

Information

On the Web: www.bozeman.net

- November Ballot Issues
 - 911 Mill Levy Fact Sheet
 - Proposed City Charter
 - Final Report of the Local Government Study Commission

Upcoming Events:

- *Public Works Awareness Event*—Saturday, October 14th @ the Gallatin Valley Mall 8-3
- *E-Waste Collection*—Saturday, October 21st @ the Fairgrounds Building #3 from 8-3pm.
- *Law & Justice Center Facility Tour*—Saturday, October 14th at 12:30 at the L&J Center.

Help plan Your City!

Help plan your City! Join the Board of Adjustments! Created on August 28th, 2006 by Ordinance 1670, the Board of Adjustments (BOA) reviews applications for building code variances or deviations and applications involving variances or deviations. The BOA will also review applications for conditional use permits. They will be the deciding body on many applications and will hold an important role in the City. Contact the Clerk for more information.

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community

Bozeman Recreation Department & Swim Center

"For all Your Fun and Fitness Needs"

The Bozeman Recreation Department and Swim Center are offering GREAT programs and recreation swim hours for the whole family to enjoy, here are just a few. Call 587-4724 for all program details.

Swim Lessons begin Oct. 2nd, 3rd, and 14th –for youth and adults. Lessons are included when you purchase a 3-month or longer Swim Center Pass. Register at the Swim Center 1211 W. Main St.

PIR Youth Specials at the Swim Center-1:00-3:30pm: Oct 19th Crazy Hats, Apple Bobs and Penny Dive. **Oct. 20th** Harry Potter Day \$3.00 youth or free with a Swim Center Pass.

PIR Youth Specials at the Lindley Center-1:00-5:30pm: Oct 19th Youth (K-5) will participate in crafts, games and hikes. \$12 City of Bozeman Resident/\$15 Non-City. Pre-register at the Swim Center.

Music & Movement Preschool Program at the Lindley Center-10:00am (2-3yr) 11:00am (3-5yr) –have fun participating in crafts, games and hikes. \$20 City of Bozeman/\$25 Non-City. Pre-register at the Swim Center.

Did you know... The Gallatin County Election Offices provides free practice ballots to citizens to help them prepare for the November ballot?

Citizen Advisory Board Vacancies

Contact the City Clerk's Office for an application or more information.

Board of Adjustments (NEW) 7 vacancies

Read about the Board of Adjustments on Page 5.

Board of Appeals 1 vacancy

Community Alcohol Coalition 4 vacancies

Design Review Board 1 Architectural Historian

Library Board of Trustees 1 vacancy

Police Commission 1 vacancy

Recreation and Park Advisory Board 1 vacancy

Senior Citizens 4 vacancies

For a complete description of the advisory boards and to obtain an application—visit the website @ www.bozeman.net.