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Neighborhood NEWS

SPECIAL SNOW EDITION

Snow Routes: *Strategizing for Snow*

The Street Division is preparing for snowfall in the same way skiers are preparing – they have sharpened their edges, filled up the tanks of their vehicles and listen to the weather reports each evening. The Street Division has a plan for action.

The Snow and Ice Control Plan was developed to address many of the issues created by Bozeman's average annual snowfall of 82". The plan identifies snow removal routes as priority one, two, three or four. Priority One routes are the first roads to be cleared of snow because they provide a network system for emergency service operations. The blue snow route signage appears on these routes. By using the priority list, the 8 person crew is able to clear the streets carrying traffic in higher volumes and speeds to promote safe travel. Four crew members arrive at 3AM to do priority 1, 2 and 3 routes and an additional four crew members join at 8AM to begin priority 4 routes. If you have questions about the snow removal policies, scheduling for residential plowing or the type of products used for deicing – contact the Streets Division at 582-3202.



Pipes, Water & Winter: *Get Prepared!*

During a cold snap in December 2003, the Water Department responded to over 20 calls related to frozen and burst pipes. The number one reason for frozen water lines is open vents/cellar doors. Packing boxes and materials around meters and pipes can also cause damage because warm air is unable to reach the area and may result in frozen or leaky pipes. The Water/Sewer Superintendent advises residents to make arrangements with friends or neighbors if they plan to be away during cold spells (such as Christmas or New Years). If you suspect that a meter is frozen or are unsure if your meter/water service is vulnerable to freezing temperatures—contact the Water Department at 582-3200 for an inspection of your water service.

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Code Corner: *Snow Removal on Sidewalks*

The removal of snow from sidewalks is critical to safe pedestrian travel during the winter months in Bozeman. Residential property owners must remove and clear away snow or ice on sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of snowfall (*BMC 12.24.040*). Snow and ice build-up complicate removal, cause unsafe conditions for foot traffic and rarely goes unnoticed by neighbors. Residents are encouraged to help one another clear sidewalks during heavy snowfall by lending a shovel or driving their snowplow down adjacent sidewalks. To report unsafe or uncleared sidewalks – contact the City Engineer's Office at 582-2280.

UDO Review: *Now is the Time to be Reviewing!*

Suggested revisions to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) are currently being reviewed by city boards and elected officials and is available for review by the public. The potential revisions are available for review by the public. The UDO provides the guidelines and required criteria for city staff and elected officials to review projects. After initial City Commission action, formal amendments to the UDO will be proposed and additional opportunities for public participation will be made available. A total of 306 suggested revisions have been received and will be formally reviewed and voted on by the City Commission in February 2005. Examples of suggested revisions include size and density of accessory dwelling units (ADU/ garage apartments), increase the amount of signage allowed within office zones to create better exposure for businesses and removal of excessive information from legal notification. The suggested revisions are available at the Planning Department, the Neighborhoods Office and the Bozeman Public Library. They are also available for review on the City's website. If you have questions regarding the UDO – contact the Planning Department at 582-2260.

Photo Gallery— *INC Holiday Social*



The Inter-Neighborhood Council hosted their annual Holiday Social on Tuesday, December 14th at the historic Lehrkind Mansion. This was a special opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments of active neighborhoods in 2004 and prepare for an exciting new year. A special thanks to City Manager Chris Kukulski and Assistant City Manager Ron Brey for attending! **Check out the INC's 2005 schedule on page 4!**

Holiday Schedule: *Garbage Collection*

City of Bozeman Garbage Collection Service will run on schedule, December 20th, 2004 through December 24th, 2004

City garbage collection crews will be working on Friday, December 24th, 2004. Please have your trash container set out the night before or by 6 A. M. on your collection day.

The City Landfill will be open on Friday, December 24, 2004. The hours of operation will be 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The City Landfill will be closed on Saturday, December 25th, 2004.

City of Bozeman Garbage Collection Service will run on schedule, December 27th, 2004 through December 31st, 2004

City garbage collection crews will be working on Friday, December 31, 2004. Please have your trash container set out the night before or by 6 A. M. on your collection day.

The City Landfill will be open on Friday, December 31, 2004. The hours of operation will be 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The City Landfill will be closed on Saturday, January 1, 2005.

spotlight

Generations of Cheer: *BFD & DBA*

The Bozeman Fire Department has been caring for, and hanging the downtown Christmas decorations for as long as anyone can remember. Each year, firefighters spend many hours, on and off duty, checking and replacing the colorful bulbs, repairing wiring and light sockets and making sure the cables and anchor points are safe and secure. For Bozeman firefighters, caring for the downtown decorations is a labor of love and an annual holiday activity looked forward to by several generations of firefighters. Fire Captains Geoff Hoell and Mitch Thompson are second generation firefighters, whose fathers, also Fire Captains, helped hang the decorations for many years. In fact, Geoff took over the responsibilities for the decorations from Mitch's dad when he retired in 1994.

The downtown is certainly the heart of the city, and the Bozeman Fire Department is proud to work closely with the Downtown Business Association to ensure Bozeman's holiday traditions will be enjoyed for generations yet to come.

@ Our Library

Children preschool through school-age can visit the Secret Gift Shop in the Meeting Room Tuesday, December 21 and create homemade presents for parents, suitable for Christmas or Kwanzaa. Parents can drop children off for a short time while their children make these "secret" gifts. Children will need to be checked in and out by a parent or guardian. Staff and volunteers will be helping, and presents will be wrapped and ready to place under the tree. No registration is necessary. For more information call 582-2404.

The library will be closed December 24 & 25.

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Association

Friends of Bozeman Creek Capital Campaign—A BCNA-endorsed capital campaign to acquire public open space along Bozeman Creek between Kagy and Ice Pond Rd with the help of Gallatin Valley Land Trust. Community members and businesses can make tax deductible contributions to conserve some of the last remaining open space along Bozeman's only stream corridor. If you would like to make a contribution or to learn more about the campaign to turn the Bozeman Creek conservation vision into a reality—please contact KC Cassidy at 586-5303.

Thank you to Polly Kogel for representing the BCNA to raise awareness about the neighborhood plan at a recent event for Gallatin Valley Land Trust!

New Hyalite View Network

NHV neighborhood has a unique park and trail system. Recently, several informal or "found" trails have appeared in the area. Informal trails often appear as a result of trail users following old vehicle tracks or repeatedly cutting across an area to reduce time. Residents and other trail users are being urged to use only established trails because funds are not allocated to maintain these informal trails resulting in a muddy and unappealing appearance in the springtime. The design of the trail system purposefully avoids residential backyards and the Parks Department is actively attempting to rehabilitate the natural grasses of the area. Please stay on the trails for routine travel and venture off the trails only for random explorations.

Inter-Neighborhood Council:

Community Discussions in 2005!

The Inter-Neighborhood Council recently celebrated an exciting 2004 and has begun to prepare their schedule for 2005. Representatives and INC meeting attendees completed surveys to identify the most interesting topics to schedule for 2005. The public is invited to any and all Inter-Neighborhood Council meetings and residents interested in becoming organized are especially encouraged to join a meeting. The draft schedule for 2005 is listed below and look for more information in upcoming issues of Neighborhood News!

January

Planning Meeting 1— UDO Revision Discussion

February

Planning Meeting 2 — Clean-Up Bozeman Day Preparation and Arrangements (BBAB)

March

2020 Growth Plan Assessment Presentation

April

Bozeman Clean-Up Day

May

Community Alcohol Coalition

June

Planning Meeting 3— Candidate Forum Prep

July

No meeting

August

Open Space / Parks / Trails

September

Planning Meeting 4

October

City Commission Candidates Forum

November

No Meeting

December

Holiday Social

Northeast Neighborhood Association

The NENA Fairgrounds Subcommittee will meet on **Tuesday, December 28th at 6:30pm at Grandma's Ice Cream Parlor**. For more information – contact Betsey Centa at bcenta@montana.edu or call 522-1502. The subcommittee is maintaining a website at <http://www.pablocasa.com/fairgrounds.htm>.

Betsey Centa was recently selected to join the Fair Board as a neighborhood representative. Thanks to Betsey for joining the group and thank you to the Fair Board for welcoming her aboard!

Southeast Neighborhood Association

City residents are invited to visit the Westridge subdivision on Christmas Eve to view their annual display of luminaries. Terry Pilotte and her family have lead the efforts of countless neighborhood residents to provide the community with this unique and special event. Residents will begin lighting their luminaries at 5pm and the candles will burn late into the night.

Thank you to Julie Munson for organizing a neighborhood cookie exchange and to the 19 participants who shared their recipes and goodies!

SENA representatives have completed a draft of the areas Neighborhood Standards letter and are encouraging all interested residents to review the letter and supply feedback. The purpose of the letter is to communicate the character of the neighborhood to new residents, property managers and landlords. If you would like to review the letter – contact Tracy Oulman @ 582-2258.



NorthWest Network

On December 9th, approximately 100 residents of the northwest area of town gathered for a staff presentation regarding the proposed West Babcock Special Improvement District. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the handouts – please contact Tracy Oulman, City of Bozeman Neighborhood Coordinator @ 582-2258. Following the staff presentation, residents were provided time to discuss the matter with others in their area affected by the proposed SID. This portion of the meeting was not city-affiliated and no City employees were present. If you would like to discuss the content of this meeting – contact Harry Kirschenbaum @ 580-3364. The City Commission is scheduled to hear and vote on the West Babcock SID on Monday, December 20th at 7pm—the meeting may be relocated from City Hall. Call 582-2258 to confirm location.

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The Museum of the Rockies is providing Bozeman residents with an opportunity to enjoy a ***Laser Yuletide!*** Favorite holiday songs accompany a fantastic laser show in the Tayler Planetarium. **The show runs 11/26-1/2 Fri at 7 & 8pm; Sat at 4, 5, 7 & 8pm; Sun at 4 & 5pm.**

Freedom calls. The Burns Telecom Center and the Freedom Calls Foundation will offer free video-conferences for Montana families and soldiers in Iraq. Montana families will be able to communicate with Marines stationed at Camp Fallujah and soldiers stationed at Camp Cooke. For details, call 994-6550.

The City's Recreation Department has been planning for the winter school break! We have something going on most days while the kids are out of school. Specials include pictures with Santa and frame making, ornament making, Animals and Plants in Winter, Sledding, Snow Sculpture and Sports, New Year's Eve Celebration and Free Hot Cocoa. For more information or to receive a brochure – contact the Recreation Department at 587-4724!

Thank You

*to the neighbors on
South Willson who
worked together to
decorate the avenue
for the holidays!*

