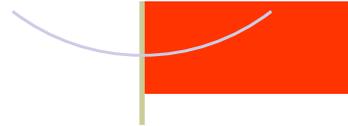




Neighborhood NEWS



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Winter Conditions on Our Roads: *The City needs Cooperation to Maintain Safe Roads*

The Bozeman Police Department and Bozeman Public Works Department is requesting assistance from City residents to remove snowbound vehicles from all city roadways.

Recent snowstorms have left 100's of vehicles snowed in on the city streets. Snow removal efforts are hampered by vehicles left parked on the roadway for extended periods of time. As the snow has continued to fall, plowing efforts have piled snow up along parked vehicles instead of toward the curbs causing a dangerous narrowing of the streets. This makes driving more dangerous as road widths are reduced, vehicles parked close to intersections cause turning and vision obstructions and emergency response of Police, Fire and EMS is slowed and more risky.

The City of Bozeman currently has approximately 210 miles of roadway and 18 miles of alleyways within the City limits. City plow crews must cover each roadway with a minimum of 4 passes with a plow on most residential

streets to move the snow to the shoulders and some roads such as the recently improved West Babcock require 6 passes with a snowplow and Oak Street requires 8 passes due to the width of the roadway.

For the safety of the community, neighborhoods and ease of travel we are requesting assistance from the owners of all vehicles snowed in that they immediately clear the snow from their vehicle and move the vehicle off the roadway when it snows to allow for better snow removal.

The Police Department has seen an increase in parking and abandoned vehicle complaints in the last week related to vehicles snowed and plowed in. Parking citations and towing will be our only option if we cannot gain some assistance from the public.

Did you know... State Statute says: "A vehicle may not be parked or left standing upon the right-of-way of a public highway for a period longer than 48 hours or upon a city street or state, county, or city property for a period longer than 5 days." Vehicles parked on the city streets for longer than 5 days will be issued a parking citation for \$25.00 and may be subject to towing resulting in additional fees to cover towing; parking citations; storage and administrative fees.

city projects

Code Corner:

Lighting for the Rest of the Year

Lights are everywhere during the Christmas season, but it is important to residents to be aware of lights during the rest of the year as well. BMC 18.42.150.D.7.b states that “all outdoor lighting fixtures shall be shielded in such a manner that no light is emitted above a horizontal plane passing through the lowest point of the light emitting element, so that direct light emitted above a horizontal plane is eliminated.” F.1.a states “In all light fixtures, the light source and associated lenses shall not protrude below the edge of the light fixture, and shall not be visible from adjacent streets or properties.”

The purpose of these lights requirements are to provide light for safety and to not intrude on others, and at the same time save energy costs, maintain the character of Bozeman, and to provide a night sky.

Questions? Contact the Planning Department for additional information.

Winter Pipes:

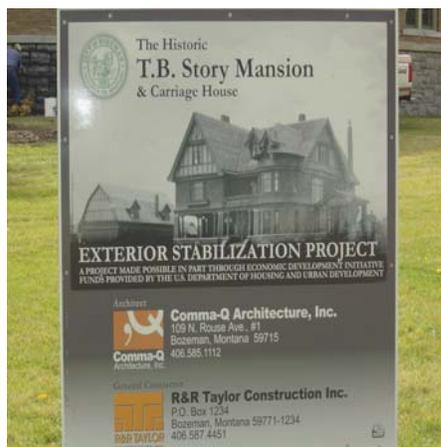
Preparing for Low Temperatures

The Water Department would like to remind people that low temperatures can cause pipes to freeze or burst. 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.

Photo Gallery:

Story Mansion Improvements



X-Mas Tree Composting:

Start the New Year off right!

In 1994, the City started the Christmas tree recycling program through the Forestry Division. At that time we drove up and down the streets and alleys and chipped the Christmas trees people had put out for collection. In 1998, curbside pick ups ended and the City set up four drop off sites where people could bring the Christmas trees. In the early years, the recycling program put 30 to 40 thousand pounds of chipped trees into the compost pile at the landfill, now that number is right around 90,000 pounds.

Once again the City of Bozeman Forestry Division will be recycling Christmas trees. When you are ready to dispose of your tree, please remove any non-organic material such as wire, string, metal, etc. (No wreaths or garlands, please.) These materials are not suitable for composting and are damaging to equipment. Drop off sites are at the following locations:

Fairgrounds Parking Lot (N. Bozeman entrance)

Christie Field (Mason Street)

Softball Complex (upper parking lot on Highland Blvd.)

West Babcock (west of Fowler Lane)

Good Neighbor Tip:

Break Out the Shovels

It is surprisingly easy to spread the holiday spirit by simply shoveling the sidewalk in front of your home. Neighbors appreciate it and the City requires it.



Residential property owners must remove and clear away any snow or ice on sidewalks that abut their property within 24 hours after it is deposited. *It is unlawful to shovel snow into the streets.* Courtesy notification is generally given to properties demonstrating non-compliance with this law, but property owners who fail to comply will be charged the cost of removal plus a \$30 civil charge (*Bozeman Municipal Code 12.24.040*).

Good Neighbor Tip 1: Win the praise and admiration of your neighbor by surprising them with cleared sidewalks.

Good Neighbor Tip 2: Help older neighbors clear their sidewalks whenever possible.

spotlight

Spotlight: Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Join a Board and Get Involved!

The members of the Bozeman Historic Preservation Advisory Board are stewards and advocates of the historic sites in Bozeman. They work together and collaborate with community partners to raise public awareness of the changes to our historic neighborhoods. The Board functions in an advisory capacity to the City of Bozeman on issues of historic preservation, but do not legislate, formally endorse, or fund building and renovation projects. In addition to preservation issues, the board assists in coordinating the annual Bozeman Historic Preservation Days events. Members comprise a diverse cross-section of the Bozeman community with backgrounds in architecture, history, archaeology, business, and teaching. The City thanks the members of this important board for their commitment and willingness to be involved.

If you are interested in Bozeman's history and would like to apply to join this board—contact Allyson Bristor at 582-2260 or email abristor@bozeman.net.

Visit their website at <http://www.preservebozeman.org> to learn more.

neighborhoods

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood *BCNA*

The Gallatin County Commission will review and consider adopting the Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Plan on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the courthouse. The plan has been adopted by the City of Bozeman, however, large areas of the plan lie within the county. Residents interested in the Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Plan should not miss this opportunity to provide input while the County Commission considers and votes on adoption. Contact KC Cassidy for more information at 586-5303.

Marwyn-Lindley Neighbors *MarLiNN*

Celebrate the Christmas holiday season with a no-host "munchies and drinks" family get-together at Lindley Center, December 18th, beginning at 1:30 P.M. followed by a presentation of "**The Grinch Who Stole Christmas**" for our families to enjoy. Formal invitations to our neighbors will be distributed soon after Thanksgiving. We have a few **new neighbors** we hope will join our celebration!

Dorothy and Duane Burkenpas have setup their near lifesize **Nativity Set** in their front yard (1108 East Babcock Street) to be shared with everyone during the Holiday Season. Family pictures taken with the **Nativity Set** are welcome.

Everyone is meeting "**A Montana Winter**" headon with practice shoveling and blowing snow from driveways, sidewalks and streets. Neighbors are working together helping the elderly with snow removal where needed, being certain they are able to make their appointments and receive their mail.

The City Street Department bladed our neighborhood, followed with a general news release to all residents, in the Daily Chronicle, about vehicles, trailers, campers, etc. being left parked on streets longer than five days before being towed. Several neighbors heeded the warning and moved their units off the street. It certainly is making it easier to travel our streets when we all work together.

The Marwyn-Lindley Neighbors wish everyone a very Merry Christmas 2005, Prosperous New Year 2006, and all New Year resolutions be successful and rewarding.

New Hyalite View Network *NHVN*

Street Representatives Needed — Get some exercise, meet your neighbors and do some good for the community. Reps for Kagy Blvd and Holly / Maple are needed. Street reps deliver the newsletter and an occasional flyer. Contact Dana @ 595-2244.

Northeast Neighborhood *NENA*

No news reported.

Southeast Neighborhood *SENA*

Luminaries Orders Teri Pilotte has "retired" from luminaries after many years of service. **Jan Schweitzer**, has taken over the project as of this year. Jan efficiently delivered the candles, bags, and buckets of sand in November. The neighborhood would look so great if all the streets were lined with luminaries on Christmas Eve. For those that will be out of town, or need help putting them out, Jan has volunteers that will place and light them. If neighbors would like to get their supplies from Jan, the cost for 50 candles, 50 white sacks and a bucket of sand is \$12.00. Contact **Jan Schweitzer**, **586-6605**, for information. *Please don't miss this chance to help our neighborhood shine!*

Forming Neighborhoods

West Bozeman Neighborhood Association (*interim name*)—Approximately 60 neighbors attended an informational meeting on November 16th to begin forming a neighborhood organization in the area. Residents within the boundaries of Durston to Babcock and Sweetgrass to Ferguson received flyers regarding the meeting. Following a brief introduction and presentation, attendees participated in a 30 minute "nuts and bolts" session resulted in the following: 1) received input regarding boundaries for the neighborhood group 2) everyone indicated their place of residence on a map, and their preferred travel routes through the area 3) By-laws/governing structure committee was formed 4) A communications committee was formed 5) INC volunteers were accepted and 6) Input regarding various issues to the neighborhood was received.

Everyone is invited to join the subcommittees they are interested in – contact the chairperson to learn more.

By-Laws Committee: Judy McHann (587-6398)

Communications Committee: Betsy Fordyce (522-7608) & Mike Cole (556-1998)

Issues Committee: Vicki Crawford (522-0492)

Boundaries Committee: Mike Cole (556-1998)

INC Representatives: Kevin Wiedenheft (586-7444), Larry Wix (587-2820), and Dawn Smith (582-8043).

Northwest Neighborhood Network—

No news reported.

@ Our Library

Things are heading skyward at the site of the new Library. Martel Construction is now installing the purlins (horizontal support beams) on the roof, framing the skylights, and putting the metal on the building. Walls are also being filled in. The new Library should be totally enclosed by spring.

A gift of \$25,000 from Bresnan Communications put the fundraising campaign over \$5 million in private donations for the new Library. The \$5 million benchmark coincides with the completion of the new Library's steel structure.

To answer any of your questions about the new Library or to see more pictures of the construction site, visit our website at www.bozemanlibrary.org

The **Montana Center for International Visitors** and the Friends of the Library will sponsor a 3rd year of the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group starting in February. Great Decisions is an international program through the Foreign Policy Association. Briefing Books 2006 are available for sale, or can be checked out at the Library prior to the monthly meetings. Please call MCIV at 994-4887 or the Library at 582-2410 for more information.

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community

Bozeman Recreation Department & Swim Center

"For all Your Fun and Fitness Needs"

Ring in the New Year with the Bozeman Recreation Department. We are offering GREAT programs and extended recreation swim hours for the whole family to enjoy!

Sunday, January 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.—Join a New Years Celebration at the Swim Center with free hot chocolate and marshmallows. Swim Center youth specials continue on January 2nd and 19th from 1:00 to 3:30p.m.

Friday, January 20th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. the entire household can swim for \$7.00 during our Waterfall Excitement swimming special.

Youth Specials—Friday afternoon play and swim specials are also available for youth K-3 beginning January 6th and running through February 17th. Pre-school Recreation programs will begin Tuesday January 10th. Youth will participate in arts and crafts, hikes, games, play on the bouncer and swim. Programs are held at the Lindley Center, 1102 East Curtiss St. Pre-register at the Swim Center.

Call the Bozeman Recreation Department and Swim Center today at 587-4724 or visit us at 1211 W. Main Street for all the January Program and Event details.

Bozeman Parks Department

Cross Country Ski Trails Trails have been groomed throughout the Lindley Park area and on the Cemetery land courtesy of Bridger Ski Foundation. The trails are open to the public, but dogs are **not** permitted. Parking for these trails is being provided at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

A **Dog Committee**, consisting of concerned citizens, staff and Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (RPAB) members, has been formed to make recommendations to the RPAB on how to help minimize the dog problems we are experiencing in Bozeman. They are expecting to hold 4 public meetings, for public input, at the Lindley Center on Jan. 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7. These meetings and dates, when finalized, will be advertised in the paper and on the radio.

Ice rinks are under construction and are expected to open by Christmas break. For information you may call 582-3200.

MSU—

Open House with the President

President and Mrs. Geoff Gamble cordially invite all MSU faculty, staff and members of the Gallatin Valley community to the annual MSU Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Rockies. For more information, call the President's Office at 994-2341.