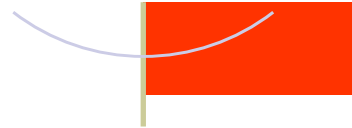




Neighborhood NEWS



December *Issue*

Bozeman 2006:

A Year in Review

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They say the only certainty in life is change. Here is a month-by-month summary of some of Bozeman's changes.

January— Mayor Krauss presented the State of the City address and noted the City Commission meetings had outgrown City Hall and would relocate to the Community Room of the Gallatin County Courthouse.

February— The City Commission votes to adopt the Bozeman Deaconess sub-area plan for 510 acres near the hospital.

March— City of Bozeman launches a new website—www.bozeman.net.

April—A record turnout participates in Bozeman Clean-Up Day and Durston Road improvements begin.

May—The first Bozeman City Commission meeting is televised on Channel 20, the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan is adopted and the 12th Annual Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards is held.

June—The Local Government Study Commission holds a Citizen Panel on Communication.

July—The Bogert pavilion fire occurs.

August—A ribbon-cutting is held for intersection improvements on North 19th Avenue, Bozeman is rated #1 Dreamtown by BizJournal, and the City Commission votes to retain Burke Park as a leash free area for dogs.

September—Bozeman welcomes back MSU students.

October— Over 2200 citizens show up to participate in the Public Library Book Brigade. North Seventh Design Plan is adopted by the City Commission.

November—Bozeman opens a new Public Library, voters pass the City Charter and opt to directly-elect the mayor, 9-1-1 Mill Levy passes, Durston Road opens up with new improvements and the City Commission votes to postpone a traffic signal at the intersection of Willson Avenue and College Street.

December—Staff begin work on an Environmental Action Plan implementing the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement.

city projects

Holiday Schedule:

Garbage Collection

City garbage collection crews will not be working on Monday, December 25th, 2006. Garbage collection will be a day late for the remainder of the week. Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, etc. Friday's commercial trash collection will run on schedule.

City of Bozeman Garbage Collection Service will run on schedule, January 2nd through January 6th, 2006. Please have your trash container set out the night before or by 6:00 A.M. on your collection day. Call 582-3200 for more information.

Christmas Tree Safety:

Be Smart This Holiday Season

The leading cause of Christmas tree fires and property damage was short circuit or ground fault. According to the National Fire Protection Association, cords and plugs were the leading type of equipment involved in the ignition of Christmas trees.

Points to Remember:

- Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.
- Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Photo Gallery:

Christmas Stroll 2006



X-Mas Tree Composting:

Start the New Year off right!

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:

BMX Park Parking Lot (access from Tamarack)

Christie Field (Mason Street)

Softball Complex (upper parking lot on Highland Blvd.)

West Babcock (west of Fowler Lane)

Happy Holidays and thank you for helping us to recycle over 90,000 pounds of Christmas trees last year!

ONLINE

This month on www.bozeman.net:

- Ice Rink Report—track the up-to-date status of ice-making at our City rinks;
- Snow & Ice Control Plan—Our street department's strategic plan to keep streets plowed and safe;
- Streamline Transit Information.

spotlight

Spotlight: Streamline Transit System

Catch the Current!

The vision for public transportation became a reality in 2006 with the introduction of the Streamline Transit System. With routes stretching from downtown Bozeman to the university and over to Belgrade, the bus line is helping citizens go places in an efficient, easy and environmentally-friendly manner.

Streamline recently published maps showing their routes and has an up-to-date website, www.streamlinebus.com, that includes schedules, maps, a history of the effort, information about their advisory board and how to contact the bus line. Routes are being established and will continually evolve to meet the needs of the community. Catch the current and get on the bus!

City-Smart Bozemanite:

Learning Made Fun

The City-Smart Bozemanite is a new series of courses, offered through Adult Community Education, designed to provide citizens with the basic information they need to become *informed* about our community and *involved* in shaping Bozeman's future.

The City will be offering a series of courses, each focusing on a different aspect of Bozeman, through the Adult Community Education program. Have you ever wondered if the City has a plan for traffic? Do you know the difference between a community park and a neighborhood park? Are you interested in learning about the history of our oldest neighborhoods or how we're planning for the future?

In part one of the series, we'll be focusing on the 2020 Community Plan, how it is shaping the future of Bozeman and what it means for each of us right now. We'll be joined by a guest speaker and apply information to our own homes and work places.

Wednesdays • January 24th—February 7th

7-9pm

Would you like more information?

☎ **582-2258** ✉ **Toulman@bozeman.net**

🌐 **www.bozeman.net**

...and watch for the Adult Community Education Flyer in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on December 31st!

neighborhoods

Bozeman Creek Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Election—Bozeman Creek is currently conducting an election to fill two vacancies on the council. The vacancies are for an at-large member and for a representative from District 4. KC Cassidy is running for the at-large seat and Kris Evans is a candidate for District 4. Write in candidates are also accepted. If you live within the boundaries and do not receive a ballot by November 29th, please call 582-2258. Ballots are due back by **Friday, December 8th** to the City of Bozeman Neighborhoods Program.

Cascade Association of Neighbors

Committee Members Needed —CAN needs neighbors to volunteer for the neighborhood's standing committees. Please call the chair of any committee you are willing to volunteer with...

Social Committee: Sharon Bitz - 587-3009

Parks Committee: James Mason—586-8248

Issues/Safety: Katherine Byrd—586-4745

Governance Committee: Judy McHaan—587-6398

Communication Committee: Larry Wix—587-2820

Marwyn-Lindley Neighborhood

Duane and Dorothy Burkenpas have setup their near life-size nativity display for all to enjoy at 1108 East Babcock Street. Family pictures are again welcome.

Florence Guest and Chuck Knighton are co-chairs for our **Neighbors Christmas Party plans, to be held December 20th at the Lindley Center**. We can expect formal invitations soon, so families can plan accordingly. This will be another exciting evening of holiday cheer, visiting with neighbors and their families.

Duane visited with **John Vandelinder, City Street Superintendent**, and has arranged to have John give him 48-hour notices prior to snow plowing our street, so neighbors can be notified to remove all vehicles from the streets. They both felt it will be a "win-win" situation. They also setup a date for the City to gather leaves. While several neighbors had already disposed of their leaves, others participated by having their leaves bagged and at the curb for pickup, followed by the sweeper picking up the stray leaves from the curbs. THANK YOU, JOHN!!

Duane visited with JoAnn Brekus, Sweet Pea Executive Director, providing her with the neighbors survey results, summary and suggestions for the improvement of neighborhood relations. She has advised our Summary Recap was reviewed at a recent Sweet Pea Executive Board meeting, finding it very helpful in planning for Sweet Pea 2007. She has offered to attend one of our meetings and continue meeting with Duane to answer any questions and/or review the results of our survey.

Duane also met with **Ron Dingman, City Recreation and Parks Director, with representatives from the Bridger Ski Foundation**, discussing terms and conditions in the User Agreement for the forthcoming ski season near Lindley Center, and issues addressed in our correspondence sent them in June. We see BSF making more snow now for upcoming events.

New Hyalite View Network

NHVN welcomes the adoption of the new city charter and will be conducting an annual meeting and adopting bylaws early in the coming year to further solidify the new relationship with the city.

Northeast Neighborhood Association

No news reported.

South Central Association of Neighbors

Steering Committee Meeting—A steering committee meeting was held on December 6th and the following term assignments resulted:

1 year: Jane Klockman, Jack Davant, Patty Simpson.

2 years: Stewart Mitchell, Diane Early, Paul Schirmer, & Joan Montagne.

The INC Representatives will be Paul Schirmer (primary), Patty Simpson (alternate), Jack Davant (alternate).

Jack Davant will chair the Steering Committee and Diane Early will be the vice chair.

Winter Festival—The Steering Committee discussed a winter festival at the Story Mansion. The idea was proposed by the Sigma Chi Fraternity and will be forwarded to the neighborhood's social committee for review.

City Charter & Neighborhoods:

Section 4.06—Neighborhood Associations

The newly-adopted City Charter requires the City Commission to establish by ordinance minimum requirements for neighborhood associations. The ordinance will include, but is not limited to:

- Clear geographic boundaries;
- Procedures for defining a resident for neighborhood association membership;
- Adherence to established bylaws that ensure democratic deliberative and voting procedures;
- Periodic meetings, including an annual meeting;
- Copy of the bylaws and all amendments filed with the City;
- Inclusion of all residents in the neighborhood associations; and
- Demonstrating that it has a means of communicating with residents in a neighborhood association.

Southeast Neighborhood Association

Eighteen years ago, Judy Wantulok was impressed with the Christmas Luminaries she saw in the newly developing Clair Daines Fieldstone addition located just south of the Westridge Subdivision.

Judy convinced the neighbors living on her one block of South Tracy to likewise decorate the boulevards and driveways in front of their homes on Christmas Eve. Her idea was so well received that the next year 122 homes in the South East Neighborhood participated in putting out luminaries.

For many years, Judy and her family took charge of the annual notifications, money collecting, purchasing and delivering the candles, bags, and sand to each household. They also set up the luminaries for those that needed help or would not be home on Christmas Eve. At first they even picked up the area on Christmas Day. In the beginning years, brown Kraft paper bags like those in some Southwest cities were used. Soon those bags were replaced here with white paper bags that created a brighter display.

Next to spearhead the annual Luminary event came Terry Pilotte, another South Tracy resident, who along with her family's hard work, continued the neighborhood tradition for many years.

Last year, Christmas 2005, Jan Schweitzer on Spring Creek Drive aptly took on the task of leadership of the South East Neighborhood Luminary project. Jan continues with enthusiasm and would like to see 100% participation this year.

The Christmas luminary consists of a white paper sack, folded down once, filled with a cup of sand at the bottom. A white votive candle is placed in the sand. The sand weighs the sack down and keeps any wind from blowing out the flame. Neighbors are asked to set up and light their luminaries on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), by 5:00 P.M. The candle will go out when it burns down to the sand. Sometimes they continue burning well into the early morning hours.

On Christmas Eve, some foot traffic (depending on the weather) but always a steady stream of cars using only their parking lights snake through the decorated SENA streets. The beautiful luminaries that light the way are a tradition to be shared with everyone in town. **Merry Christmas!**

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Bozeman Recreation Department & Swim Center

"For all Your Fun and Fitness Needs"

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

Holiday Preschool Party at the Lindley Center-Dec. 15th 10:00am – for youth ages 2-5 year (adults required to attend). Have fun making Christmas crafts while making new friends. \$4 City of Bozeman Residents/\$5 Non-City No pre-registration required, pay on site.

Bubbles and Popcorn Family Night at the Swim Center-Dec. 8th 5:00-9:00pm (swim) Popcorn & Bubbles (7-8:30pm)-The Bozeman Recreation Department believes that families that play together, stay together. Bring the whole family to the Swim Center and enjoy free popcorn snacks and a super bubbly hot tub experience. The entire family swims for \$7.00.

Winter Break Youth Specials at the Swim Center-Dec. 26th-29th 1-3:30pm-The Swim Center will offer a variety of fun activities both in and out of the water during winter break. Extended Recreation Swimming hours will take place M-F 1:00-8:00pm. Free with a Swim Center Pass or \$3 per youth/\$4 per adult

Letters and Phone Calls from Santa- Call the Swim Center at 587-4724 to leave information about your child. Santa will make his phone calls Saturday, December 16th beginning at 10:00am. Letters will be sent out December 19th. FREE.

Citizen Advisory Board Vacancies

Board of Adjustment – This new board helps oversee the planning and construction in Bozeman, help determine the look of Bozeman. There are seven vacant seats for this board.

The Design Review Board needs an Architectural Historian.

Board of Appeals - 1 vacancy

Community Alcohol Coalition - 4 vacancies

Police Commission - 1 vacancy

Recreation and Park Advisory Board - 1 vacancy

To learn more about these boards and to obtain an application, visit the Citizen Advisory Board quick link on the lower right side of the homepage or call the City Clerk's Office at 582-2320.