

Downtown Bozeman Partnership



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ArtWalks Kick-Off Summer Events

By: Ellie Staley

It's time to kick-off the summer events in Downtown Bozeman! ArtWalks 2007 start on Friday, June 8th from 6-8pm. Stop by over 20 businesses in downtown and at the Emerson Center for Culture and Arts to admire an array of artwork while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine and mingling with the artists themselves. We are also



featuring live jazz music on the southeast corner of Main Street and Bozeman Avenue in front of First Security.

Downtown Bozeman Artwalks are on the 2nd Friday of every month June through September. This year's dates are: June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, and September 14th. Our sponsors for this year are: First Security Bank, KBOZ

Radio, Insty Prints, and Outside Bozeman.

For more information about the Artwalks call 586-4008 or visit www.historicbozeman.com. You can also stop by any of the businesses listed on the map to get additional information about the ArtWalks. This event is FREE to the public and will go on rain or shine. Come see what Downtown Bozeman ArtWalks are all about!

Open Container Education

By: Ellie Staley

Throughout the year there are events that the City of Bozeman allows an Open Container Waiver Permit within city limits. These events are: The Christmas Stroll, The Bite of Bozeman and Music on Main. Most people who come to these events know that alcoholic drinks are allowed to be carried around legally but what many event goers do not know is that the permit has boundaries and time constraints. The Downtown Bozeman Partnership as well as the City Alcohol Coalition Board have decided that it is crucial to make sure the public is aware of these parameters during the events.

For Music on Main a permit is acquired by filling out the proper paperwork with the City as well as submitting a map of the open container waiver area and proof of liability insurance. The waiver is in effect from 6-9pm and after that time period anyone caught with a alcoholic beverage in their hand is subject to a \$100 open container fine. The area within downtown that the waiver includes is the event area along Bozeman Avenue from Babcock to Mendenhall. It also includes the area

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along Main Street from Rouse to Black. Keep in mind that outside these areas you are also subject to a \$100 fine.

We will also be getting the word out about the open container event permit by handing out flyers to the downtown bars and businesses, printing cups with the waiver information to be used during the event, stuffing PO Boxes on MSU's campus, sending out emails to MSU students and faculty, sending out emails to the downtown alert list and will send out press releases. Hopefully we can educate the public enough to avoid unnecessary open container violations.



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Events Calendar

Downtown Art Walks

Every 2nd Friday June-Sept. from
6-8pm!

(June 8th, July 13th,
Aug. 10th, Sept. 14th)

Downtown Dash

Saturday, June 9th at 8am
visit www.villagedowntown.com

Cody Dieruf Parade

Saturday, June 16th at 11:30am
visit www.breathinisbelievin.com

Music on Main

Every Thursday Night in July and
August from 6:30-8:30pm
(July 5th, 12th, 19th,
26th, and Aug. 2nd, 9th,
16th, 23rd, 30th?)

Summer Crazy Days

Fri., July 20th and Sat. July 21st from
9am-5pm

Sweet Pea Festival

Bite of Bozeman - Wed., Aug. 1st
Friday, Aug. 3rd - Sunday, Aug. 5th
visit www.sweetpeafestival.org

Cruisin' on Main Car Show

Sunday, Aug. 19th 9am-3pm

For more information,
please visit our website at
www.historicbozeman.com

Downtown Parking Enforcement

By: LT McLane

The Bozeman Police Department downtown parking officer, Bob Coffin, has been working full-time since February, after about a 9-month absence of consistent parking enforcement. Because of his efficiency and tenacity, he has been able to cover all of downtown for 3 to 4 times each day.

Officer Coffin has issued many tickets to vehicles in violation of the timed parking ordinance that involves the "rolling rule". In 2003, the parking ordinance was changed to prohibit someone from simply moving their vehicle from one parking space to another along a particular street or "block face". The ordinance [10.32.250 Parking- Maximum Time Designated Section B] reads, "A vehicle may not return to a parking space in the same block face or within 500 feet of where previously parked on the same block face for a three hour period."

The intent of timed parking is to allow a reasonable amount of time for downtown customers and visitors to park for free while shopping, dining or meeting. The change to the ordinance in 2003 was also intended to prevent business employees from moving their vehicle every 2 hours to another parking spot in the same area so as to park for free all day. In essence, the rolling rule is enforced to prevent employee abuse of downtown's free parking,

therefore making more parking available for customers in close proximity to their destination.

Recent parking enforcement efforts have included a number of warning tickets about this rule and now a number of parking citations. If a person parks their car, leaves after an hour, returns 2 hours later and parks in the same block face for another hour; they are in violation of this parking ordinance. We ask your assistance as business owners to encourage your employees to park in either designated parking spots for your business or in non-timed parking locations on adjoining streets.

There have also been several instances where non-handicapped persons have used handicapped parking spots as loading zones. Such use of a designated handicapped parking space is in violation of both city ordinance and state statute. In



The 2-hour parking signs located in the downtown area

several cases, our downtown parking officer has assisted elderly patrons acquire a handicapped placard to service their long-term parking needs.

If you have any comments or complaints concerning the parking enforcement downtown, please contact LT Rich McLane of the Bozeman Police Department at rmclane@bozeman.net or 582-2013.

Main Street Overlay Project

By: Chris Naumann

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) Main Street Overlay project began at the intersection of Grand and Main on Monday, May 21st. Subsequently, work has continued east ultimately concluding with some improvements at the Broadway intersection later this summer. Many of this summer's improvements will compliment the historic street lights, benches and trash receptacles installed during the streetscape project completed back in 2001-2002.

In addition to a complete asphalt overlay, the MDOT is investing millions of dollars to enhance downtown. The primary features of the project include new ADA-compliant pedestrian handicap ramps and new black powder-coated traffic signals complete with pedestrian countdown timers. The traffic signal poles will be upgraded by the downtown Tax Increment Fund to include historic fluted bases and light fixtures. Another enhancement includes the installation of concrete crosswalks colored and stamped to resemble brick.

These pedestrian amenities will make businesses more accessible in addition to the crosswalks will be much safer, especially for elderly pedestrians, those with disabilities, and families traveling with young children. The new traffic signals will incorporate the necessary technology to

synchronize the lights resulting in greater traffic flow and efficiency.

Traffic has been condensed to one lane traveling in each direction for the duration of the project. Curbside parking along Main Street and each side street remains accessible along the construction route. All downtown businesses are, and will continue to remain, fully accessible to pedestrians. Because the bulk of the initial work will be concentrated at intersections, cross streets at construction points will be closed to traffic and mid-block cross walks will be established to help provide the greatest pedestrian access possible.

Construction will take a hiatus during important Bozeman downtown events like the Sweet Pea Festival and Bite of Bozeman. While the bulk of the project will take place downtown, there will be some related work done on Main Street intersections near Bozeman high school and the Main Street intersections at Highland and

Haggerty.

The Downtown Partnership office is working very closely with Jackie Flikkema, JTL project manager, to ensure that pedestrian access, vehicular traffic, and parking availability are maximized to the extent possible. In order to keep everyone informed of the project's progress and to discuss any problems that may arise, weekly public meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Bridger Room at the City Center Best Western at 507 W. Main in Bozeman. These meetings are open to the public.

After each meeting, a summary of the meeting will be e-mailed to everyone on the Partnership's "Downtown Alert" distribution list. If you have not received any e-mails to date about the overlay project and would like to be added to the list please send your request to chris@historicbozeman.com.

All parties involved acknowledge that the construction project will place a burden on downtown business as well as inconveniencing everyone visiting downtown to work, shop, dine and live. The

Downtown Partnership, JTL Group, and MDOT would like to thank you for your understanding, patience and continuing support of Downtown Bozeman.



Map indicating construction areas affected during summer 2007



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A New Reference for Visitors



Debbie Feigle, the owner of Discovery Map Bozeman, and the Chamber's Green Coats help to welcome Discovery Map

A Ribbon Cutting for the new Discovery Map of Bozeman and Big Sky was held on Tuesday, May 29th. The map is a beautiful pictorial map of the area and is an invaluable resource to visitors in the area. It will be distributed all over Bozeman and Big Sky for easy availability and will also be located at the Downtown Visitor's Center located at 224 East Main St.

The Downtown Bozeman Partnership worked closely with Debbie Feigle, the owner of the Bozeman franchise, to create the downtown area as a large focus of the map. With a large donation from Discovery Map, we were able to get over 110 downtown business names and locations indicated on the map and listed in a downtown ad on the back for a very little expense to participating businesses. Thank you to all of the businesses for pitching in and to Discovery Map for bringing a great reference to Bozeman!