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Downtown Missoula Earns Prestigious Great Neighborhood Award

Since 2007, the American Planning Association (APA) has recognized great places in America through an annual awards program that showcases and promotes Great Neighborhoods, Great Streets, and Great Public Spaces. APA recognizes outstanding people, planning, work and places by assessing characteristics and guidelines, geography, population, demographics and setting. The award winners will be announced the first week of October, which is National Community Planning Month.



American Planning Association
Making Great Communities Happen

Downtown Missoula is the recipient of the APA Great Neighborhood Award, which will be presented at the Missoula Downtown Foundation's annual reception on October 6 for those who support Downtown Missoula.

Characteristics of a Great Neighborhood include: a variety of attributes that contribute to a resident's day-to-day living, accommodates multi-modal transportation, had visually interesting design and architectural features, encourages human contact and social activities, promotes community involvement and maintains a secure environment, promotes sustainability and response to climatic demands, and has a memorable character. Assessment is structured around neighborhood form and composition, character and personality, and environment and sustainable practices.

Only two other Montana communities have been recognized by the APA. Bozeman's Main Street won a Great Streets Award in 2012. Broadway Avenue in Red Lodge was a Great Streets Award Winner in 2010. Sherman Avenue in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho won the 2016 Great Streets Award.

Downtown Missoula is truly a special place and it is a true honor to earn national recognition from the American Planning Association. For more information on this award, visit www.planning.org/greatplaces or email greatplaces@planning.org. For the local perspective, contact Planning Services Manager Laval Means at 552-6628.



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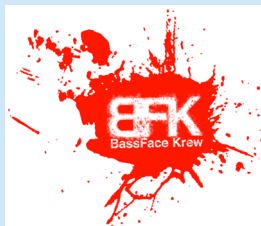
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This Month in Caras Park



Pray For Snow
Friday, October 6
5:30-10:30pm



Disco Bloodbath
Saturday, October 28
5-10pm

Welcome New Members!

Big Sky ATA Black Belt Academy
Tim & Whitney Bramblett
1555 Liberty Ln Ste A
(406) 549-8206
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Things to Know About the Upcoming Elections:

- The City's upcoming non-partisan elections will be conducted by mail ballot.
- Ballots will be mailed to qualified electors 20 days prior to Election Day.
- Ballots must be received by the Missoula County Elections Office by November 7, 2017 at 8 p.m, Election Day.

Missoula Will Honor Life & Death on November 2

Downtown Missoula will come alive with all things dead on Thursday, November 2, when the Festival of the Dead procession streams, leaps, limps, dances, lunges, and flies down Higgins Avenue to Caras Park. The Missoula Festival of the Dead, a program of the Zootown Arts Community Center (ZACC), is "an all-inclusive, annual multicultural event that honors life and death through community involvement in the arts." Inspired by the common experience of death, and community need for expressive arts surrounding mortality, the Festival includes a month of free arts workshops, events, and performances starting October 1, culminating in the Downtown procession on November 2. The overarching theme for the 25th anniversary is "Inheritance: Gifts from the Dead" to reflect the importance of those who have gone before us in shaping our lives.

The Festival partners with numerous organizations to offer events designed to engage the community more deeply in the final procession, as well as open new doorways for catharsis and communal healing. The procession provides a public forum for anyone to display their artwork, as well as honor friends or loved ones (even the furry kind) that have passed on. Thousands of spectators and participants gather Downtown, patronizing local businesses as they go, regardless of what the weather dishes up.

The Festival of the Dead is entirely community driven. They rely on your support, love, and commitment to the event to make it happen. They invite you to show your support with a financial sponsorship of the festival. Information on donations and schedule of events can be found at info at zootown-arts.org/fotd and check our facebook page, facebook.com/Missoula.Festival.

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FRIENDS OF DOWNTOWN CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF OCT 6

The Missoula Downtown Foundation (MDF) will host its third annual Great Places, People & Pianos Reception on Friday, Oct. 6 from 4:30-6 pm at the Missoula Art Park. The reception will kick off the annual Friends of Downtown Campaign.

The Missoula Downtown Foundation was created in 2010 to generate funds for implementation of the Downtown Master Plan and to fund

Downtown improvements.

The MDF is a 501c3 organization, and all contributions are tax deductible. Donations can be general in nature or directed towards a specific project. For more information on the Missoula Downtown Foundation and its upcoming activities, contact Karen Snow, Director of Giving, via email (karen@missouladowntown.com) or phone (406-543-4238).

Fruits and Veggies and Coffee, Oh My!

October is the Final Month of the Saturday Markets in Downtown Missoula

Don't miss the final weekends of the Saturday Markets in Downtown Missoula. Running through the month of October, the markets can provide you with local produce and holiday gift items. Head Downtown Saturdays from 8am-1pm!



New Member Spotlight Dog & Bicycle

At Dog & Bicycle they operate on the notion that you can take coffee seriously without taking yourself too seriously. They are inspired by the Portland Coffee scene with cafés expressing the height of hip from every corner. However, they have chosen a more whimsical take on post-industrial hip. Quality coffee and great food remains the basis, no matter what the aesthetic.

The owners of Dog & Bicycle have a deep history in the Missoula coffee culture. Malcolm Lowe is owner of The Loose Caboose, and Megan O'Dell worked there for eight years before partnering in the new venture. The Dog & Bicycle is now the home bakery which supplies The Loose Caboose drive-up kiosks.

Lowe has been keeping his eye on The Sawmill District for many years, believing its location at the core of Missoula gives it huge potential. When Ed and Leslie Weatherbee approached Lowe and O'Dell, there was an immediate affinity, and a shared belief that a careful design of a project this big could result in a vibrant social environment that would be a huge asset to Missoula. Being the first commercial entity at the heart of this growing community has meant that Dog & Bicycle is the natural social hub. As a result, the café enjoys shaping the social aesthetic of this budding neighborhood.

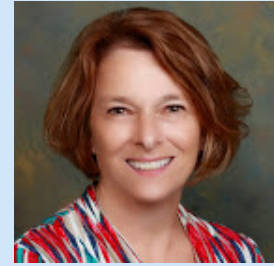
It was this visualization that led to the naming of the café. In looking to the history of this area, they found a fairly dark *(continues right)*



industrial heritage that left the site in need of the extensive remediation it had to undergo. After looking at many names tied to the history, Lowe and O'Dell looked to the future and what Missoulians love the most; Dogs and Bicycles immediately rose to the top. That coupled with Lowe's English upbringing, they moved toward the neighborhood Pub feel. When Mike Morawski of Honeyocker design came up with the logo, they fell in love with the little dog so cheerfully trying to pedal his ridiculously large bike. It was exactly the kind of smile they wanted people to have when they entered the space. With O'Dell's expertise on Pinterest and Lowe's love of tinkering, they set to making as many features as they could out of bicycle parts. The chandelier has a bike wheel as its foundation, sprockets hang stacked above the bar as pendant lights. Pictures of dogs wag from the walls, and hats and cups make up the lighting in the dining area.

In joining the MDA, Lowe hopes to expand the notion of Downtown in people's minds. Open less than a year, they will soon be participating in First Friday and similar Downtown events. As they grow with the area, they hope to expand their menu and hours. ■

Pam Udall Hired as Downtown Missoula Partnership's New Business Development Director



With an unprecedented level of investment taking place in Downtown Missoula, the Downtown Missoula Partnership (DMP) has hired Pam Udall to serve as the first full-time Business Development Director. Originally from Ronan, Mont., Udall earned a B.A. in Communications from the University of Montana, and then embarked upon a 25-year career in communications and program start-ups in Montana, Texas and Nevada.

She returns home to Missoula from UNLV, where she helped launch the university's first School of Medicine. Prior to that Udall served for 10 years as the media and PR director for the Texas Medical Association. She also served on the team that started the Texas Lottery in the 1990s.

Udall will be responsible for tracking investment and business activity in Downtown Missoula, formalizing business recruitment strategies, strengthening connections with Missoula's economic development partners, deploying economic impact and community opinion analyses, and managing the Downtown business and property inventories.

Udall will provide business recruitment and retention services, work with developer and property owners to fill vacant spaces, target locally-owned and regional retail and food & beverage businesses, as well as technology start-ups and office tenants for all the new development taking place.

For more information on business development or to meet up with the DMP's newest employee, visit the office at 218 East Main, or call 406-543-4238.

MAMMA MIA!

Mamma Mia! will take place at the MCT Center for the Performing Arts, Oct. 26-Nov. 5.

Tickets are available at MCTinc.org; by calling 406-728- 7529 or at the MCT Box Office open Mon.-Fri. between 9AM and 5PM.

Don't miss this incredibly fun production!

Save the Date!

The MDA is ready to put you in the holiday spirit! Join us the first weekend in December for beloved community events that are sure to get your bells jingling.



November 30 - December 3

Skyview Suite,
First Interstate Bank



December 2

Pictures with Santa

Florence Building
1-4:30pm

Parade & Tree Lighting

Higgins Ave Bridge to the
XXXXs
6pm

***Children activities
throughout the day @
various Downtown
locations*

Shout Outs

Join **Community Medical Center on October 7** as they celebrate women in Missoula, and throughout Western Montana, at the Missoula All Women's Diva Day 5K Run/Walk event! Be part of an event that promotes empowering women of all ages and abilities. Western Montana's Divas are Resilient, Influential, Fierce, Confident, Powerful, Determined, Strong, and Driven. Join a community of mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, friends and family and make the most of this awesome morning filled with physical activity, camaraderie and laughter. Event starts at 9:30.

Come celebrate life and working through death with self-expression with the **Annual Festival of the Dead Group Art Show**. Only through art can one truly appreciate the absence of life. This year dozens of Montana artists interpreted the theme "Inheritance: Gifts from the Dead". See these artworks at the grand opening **October 13, from 5:30-8:30pm at the Zootown Arts Community Center**. At this time there will be free silk-screening. Bring a t-shirt and it will be adorned with a Festival of the Dead design. If you are unable to attend the show, the artwork will be on display in the Main Gallery for the month of **October during our open hours, 11am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday**.

What is the most popular football gathering meal? You betcha - it's chili! Come join **The Missoula Food Bank for this FREE cooking class on Tuesday, October 17 from 5:00-6:30pm** in the new Bill & Rosemary Gallagher Learning Kitchen at Missoula Food Bank's new home! James & Judith Berthoud will kick off this class with the best chili to share at all of your football viewing events. It will be a touch down of a day! Call or email Jamie to register! jamie@missoulafoodbank.org /406.549.0543 ext. 213.