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**APRIL SOMMERS NEW MEMBERSHIP & EVENTS DIRECTOR
FOR DOWNTOWN MISSOULA PARTNERSHIP**

With a significant amount of non-profit and event planning experience, April Sommers is the new Membership & Events Director for the Downtown Missoula Partnership.

She will be responsible for the Out to Lunch Summer Series, portions of River City Roots Festival, the Festival of Trees and all membership events. She is also responsible for membership recruitment, retention, outreach and benefits for members of the Missoula Downtown Association.

Sommers comes to the DMP from the Hamilton School District, where she served as a theater arts teacher and manager of the Hamilton Performance Arts Center in 2014. Prior to that, she served the Daly Mansion Preservation Trust, as its Events Coordinator from 2007-2010 and later as the Executive Director from 2010-2014. She also served as the Executive Director of the Hamilton Players from 2001-2007.

"I am excited to return to the non-profit world and to join an organization that has done incredible work for Downtown Missoula," said Sommers. "I am looking forward to connecting with Missoula community members and business owners and to help elevate the benefits of membership and programming.

Sommers replaces Leidy Wagener, who recently accepted a position as the Development Director for United Way of Missoula County.

Sommers will hit the ground running, as the 32nd season of Out to Lunch commences this Wednesday, June 7, promptly at 11 am. Entertainment will be provided by *You Knew Me When*.

Sommers can be reached via phone at 543-4238 or email at april@missouladowntown.com.

The Downtown Missoula Partnership leads and nurtures a vibrant Downtown Missoula as a place where people are inspired to live, work, shop, and play. The partnership is comprised of the Missoula Downtown Association, the Downtown Business Improvement District, and the Missoula Downtown Foundation.