NMCDC Thumbnail History
-Bob Oaks

At first blush it might seem odd that a chain link fence could begin a neighborhood association, or a neighborhood-based nonprofit, or a neighborhood plan, but a thumbnail history of the NMCDC might lead one to suspect that was so. The Northside Neighborhood Association started meeting some 20 years ago, and like most associations of its kind, the NNA came together around a hot button issue. In its case, it was the decreased availability of pedestrian access to the neighborhood after the railroad constructed a ten-block fence on the south side of the tracks in 1989. The colored insert in this newsletter is a copy of the first, John Williams designed, NNA neighborhood newsletter and gives a good sense of where that fence construction had led by 1992.

At the time, Kathi Olson and Mary Barton came up with some sporty yellow, red and black lapel buttons that read “Free The Northside 2000” and neighbors joked that they hoped people would understand that the “2000” in question referred to the two-thousand or so people who lived and worked in the neighborhood and not a desire to get better access in the Year 2000. Be that as it may, it wasn’t until 1999 that the Northside pedestrian overpass finally got built. The neighborhood’s original proposal for a crossing solution was based on a desire to return two former grade level crossings of the tracks -- solely for pedestrians and bicyclists – one at Woody St. and one at Owen St. Those had been the historic crossings going back to horse and buggy days (during the heyday of railroading, it might be added). For political and liability reasons, that first neighborhood vision, portrayed in the sketch by Kathi Olson on page 8, was never realized.

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BURNS STREET COMMONS
1-BEDROOM AND 2-BEDROOM HOMES STILL AVAILABLE!
--Jerry Petasek

We still have a 1-bedroom and a 2-bedroom home available at Burns Street Commons! These energy efficient homes are located on the corner of Burns and Cooley on Missoula’s Upper Westside. These homes are also located next to the newly remodeled and open-for-business Missoula Community Food Co-op, a worker owned, worker run whole foods market specializing in local producers.

The 1-bedroom home is 650 square feet. It is a ground floor home with a 40 square foot storage space and 1 off-street parking spot.
COST: $98,500 after HRDC down payment assistance.

The 2-bedroom home is 985 square feet. It is a two-story home with a 40 square foot storage space and 1 off-street parking spot.
COST: $104,000 after HRDC down payment assistance.

The interior finishes of both homes include Marmoleum resilient flooring, FLOR carpet tiles and vibrant modern colors. All homes include refrigerator, stove and dishwasher.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A BURNS STREET COMMONS HOME

You need to ask yourself one important question to see if you qualify to purchase a home at Burns Street Commons. Do I make less than 80 percent of the area median income? Homes at Burns Street Commons are targeted to folks who earn less than 80 percent of the area median income; see chart below.

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If you make less than the amounts shown in the chart above and are still interested in learning more about Burns Street Commons and are looking for more detailed information about the homes visit www.nmcdc.org to take a virtual tour or call Jerry at 829-8414 to schedule a real tour.

DON'T QUALIFY? CALL ABOUT OUR MARKET RATE BSC HOMES WITH NO INCOME RESTRICTIONS!

Need a bike? Got a bike but it's broken? Low on funds?

If you’re a do-it-yourselfer kind of person, Free Cycles Missoula may be of service to you. Free Cycles offers several options for keeping you rolling on two wheels. Fix up your bike with our volunteer help, build a free bike from our stock of donations, take a safety and maintenance class, or come down and help others! For up to date hours, location and programs, call up the bicycle hotline at 541-PATH (7284), or check the web at www.freecycles.
Nearly 1 in 7 Montanans receive monthly food benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps). The program helps Montanans with limited income afford healthy food, while also supporting local grocers, farmers, and businesses. Participants receive their benefits on a convenient and easy to use debit card that can be used to purchase food at the local grocery store. In Montana, SNAP participants receive an average of $130 per person every month, allowing them to focus on other expenses like housing, transportation, medical costs, and child care. Visit Montana Connections at www.app.mt.gov/mtc to find out if you may be eligible for SNAP!

NEW: Apply for SNAP Online
You now have the option to apply for SNAP, Medicaid, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and Healthy Montana Kids online through Montana Connections. Just visit www.app.mt.gov/mtc.
• Not sure if you want to apply? Use the fast and confidential pre-screening tool to find out which programs you may be eligible for!

If you prefer to use a paper application, you can pick one up at any Office of Public Assistance or request one by mail.

Call the Montana Food Bank Network at 1-800-809-4752 to find your nearest Office of Public Assistance, request an application or for application assistance by phone. Additional information (including current income guidelines) is available from the Montana Food Bank Network’s Get Help site: www.mfbn.org/GETHELP.

MUD Workshops have provided Missoulians hands-on experience with self-reliance since 1984. Today, workshops still teach topics that enable you to live lighter on the land and lighter on your budget. MUD’s intent is to provide hands-on experience learning how to do most things folks can do for themselves. These workshops are for YOU, so feel free to contact MUD with suggestions for future workshop topics or instructors.
If you have questions regarding the workshops please email MUD at info@mudproject.org or call MUD at (406)721-7513 and check out all our action including the Tool Library at http://www.mudproject.org/profile/MUDProject.

Save the Dates!!!

Basic Composting ~ Jun 25
Cooking Fresh from the Garden ~ Jun 29
Plan Your Local Diet ~ Jul 9
Native Plant Workshop ~ Jul 13
Beekeeping ~ Jul 23
Water Bath Canning ~ Jul 27
Pressure Canning ~ Jul 30
Seed Saving ~ Aug 3
Cheese-Making ~ Sep 10
Lavender & Herbs ~ Sep 21
DIY Weatherization ~ Oct 15
Grey Water Use ~ Oct 26
Cooking Class for Kids ~ Oct 30
Car Care for Girls ~ Nov 5
Beer-brewing ~ Nov 19
Sewing for Guys ~ Nov 30
Blacksmithing ~ Dec 30
$2 Soup ~ Dec 10
Missoula Outdoor Cinema 2011
Come Help Us Celebrate The 10th Season!

Saturday July 2
Fantastic Mr. Fox | 2009-PG (87 minutes)
Sunset: 9:33 p.m.

Saturday July 9
Stop Making Sense (Talking Heads documentary) | 1984-Not Rated (88 minutes)
Sunset: 9:29 p.m.

Saturday July 16
Raising Arizona | 1987-Rated PG-13 (94 minutes)
Sunset: 9:24 p.m.

Saturday July 23
Dr. Strangelove | 1984-Rated PG (94 minutes)
Sunset: 9:17 p.m.

Saturday July 30
The Burbs | 1989-Rated PG (101 minutes)
Sunset: 9:08 p.m.

Saturday August 6
The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy | 2005-Rated PG (119 minutes)
Sunset: 8:57 p.m.

Saturday August 13
Twilight | 2008-Rated PG (122 minutes)
Sunset: 8:46 p.m.

Saturday August 20
The Sandlot | 1993-Rated PG (123 minutes)
Sunset: 8:34 p.m.

Saturday August 27
Breakfast at Tiffany’s | 1961-Not Rated (115 minutes)
Sunset: 8:24 p.m.

Saturday September 3
The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* | 1962-Not Rated (123 minutes)
Sunset 8:16

*Based on a short story of the same name written by former University of Montana creative writing professor, Dorothy M. Johnson.

Missoula Outdoor Cinema is located at 1001 Worden Street on the Northside. The movies are projected on the north-side wall of old Whittier School (now Head Start). Movies start at Sunset (see times above). Admission is a $5 per person suggested donation -- but please come and offer what you can. We want everyone to enjoy the summer season! Feel free to come early and have a cookout. The NMCDC will have water, soda, juice, candy and popcorn for sale at ridiculously reasonable prices. See you there!
Squash pickles...plum juice...apple cider...red potatoes...what do these things have in common? You’ll find ’em all in the Moon-Randolph Homestead’s newly restored root cellar -- another giant leap in a return to homestead self-sufficiency, and a welcome and highly educational lesson in storing foods the old-fashioned way. With $29,000 awarded by the Montana Department of Commerce’s 2010 Historic Preservation Fund and an enthusiastic construction crew under contractor Jason Lonski, we now have an 11’x40’ underground larder that stays close-to-refrigerator-cool year round. The restored cellar’s entrance is lined with rock retaining walls (photo this page) built by Missoula stone mason, David Claman with the assistance of a Missoula County History grant. Now there’s room for more food than we could possibly grow in the homestead garden or pick from the orchard...although filling the whole thing with homestead cider does seem like a pretty respectable goal.

The story of the renovation starts with the demise of the original root cellar, which was built in the late 19th century with considerable skill, but, as with so many other things on the homestead, slightly irregular materials that ultimately gave way after a century or so of faithful service. Finally, in fact, it took only the weight of a small dog scampering over the cellar on the outside to punch a small hole through the roof from the outside. Before you ask, the dog was fine. But the root cellar was not: the elements quickly gained a foothold and eventually most of the northern vault collapsed, timbers rotted to punk.

The first step in the renovation, in late spring 2010, was to scrape away the rest of the cellar’s earthen cover, some three feet thick, to get at the rotten timbers. We also had to excavate the collapsed part, shoveling it into a wheelbarrow one shovelful at a time and wheeling each load out the door and up a little knoll to dump it with the rest of the dirt. While we were hauling out the dirt and rotten wood (plus pieces of broken jars and full ones containing mysterious ancient foodstuffs, all entombed by the collapse), we peeled the bark off poles of thin pine to make "purlins" for the interior ceiling. The weather was wet and miserable and made everything mucky and much heavier to shovel and push around in wheelbarrows, but after a few weeks the thick log supports and cross-beams were in place and covered by a rubberized membrane (the homesteaders used salvaged tin sheeting) and the dirt covering pushed back over the whole thing. By September the new shelves were starting to fill up with all kinds of homestead goodness, and we proudly showed the results off to everyone at the Fall Gathering...the same event where we installed and dedicated our National Register of Historic Places plaque! A big day for the Moon-Randolph Homestead!

Where Americans now celebrate Groundhog Day by divining the weather with a rodent's shadow, our English farming ancestors more sensibly observed Candlemas on the same date, the halfway point of winter, by taking inventory of their stores and reckoning how to make them last the rest of the winter and spring. That is what I did on February 2, and I poured a little cider on the ground in gratitude for having a place to keep it.

More recently, I was invited by Missoula’s Historic Preservation Commission to a reception at the Florence Hotel to accept an award on behalf of the NMCDC and everyone who helped out with the restoration. During the accompanying slide-show, I was able to explain different aspects and details of the project with photos for reference and share a couple anecdotes from a fun, exciting chapter in homestead evolution. The photograph on the award shows full canning jars lining the thick plank shelves we installed right at the end. The pickled squash looks marvelous, and for some reason the cider is just outside the frame.

2011 marks the Homestead’s 117th birthday and the 11th year of the NMCDC’s management of this city-owned property. The Homestead was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010.

The Homestead is open to the public every Saturday through the end of October from 11 – 5. Call 829-0873 for directions or to ask about special visits.
Hey Northside! Thanks to your support and hospitality, the ZACC is turning three this year! What started as just a concept among a loosely organized group of artists and friends, has blossomed into a thriving non profit arts community center for all of Missoula to enjoy. The ZACC is here to keep you artsy, and is having fun doing it! We want you to get messy with your art, whether it's as simple as painting your own set of holiday dishware or running a four color, 10 edition print, we're here to help you realize your creative potential.

The ZACC provides arts education for ages 6 – 106 in our many different programs. On weekdays, kids come over and learn about different art techniques while also developing life skills such as empathy, collaboration, and coping. For the big kid in us, the ZACC invites different local artists to come in and share their passion with the community in artist led adult education classes. Some classes are held once or twice per year, while others are monthly like glass fusing (jewelry art), silkscreening, and relief printmaking. Watch our website or sign up for our newsletter to stay on top of all the classes at the ZACC.

If classes aren't your thing and you just need a greeting card or a gift, consider stopping by the ZACC's shop where you will always find something unique. You're helping to support the local economy, too!

Looking for an artist to work on a project for you? Use gigs.zootownarts.org!

Need some more space to work on your art? We offer affordable art studios that with 24/7 access that you can use to get serious (or silly) about your art. Open it up for 2nd Fridays and you've got your own monthly show!

Are you “into” art but don't know what to do next? Come by anytime Monday through Saturday, 12-6pm and paint your own pottery. You can do it in five steps or less! Sign up for our newsletter at zootownarts.org, or stop by and say hi! You don't even need a reason to hang out!

Thanks, Northside! We're looking forward to many more years on 1st street!

Lowell Elementary’s 2010-2011 school year was filled with new teachers, new events, and the retirement of longtime 1st grade teacher Kay Keeley. It was a successful year with the help of Lowell PTA, Principal Brian Besette, Garden City Harvest, parents, grandparents, teachers, students, support staff, and many other volunteers.

Teachers new to Lowell this year are; Miss Ford-3rd grade, Miss Lynn-1st grade, and Mr.Beaudin-5th grade. Our new lunch aide, Mrs. Oriet, works in the Bobcat Café encouraging good behavior and manners in addition to her other Para-Educator duties. We also have many other new fantastic Para-Educators and support staff.

This year in the garden, new speakers taught us about beetles, bees, red wiggler worms, and, of course, planting vegetables and flowers. MUD brought chickens and new crazy creek chairs make more seats for bigger classes and guests. Kate Beals also came and read Native American stories about traditional planting methods.

The teachers appreciate many new learning tools. Mrs. Owens likes that we have
Flagship Program Offers Free After-school and Summer Programming
-- Rosie Buzzas

The Missoula Flagship Program provides skill-building opportunities for young people, ages K-12 in partnership with 11 MCPS schools. This type of resource is especially important to families during these tough economic times.

Flagship also runs a five-week summer program from June 27 through the end of July. The summer program is based at the school, eliminating the need for transportation. Lots of out-door and fun educational opportunities are being planned. Enroll early as space is limited.
*Please note that Franklin Elementary is the only program that will begin summer programs on June 20th.

To find out more about Flagship and the programs that are offered at your child’s school, check out our web-site at www.flagshipprogram.org or contact the Flagship coordinator at your child’s school. Like Flagship on Facebook to keep up on Flagship news.

In its 15th year of operation, Flagship partners with the school district, University of Montana and dozens of other youth agencies in the community to bring a wide array of quality educational, social and developmental activities that are available at the school site to students enrolled in those schools.

Flagship school sites include; Hellgate, Big Sky, Willard, Sentinel and Seeley-Swan high schools; Porter, Meadow Hill and Washington middle schools and Hawthorne, Franklin and Lowell elementary schools. Last year, a total of 7,891 youth participated in Flagship and over 850 volunteers donated over 13,000 hours of their time helping with activities.

The spirit of cooperation and collaboration has always been a central part of Flagship’s philosophy. Studies have shown that kids who participate in Flagship tend to do better in school and avoid risk behaviors that can limit their success as they proceed from childhood, through adolescence to adulthood.

There is always an extra need for volunteers during the summer session, as not as many university volunteers are available. If you can volunteer for a part of the day or help organize an activity, please contact Nicole at 532-9865 or the coordinator at your child’s school.

School News Continued

ipods in some of the classrooms. Mrs. Addis and Mrs. Notti like Bobcat Bucks, which is a form of money earned by students for following the four B’s: be safe, be kind, be respectful, and be responsible. With Bobcat Bucks, a student can buy things like, her name on the marquee, use of the teacher’s chair for a day, extra recess, or a popcorn party for the class.

Allison McNight, our PTA president loves the Bobcat cheer and the new reading program. The new reading program encourages students to read and earn “travel” rewards landing them in another country as they read.

Mrs. Philip added 408 new books to the Lowell Library bookshelves: 67 of these were donated. Sally gave out over 7400 “woohoos,” so far this year (rewards for good manners in the lunch room). She says this is the best year, yet. The PTA also had a successful year of fundraising with the success of the Hip Holiday Market, the fall bulb sale, the annual garden party and other added grants.

Finally, the year ends and we say goodbye to a wonderful teacher, Kay Keeley. After 38 years of teaching many children at Lowell, Kay Keeley will look forward to new adventures in retirement.
“Give Us a Crossing”

Following a 1992 City Council public hearing of the neighborhood’s proposed crossing ordinance, drafted by Councilperson Will Wood and introduced by Councilperson Kelly Rosenleaf, neighborhood, City, and MRL representatives began a series of negotiation meetings facilitated by Judy Smith. Mary Barton, Janet Bush, Linda Tracy and Chris Neher represented the Northside. Kelly Rosenleaf and Dan Kemmis represented the City, Geoff Bade-noch represented MRA, and Rail Link’s then V.P., Fred Simpson, represented the Railroad.

Not without periodic angst, a variety of access possibilities evolved over several years including the following: 1) In tandem, a bridge near Worden St. and a grade level crossing near Farmers’ Market (ultimately opposed and defeated by the Montana Department of Transportation); 2.) A two bridge addition in those same two locations; and, 3.) Finally, pared down and moved east due to cost, the bridge that exists today. During a number of years of deliberations at the City-County Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee, the Northside Pedestrian Overpass and the California Street Pedestrian Bridge of the Clark Fork were married in one potential allocation targeted for federal funding. When the high cost estimates for the proposed bridges began coming in they were separated from one another with federal funds slated for California Street and the lion’s share of the Northside funding coming from the Missoula Redevelopment Agency with a contribution from MRL.

In 1996, St Patrick Hospital hired me, then President of the NNA, to help design a “healthy neighborhood project” that could build from the activism engendered by the Northsiders’ work. The idea was to move the neighborhood beyond simply reacting to problems and help them develop catalytic tools for proactive community change.

Two of the earliest efforts of the Neighborhood Project were the establishment of the NMCDC and the beginning of the neighborhood planning meetings that resulted in the joint Northside-Westside Neighborhood Plan, now part of Missoula’s Growth Policy.

Thanks to the Hospital, for the first time the neighborhood had “paid staff” and the new “opportunity center” that the NMCDC became.
Four years in its development, the Neighborhood Plan gave the NMCDC strategic direction, with virtually all the nonprofit’s efforts coming either from the Plan or from residents who used the nonprofit organization as a tool to improve the neighborhood. The first high profile efforts from this era were the 1997 establishment of the North Missoula Housing Partnership (later morphing into the Land Stewardship Program) and the 1998 all-volunteer construction of Project Playground (“Castle Park” next to Lowell School) – both greatly enabled by SPH funding assistance.

We Got By With a Lot of Help from Our Friends
At its beginning, fifteen years ago, the NMCDC’s charter board of directors included the following leaders (with their 1996 affiliations): Janet Bush (Northside neighbor); Perry Gleisman (Northside neighbor); Marga Lincoln (Westside neighbor); Ed Mayer (MHA); Jim McGrath (Westside neighbor); Nancy Wilson (Westside neighbor); Chris Siegler (SPH); Fred Simpson (MRL); Judy Smith (WORD); and, Linda Tracy (Northside neighbor). The Hospital and the Missoula Housing Authority have had a continuous presence on the NMCDC board since 1996. In addition, the Hospital contributed money to fund the organization’s early staffing and continues to help with some printing costs (including the newsletter you now hold). MHA has donated housing for the NMCDC’s office (the Stone House on Stoddard) since 1999.

So vital were the neighbors’ visions of community and so successful were they in promoting their ideas through the Plan or through the NMCDC, that some of those folks deserve special mention here:

The Housing Partnership and the Land Stewardship Program – Nancy Leifer and Allison Handler

The Northside Railroad National Historic District – Allan Mathews and the Missoula Historic Preservation Commission

Project Playground – Cathy Zabinski, Wayne Schwartz, Roseanne Davis, Lori and Larry Sorenson, Steve Nelson, Lizzi Juda, Perry Gleisman, Pam Diedrich, Janet Bush, Leslie Wood, Nancy Wilson, Walter La Prade, Roberta Stengel, the many other organizers I’m forgetting, and the folks from all over the community who filled the 3,000 volunteer shifts over the 5-day build.

Moon-Randolph Homestead preservation – Caitlin DeSilvey and the Hill and Homestead Preservation Coalition

The Northside “Rails with Trails” Greenway – Mary Jean Gilman, David Claman

Old Man Ballard Park – Tide and Karen Aster

MUD Tool Library – Caitlin De Silvey and the MUD board of directors

Missoula Outdoor Cinema – David Macasaet

The Homestead Buying Club and The Missoula Community Food Co-op – David and Elizabeth Macasaet, Sarah De Silvey, Jean Duncan; Meredith Printz, Leslie Gallant, Leslie Kitchens, Jan Tusick, Rae McMinn and Katherine Romano who got the ball rolling. Molly Moody, Kate Keller and Maxine Jacobson were responsible for the successful follow through. Lizzi Juda’s support was key throughout with Kathy Witkowski helped at a critical stage.

Broadway Controversy
After years of touting the Neighborhood Plan as the resident planners’ hard-won, participatory, route to self-
determination, the NMCDC took several stands in the Plan’s defense – some involving considerable controversy. The resident planners and the staff at the Office of Planning and Grants made the West Broadway corridor between Orange and Russell an “Activity Center” for the neighborhood plan – resulting in a re-designation of the corridor from “Highway-Heavy Commercial” to “City-Center.” This new designation created a directive for any future rezoning petitions that would privilege pedestrian friendly, multi-story, and mixed-use projects that kept parking to the rear of a “street wall” of buildings.

When the St Pat’s proposal came to the City to relocate Safeway to its new location, it was just a few months after the Plan’s adoption in 2000 (an ironic accomplishment of the Healthy Neighborhood Project). This was an unanticipated development for the planners and triggered a series of unsuccessful negotiations that only ended in a State Supreme Court decision that ruled to allow the re-zoning. To this day, I believe we would have done better as a community to deal with the impending collision of visions much earlier in the process. I regret many of the hard feelings that surfaced at the time but still believe the final outcome was a much improved site development -- after community pressure to make concessions to the Plan were at least partially engaged. These issues are treated in greater detail in the Summer of 2007 NMCDC Newsletter (available on the organization’s website).

Another particularly heated conflict in the Broadway Corridor was the three-lane redesign of the road into a “road diet” configuration. Since the mid-90’s, Westside and Northside residents had been concerned about pedestrian safety on West Broadway, especially near California and Burton Streets. The NMCDC became particularly involved after neighborhood planning meetings repeatedly identified this area’s dangers. That concern was painfully born out with a pedestrian death at California and Broadway in 1998. After, there were four more pedestrian deaths in the same general area – two in 2005, alone. The Neighborhood Plan’s first take on a safety solution had been to tame the fast moving street traffic with stop lights. The Montana Department of Transportation’s alternative (supported by the City) was the road diet. After the second fatality in 2005, the NMCDC organized a “memorial demonstration” to demand the implementation of a solution – any functioning solution. There had already been several years of delay due to the state’s low priority ranking for this project. I, and the NMCDC board of directors, unapologetically believed the deadly status quo was unacceptable and the fix needed to happen. The NMCDC newsletter in the fall of 2005 addresses the issues in greater detail (again, see the NMCDC website).

Additional Kudos

For the last 9 years much of the work at the NMCDC has been accomplished by the organization’s work horse, Jerry Petasek. Essential to many of the nonprofit’s successes over the years were Allison Handler, Molly Moody and, especially now, Hermina Harold.

The folks at the Missoula City-County Office of Planning and Grants have been wonderful, indispensable, allies to the NMCDC. Missoula City Council has never failed in stepping to the plate when asked to support our housing efforts. The recent refurbishing of the Burns Street Square commercial building would not have happened without the support of Max Baucus, Jon Tester and Mayor John Engen.

Throughout the past ten years the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been extremely supportive. Over time, among many other supporting entities, were the Steele-Reece Foundation, the High Stakes Foundation, the Sample Foundation and since we began, yearly contributions from BFI (Allied Waste).

Before I’m done, the NMCDC’s current board of directors needs mention and credit: Rachel Bemis, President; Rebecca Stancil, Vice President; Amanda Driessen, Secretary; and Mark Byington, Treasurer. They are joined by Mike McCarthy, Gabe Furshong, Larry Stahl, K.D. Dickinson, Austen Carr and Jamie Hoffmann. MHA is represented by Rebecca Stancil and Josh Kosar. St Patrick Hospital is represented by Merry Hutton.
Trust Montana is a recently incorporated Montana nonprofit created to support land stewardship activities in the state. It will also be available, where other groups are not, to hold and steward selected lands in perpetuity for a variety of vital community needs, whether they be housing, conservation, historic preservation or agriculture (or synergistic combinations of two or more of the above).

The Steering Committee of Trust Montana, operating with the assistance of the NMCDC, has taken inspiration from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the national Community Land Trust movement, the national Conservation Fund, the Equity (Farmland) Trust, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, all which honor an ethic of making appropriate lands or properties shared community assets, permanently accessible to people of all income levels or permanently reserved for the environmental health of all living creatures.

The Trust Montana Steering Committee believes that multiple land conservation groups working together will attract national interest from funders and become a politically significant voice for land stewardship with our State Legislature. We are now reaching out to develop coalitions of mutual support among housing, conservation, farming, and historic preservation groups in order to better and more holistically protect and preserve Montana’s unique natural, cultural, agricultural and historic landscapes, communities and properties for the long lasting health and benefit of all Montanans.

Trust Montana is now recruiting in four membership categories. Each class of membership will elect four representatives to the board of directors.

If you are interested in becoming a charter member of the Trust, the following fee schedule applies:

Nonprofits and Foundations -- $100
Existing conservation, agriculture or other trusts -- $5 per parcel ($25 min.)
Existing Community Housing Land Trusts -- $5 per home ($25 min.)
Individual Members -- $25
Governmental Members -- $100
Stakeholder Member -- $25
Businesses -- $150

Yes, I want to become a member of Trust Montana.

Enclosed is my membership fee of

$____________________________ for_____________________________________(member type)

Name:_______________________ Address:_____________________________________________

Phone:_______________________ Email:______________________________________________

I’m interested in serving on the board: Yes__________     No __________
The NMCDC is looking for volunteers, tools and vehicles on **SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2011** to help remove the cedar shake shingles on the roof of the NMCDC offices located at 819 Stoddard. The roof, which began to leak in April, is in dire need of replacement. The Missoula Housing Authority will re-roof the office once it is ready. The NMCDC needs the following:

- Able-bodied individuals who are willing to spend time on a single-story roof removing material.
- Able-bodied individuals who are willing to spend time on the ground clearing and picking up debris.
- A truck or trucks (preferably a dump truck) to carry material to the landfill.
- Hammers, shingle removal shovels, roofing bars for nail removal, wheelbarrows, tarps and gloves.

The NMCDC will provide steaks and refreshments of all kinds for all volunteers at the end of the day to celebrate the completion of a job well done and to thank our volunteers. **Please RSVP to Jerry at 829-8414.**

**Big Thanks to Allied Waste For The Donation Of Tipping Fees!**
As a child, I could not color within the lines. Nor interest myself in children’s books. I also had trouble with categories, and this I have never outgrown. I have trouble understanding the concept of eras, I question the line in our culture that separates organic and inorganic, I talk to trees but also speak to rocks, I distrust chunks of meaning called the Ancient World, the Dark Ages, the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Age of Enlightenment, the American Century. I falter around words like progress.

Time has also been a problem since I cannot keep the past in the past, cannot believe the present is pure and freestanding, and think the future is simply a place we imagine.

I cannot really fathom hierarchies and so I believe in evolution as a fact but not as a meaning. I understand that the man is more complex than the pigeon but I do not feel this fact nor really believe it. My first crayon drawing was of a worm thinking of a man.

I am certain there can be no comprehension of the present without the past, just as I am certain the past is not past. And there can be no comprehension of the present without all the tribes, human, animal, floral, and stones, river and dry wash, at the table taking part in the talk.

Nor do the disciplines convince me. Science cannot be kept safe from poetry, the cyclotron must deal with St. Francis and his Little Flowers, and the wolf cannot escape the force of the lupines blue with spring. I also believe in the wisdom of microorganisms. Scholars of dung heaps command my attention….
**FREE Boys and Girls Club Day Camp at the Burns Street Community Center!**

**Dates**
June 13th-August 26th
Monday-Friday from 2pm-5pm
Kids activities and snacks included!
All at 1500 Burns Street.

**How to register**
Get a form from the Community Center or go to the website, www.bgcmissoula.org to download the registration form, fill it out and return it to the Boys & Girls Club within 1 week of the first day you come to club. Don’t Forget, this day camp is absolutely FREE!

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**WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR LEASE**
The NMCDC has roughly **4,000 square feet of warehouse** space for lease at 1500 Burns Street. Lease out any amount of space in this newly remodeled warehouse. It is suitable for a wide variety of uses. Located in the same building as the Missoula Community Food Cooperative.
Call and find out if this space is right for you. **Jerry 829-8414.**