

# The Midtown Minute

## Missoula Midtown Association

### MMA makes waves in 2008!!!!<<

If you didn't get a chance to attend any meetings this year, you'll be glad to know the MMA was quite busy and quite a bit was accomplished. From a handful of informative meetings that included county representatives, city planning representatives and city transportation groups the MMA touched a lot

of important topics. In the recent months the MMA has been represented in the Russell street project, the newly formed Fair committee and are regularly represented at Community Leadership Meetings.

And, as the last quarter winds down a group in the MMA will be proposing a banner project to

help build the Missoula Midtown footprint during 2009.

Finally, we have had a strong response to the you the members re-committing to the MMA with almost 100% retention and now over 50 members.

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**We need you!!!!**  
Please let a board member know if you are interested in serving. 2009 will be a great year to make a difference!!!

**MMA presents  
FOUNDER'S  
FEATURES  
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(See inside)

### County Hires Consultant for Fair's Future

Missoula County has hired Crandall/Arambula to help determine options for the Western Montana Fairgrounds. As many of you know, this has been an important issue for MMA and will continue to be as the process unwinds. As a group, the MMA responded to a survey over a year ago which showed almost a consensus in having the Fair remain at the current sight. Additionally, the MMA seems to be in favor of upgrading the grounds enabling indoor events

such as, shows, trade shows, music/concerts, sporting events, indoor sports, educational events, etc. Most have recognized the Fairgrounds as a very under-utilized piece of ground, that could be an excellent opportunity for Midtown to see growth in the future.

Over the years the maintenance, traffic, noise and aesthetic appeal have all been major issues for the businesses and surrounding neighborhoods.

We believe Crandall/Arambula will be considering an exposition center as an option for the Fairgrounds as many groups advocated in favor at a recent meeting held by the consultant. MMA will continue to be involved and keep you informed!!!



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## A SHOUT OUT TO MISSOULA MIDTOWN ASSOCIATION

We continued to make a difference in 2008 and have the foundation to be highly relevant. Our membership is currently made up of businesses, non-profits, faith-based institutions and neighbor organizations. If you know of a fellow business person or anyone who is interested in having a voice in the mid-town area, direct them to our web site at [www.missoulamidtown.com](http://www.missoulamidtown.com) and encourage them to join. General membership dues are \$100 and there are still Founding Memberships available for \$500! Our current member list is below. For even more information about our members including their web sites and contact information, visit our web site.

### Founding Members

Anderson Zurmuehlen  
Beach Transportation  
City Life Community Center  
Community Bank—Missoula, Inc.  
Community Medical Center  
Family Dental Group  
First Interstate Bank  
First Security Bank  
Flanagan Motors  
Glidewell Insurance & Investment Group  
Matz Family Chiropractic Center  
Midtown Church  
Milodragovich, Dale, Steinbrenner & Nygren  
Montana Ace—Tremper  
Opportunity Resources, Inc.  
Prudential MT Real Estate  
Southgate Mall  
Treasure State Bank

Tremper Shopping Center, Inc.

University Motors

US Bank

Vann's, Inc.

WGM Group

Wireless Connection

**Founding Memberships are still available!**

### General Members

B & H Enterprises  
Barbara Pulley & Associates, P.C.  
Campbell & Associates, P.C.  
Curley's Broiler  
Donald F. Tomlinson  
Eagle Self Storage, Inc.  
First American Title  
Historical Museum at Fort Missoula  
Missoula Area Economic Development  
Missoula Downtown Association

Missoula Organization of Realtors

Missoula Workforce Center

Mountain Line

My Sister's Closet

Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council

Sterling Savings Bank

The Book Exchange

Towne Mailer

Turner Sign Arts

Wells Fargo Bank

Western Montana Fair

Work Force, Inc.

YMCA

Go to [www.missoulamidtown.com](http://www.missoulamidtown.com) for membership information!!!!

### 2009 Membership Dues

### A NOTE FROM TIM WINGER:

What's important to you???

As the MMA continues into 2009 we want to know what's what!!! We want to know what you see as important issues. We all work in our respective sectors and can't possibly know each emerging issue for Missoula's Midtown, so please

feel free to contribute. We have monthly board meetings and discuss a wide array of issues. Feel free to come as I will continue to keep you informed of the meeting dates.

2009 will be another important year as many planning, transportation, beautification and traffic issues will be at the forefront, please feel free to give input and give it often.

Annual Membership Dues for 2009-2010 were due August 2009. An invoice was mailed to the address of record to each member for \$100. Please contact Mike Size, Treasurer, if you have any questions or difficulties in making the required payment.

The Board of the Missoula Midtown would like to thank all of its members for its financial involvement on 2008. Without you, the MMA wouldn't be able to offer its services. Thank you.

## Valuable Missoula Midtown Information from Missoula Redevelopment Agency Current Listings of available real estate in URD III—Midtown Missoula

Availability in URD III - MID-TOWN MISSOULA

Address Building Name Current Use Listing agent: Additional information:

1940 Harve	MARIE'S ART-ERIES	RETAIL	Peter Lambros
2300 Brooks St	SLEEP CITY USA	RETAIL	Peter Lambros
2424 Garfield Suite B		RETAIL	Devin Khoury
2309 Grant		Record Std.	Marlies Borchers
1830 South Ave.		Commercial	Colleen Enderle
1518 South Ave.		Commercial	Jerry Ford
2100 Sussex		Commercial	Rick Meisinger
2101 Brooks Street	Quizno's	Restaurant	Loubelle Wissler
3601 Brooks Street	Cine 3	Theatre	Jerry Ford
3100 Brooks Street	Hastings	Retail	Ken Staninger

### Current Missoula Redevelopment Agency Projects (Updated December 16th)

2200 Dixon Avenue (Kelly Gregory)  
Missoula Federal Credit Union (Russell Street Branch)  
Prudential Real Estate (Russell Street)  
Streetscape Improvements - Phase III

### Completed Missoula Redevelopment Agency Projects (Updated December 16th, 2008)

***The following is a list of representative projects for which MRA provided financial assistance and/or project management.***

3410 South Reserve (Herring) 2005  
homeWORD Design Competition 2006  
Jefferson School Traffic Calming 2008  
City Life Community Center  
The Dearborn Project (2100 Block of Dearborn Ave)  
Pruyn Veterinary Clinic 2007  
Streetscape Improvements Phase I (Brooks/South/Russell) 2005  
Streetscape Improvements Phase II (South Avenue) 2005  
Southgate Area Planning 2006

Curious about Missoula Redevelopment Agency News got to <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/mra/>

Even more curious to see the brochure for URD III:

<ftp://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/documents/mra/brochures/MRA%20URD%20III%20Brochure.pdf>

## Missoula Midtown Founder Spotlight



### First Interstate Bank

First Interstate Bank is a multi-state, \$6 billion banking organization headquartered in Billings, Montana. First Interstate has evolved since 1968 from a single bank in Sheridan, Wyoming to operating 55 branches and over 100 ATMs in Montana and Wyoming. In 2007, First Interstate Bank purchased a new affiliate. First Western Bank, serving throughout the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota.

First Interstate Bank is the principal subsidiary of First Interstate BancSystem, Inc., a financial holding company.

In 1984, our company purchased a franchise agreement with First Interstate Bancorp to use the First Interstate Bank name and logo. In 1996, when First Interstate Bancorp of California merged with another banking institution, our bank negotiated to retain the First Interstate name. We now serve 30 communities across Montana and Wyoming and 12 communities in South Dakota. First Interstate Bank will consistently strive to set itself apart as a high performance, multi-state financial services company.

First Interstate Bank will open their highly anticipated and L.E.E.D. Certified Missoula Downtown building in Fall of 2009.

The Midtown Missoula Branch is located at 3502 Brooks Street and offers all types of deposit accounts and can meet all consumer and business financing needs.

First Interstate has been a member of MMA since we started in Spring of 2006!!! Julie Mazza the Midtown location Branch Manager has been on the Board from day one, as well!!! We thank her for all of her hard work!!!"

## Missoula Midtown Founder Spotlight



### Milodragovich, Dale, Steinbrenner & Nygren P.C.

"Proven Excellence, Dedication & Commitment

Incorporated as a professional corporation in May of 1977, in Missoula, Montana, our firm provides legal services throughout Montana and the surrounding region. Our timely, competent representation for all our clients, along with our attention to cost containment, have contributed to the attainment of our long-term goal to provide consistent, value-added, high-quality legal services to all of our clients.

Our experienced attorneys and staff, combined with our firm's resources, have allowed us to become one of the leading law firms in our area. All of our attorneys are licensed to practice law in all Montana State and Federal courts.

The firm's office is located on the southern edge of the city. Our location provides convenient access and ample space for our client's needs. We invite you to learn more about our attorneys and the professional services and representation we provide. We are pleased to address any questions or comments you may have regarding our firm and the services we offer. Whether we represent the plaintiff or the defendant in a legal matter, the attorneys at the Missoula office of Milodragovich, Dale, Steinbrenner & Nygren P.C. are trial attorneys who regularly try cases to verdicts either before a judge or jury."

Milodragovich, Dale, Steinbrenner & Nygren P.C.'s, Chris Nygren was instrumental in the MMA gaining non-profit status. All of Chris and his staffs efforts were done pro-bono!!!

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E-mail: [TWinger@shopsouthgate.com](mailto:TWinger@shopsouthgate.com)

**Your business tag line here.**



Current Missoula Midtown Board

- President** Tim Winger - Southgate Mall Associates
- Vice-President** Jason Erickson - Treasure State Bank
- Secretary** Jeremy Keene- WGM
- Treasurer** Mike Size - Community Bank
- Board Member** Brent Gyurizca—City Life
- Board Member** Julie Mazza - First Interstate Bank
- Board Member** Brandon Smith— Glidewell Insurance
- Board Member** Jack Chambers—Opportunity Resources
- Board Member** Bob McCue—Eagle Self-Storage
- Advisor** Kari Nelson - MRA
- Advisor** Scott Meader—Western Montana Fair
- Advisor** Steve Earle - Mountain Line

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?????**

WITH 2009 AROUND THE CORNER ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR ARE AROUND THE CORNER AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO THROW YOUR HAT IN!!! PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING STARTING IN JANUARY. YOUR INPUT AND EXPERTISE WILL ONLY ADD TO THE JOURNEY WE HAVE BEGUN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AT:

[TWINGER@SHOPSOUTHGATE.COM](mailto:TWINGER@SHOPSOUTHGATE.COM)

OR

CALL 406-721-5140 EXT. 15.