



What's Up?

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Introduction

We would like to introduce or reintroduce our members to the programs and projects of Mainstreet Uptown Butte.

Mainstreet Uptown Butte works to rejuvenate the traditional central business district of Butte, Montana. Mainstreet Uptown Butte works to visually enhance Uptown Butte, the historical heart of the city of Butte, contributes to a vibrant Uptown economy, promotes Uptown businesses and attractions, encourages rich and diverse performing and visual arts, preserves Uptown's historic resources, and strives to work with organizations with similar goals.

We would be happy to elaborate on our efforts for anyone interested. Give us a call at 497-6464 or visit our web site at www.mainstreetbutte.org.

Mainstreet pursues the four-point approach of the National Main Street program (Organization, Promotion, Design and Economic Restructuring) as well as aspires to adhere to the eight guiding principles of the Main Street program -- <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/about-main-street/the-approach/eight-principles.html>.

Organization

The goal of Organization is to work with all stakeholders with common goals to help preserve and rejuvenate the Uptown as a vibrant place to live and play and serve as a center of commerce.

It's October and we are inviting new and renewing members to join us in our efforts. For any business or individual who joins in October, they will enjoy the benefits of membership through December 2010.

For more details about the benefits of Mainstreet Uptown Butte membership, www.mainstreetbutte.org/join.htm.

NewWest.Net's [4th Annual Real Estate and Development in the Northern Rockies \(REDNR\) conference](#), will include a tour to Butte this coming Monday, October 12th.

Conference organizers are opening the tour to Butte folks who might like to come along for the tour. Here's how it works: The tour will be in Butte from 10am - 2pm and includes lunch. While the cost coming from Missoula is \$60 to accommodate transportation, the rate to join the tour for Butte folks is \$30. Anyone interested should email Lucia Stewart, conference manager, at lucia@newwest.net to reserve a spot.

Here is a brief description of the tour:

The Untapped Market of Butte's Historic Preservation

The walls and streets of Butte tell an amazing tale of Western architectural history, and can also tell a tale of what's to come. Discover the story of Butte through its buildings with local historians. Investigate what incentives and plans the city of Butte has in store for historical redevelopment. And discuss with local redevelopers what potentials, challenges, and treasures are found in Butte. Get an in-depth tour of the Metals Bank building and other restored structures at the heart of this landmark town. For details, www.newwest.net/city/article/the_future_of_historical_redevelopment_in_butte/C396/L396/

National Summit of Mining Communities in Butte October 12-15

The National Summit of Mining Communities will be held in Butte next week. For the full agenda, visit www.miningsummit.com. Conference organizers are offering community scholarships to Montana residents who would like to attend the Summit for free. Scholarships will cover the registration for the entire event Oct 12th-15th (Tours, Conference, and Social Events). Anyone wishing to attend need only register with Kevin Mellott by email at KMellott@mtech.edu or by phone at (406) 496-4220 and let him know that you'd like to attend.

Promotion

The goal of promotional efforts is to develop a variety of retail and special events that make the Uptown an irresistible place to visit and to live, work and play.

Guided ghost tours coming October 30th

Sponsored by Mainstreet Uptown Butte, busses with guides on board will pick up passengers at participating Uptown restaurants. Potentially haunted tour stops will include the Steward Mine Yard, The BSB County Courthouse, and the Jailhouse Coffee and Gifts (original city jail and courthouse) There will be two tours with pickups at 6:00 pm and 8:15 pm. Cost of each tour is \$5 per person. For details and to make reservations, send email to butteghosttours@gmail.com.

Uptown Open House Sunday, November 15

A Nibble of Butte is back as part of this season's Open House from 1 pm to 6 pm in Uptown Butte. Come to Uptown businesses and see what they have in store for the coming holiday season.

Christmas Stroll December 4

The winter season's big event is in the works for Friday December 4th. For the latest developments, contact Mainstreet's Special Events Coordinator, Josh Peck at 497-6464 or visit www.mainstreetbutte.org/stroll.htm.

Festival of Trees December 4 and 5

Thanks to the organizers of this classic Christmas tradition for bringing the Festival of Trees back to the Uptown.

This year, thanks to Jeff Francis, the festival will take place on Stroll weekend at 120 N. Main Street (old Hillstead's, Donut Seed, Imagine Butte offices – take your pick).

Thank you Jeff and Silver Bow Properties for making this space available and comfortable for the Festival of Trees in the heart of the Uptown again.

Ice Sculpting Contest December 12

The Saturday after the Stroll will highlight the annual Ice Sculpting Contest when the chips will fall where they may and businesses compete for the trophy and bragging rights as blocks of ice reveal works of art under the hands of local sculptors. This year, young children can look forward to the return of Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning. For details, call 497-6464.



National Folk Festival returns for final festival of three-year run July 9-10-11, 2010

Planning is now underway for the 72nd National Folk Festival – the last presentation of the National in Montana - and a few great sponsors are being sought by the Resource Development Committee.

For details about sponsorship opportunities to put your business or products in front of 150,000 to 200,000 expected attendees, visit www.nationalfolkfestival.com/2010/getinvolved_sponsor.php.

Also, applications are now being taken for artists, food vendors, and performers to participate in the finale festival of the three-year run in Montana.

Again, visit the web site for applications and guidelines under the "Get Involved" area of the site.

Look for sponsorship opportunities to advertise in the official program guide coming soon.

Design

The goal of design is to make Uptown Butte a cleaner, greener and safer place to be.

Tree Grates

In September Mainstreet added 39 new tree grates to the street on Montana Street to enhance the entryway to the Uptown area. These were fabricated by Montana Tech College of Technology welding students under the expert guidance of Welding Instructor Dennis Noel. These and a few dozen existing grates have been treated with rustoleum paint. Thanks to the Madrazos for the generous use of space at the Front Street Depot and a special thanks to Emily Richardson for her efforts to paint these grates before they were installed.

Mural repair

The wind-worn mural on West Park Street is under repair thanks to Bill Wright and Tom Stearns of the Phoenix Gallery. Metal panels have been reinstalled and rivets will be added to reinforce the mural to withstand future weather.

Headframe light repair

The lights are back on for the Original and the Bell Diamond and repairs are being made to other headframe lights, especially the Steward, to trim up Butte's nighttime skyline. Thanks to the county crew working on this much needed maintenance, especially Larry Morales, longtime caretaker of the Hill's headframes.

Garden development

Thank you to the students of Toby Day's Master Gardening class for taking on neglected plots in the Uptown this summer. Special thanks to Jody Bickford and Lana Mullaney for their recent efforts and many volunteer hours to bring life and color to Uptown Butte.

Their loving hands have left their marks on gardens including, the garden by Butte Hill Catering on East Park Street.

Mainstreet has also supported efforts this summer to care for the lots at Heritage Park, just below the Montana Tech Arch on West Park, the Exchange Club's constant care

for the lot on East Quartz Street, keeping flowers blooming by the Corette firm parking area (the Korn lot) on West Park and the efforts of Tim Mason to bring color to the Copper Block and the corner of Mercury and South Main streets.

Security Patrols

In light of recent outbursts of malicious and illegal activities after hours, Mainstreet has been discussing renewed nighttime security patrols for Uptown properties and persons to place more professional eyes on the streets. The goal is to curb broken windows, burglaries and other madrugada madness.

Economic Restructuring

The goal of economic restructuring is to monitor the pulse of business in the district and to look for opportunities to support business establishment and expansion.

This month, the economy has been hard on restaurants and exercise businesses. The M&M has closed and is for sale. The Columbia Gardens Espresso has closed and the building is for rent by the owner. Curves for Women on Front Street has closed. Angie has closed American Imagination on West Park. The MoFAB art supply and gift store has closed.

Shindigs and other Shenanigans

A list of upcoming events for the amusement and information of our members and friends.

October

October 10 -- Butte Symphony Concert at 7:30 pm at the Mother Lode Theatre at 316 W. Park Street. Music will include Mozart's Symphony #41, Edward Grieg - Symphonic Dance No. 1, Op. 64, Georges Bizet - Intermezzo from L'Arlessienne, Jean Sibelius - Finlandia, Op. 26, No. 7, and other works. Single concert tickets are available by calling the Mother Lode Theatre 723-3602, but the best deal (by far) is purchasing Symphony Season Tickets. Season Tickets are available by calling the Symphony Office at 723-5590 or the Mother Lode Theatre at 723-3602. Ticket prices for the four-concert season: Main Floor \$69, Mezzanine and Loge \$58, Balcony \$46, and Student Price is only \$24 and that is for any open seat in the house. Buy your tickets early and reserve a seat (Tickets are now available in all sections) for the 60th anniversary season of the Butte Symphony.

October 11 -- Gordon Lightfoot in concert at the Mother Lode Theatre at 316 W. Park Street at 8 pm. For tickets or more details call 723-3602 or visit www.buttearts.org.

October 14 -- The 7th Biennial Montana Tech Unplugged will be held at MoFAB at 405 W. Park Street from 8 pm to 11 pm, featuring musical performances by Tech students, alumni, faculty, and staff. For more information, call 491-6608 or email bsbaf@hotmail.com.

October 30 -- Annual Halloween ghost tours on guided busses are back. Sponsored by Mainstreet Uptown Butte, the busses will arrange to pick up passengers at participating Uptown restaurants. Potentially haunted tour stops will include the Steward Mine Yard, The BSB County Courthouse, and the Jailhouse Coffee and Gifts (original city jail and courthouse) There will be two tours with pickups at 6:00 pm and 8:15 pm. Cost of each tour is \$5 per person. For details, send email to butteghosttours@gmail.com or call 497-6464.

November

November 3 -- Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck will be performed at the Mother Lode Theatre at 316 W. Park Street at 8 pm.

For tickets or more details call 723-3602 or visit www.buttearts.org.

November 15 -- Uptown Open House, 1 pm to 6 pm, including A Nibble of Butte, sponsored by Mainstreet Uptown Butte. For details, call 497-6464.

December

December 4 -- Annual Christmas Stroll in Uptown Butte from 5 pm to 9 pm. For details call 497-6464.

December 4 -- 20th Annual Festival of Trees - A Fundraiser for the Paul Clark Home/McDonald's Family Place "Christmas around the World" at 120 N. Main St. from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday December 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Teddy Bear Tea is set Saturday, December 5th at noon. Live Auction Gala will be held on Saturday from 6 to 11 pm. Admission is \$25. Silent Auction starts on Friday at 9 am and ends at 7 pm Saturday. For more information call the Paul Clark Home/McDonald's Family Place (406) 782-0353.

December 12 -- Annual Ice Sculpting Contest in Uptown Butte. For more details, call 497-6464.