Photos Celebrating Missoula Neighborhoods Sought for Exhibit

Celebrate life in Missoula by submitting a feature photo that shows what makes your neighborhood a great place to live – and celebrate the 15th anniversary of Missoula's Neighborhood Councils at the same time.

Missoula's Neighborhood Councils and Community Forum are collecting the photos for a summer exhibit at the Missoula Art Museum. The exhibit, *15th Anniversary of Missoula Neighborhood Councils-- Celebrating Neighbors, Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Projects,* will tell the story of Missoula neighborhoods. It will open June 3 during First Friday and remain on view until Aug. 28.

"This is a great opportunity to show off our city and what makes us proud to live in such a beautiful community," said City Clerk Marty Rehbein, whose office houses the Office of Neighborhoods.

Citizens can submit their photos and find out more information about submittal requirements online at www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighbordays.   Photos must be submitted to the Office of Neighborhoods on or before 5 p.m., Thursday April 14, 2011. Photos will be selected by Neighborhood Council leadership team members at their meeting in April.

On June 4, 1996, city voters adopted a city charter and approved the establishment of Neighborhood Councils and Community Forum. The Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighbor Day Committee are hosting a celebration commemorating this 15th anniversary with two signature events: The photo exhibition at MAM, and a celebration and proclamation by Mayor Engen on Higgins Avenue in downtown Missoula at the Sunday Streets event on June 5 at noon. Some of the photos selected for the exhibit will also be featured in a brochure commemorating the anniversary.

If you have any questions or want details, please call Brandi Harrington, Office of Neighborhoods, at 552-6082 or e-mail bharrington@ci.missoula.mt.us.

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