

BECON
8/21/20

Seemed like there was a few more folks at breakfast this morning AND a hot breakfast of bacon, eggs and sausage was served. AND DONUTS were available (it's the small things in life that keep us going, right?).

Guests

Our only guests were are speakers – Lisa Olmsted and Ryan Guelff from DOWL Engineering.

Announcements

- Our next working events are the Big Air Bash on August 23rd (16 people needed) and the Burn the Point on 9/5 (4 volunteers from 11 am – 4 pm needed). Log on to the website to mark your availability.
- There is one week left in the quarter-beef raffle. Money and tickets need to be back to Lisa at or before next Friday's breakfast. Money and tickets can also be dropped off at Lisa Jensen's work place – DA Davidson downtown.
- Stacy Dressen mentioned the following items with regard to the Family Tree Center:

Respite Childcare: We have openings in our Respite Childcare Program. Parents & caregivers can take 3 hours for self-care while their kids enjoy fun, food & friends. Current classes are 9am to 12pm. The service is open to all parents & caregivers in the area. There are no income guidelines or restrictions on who can participate. Call The Family Tree Center at (406) 252-9799 to register your child(ren).

Virtual Parent Connect Group: Parents and caregivers can join our virtual support group to connect with other parents/caregivers, debrief about the struggles of these unprecedented times, seek guidance from trained family service providers and share resources. Come with questions or simply to find a sense of relief.

Email info@familytreecenterbillings.org to register. Flyer attached.

Speakers

As mentioned above, Lisa and Ryan from DOWL Engineering (a regional Civil Engineering firm with an office in Billings) were on hand to discuss what they are working on, which is a survey to get City and County resident's opinion on potential changes to several downtown streets. The changes would include converting one-way streets to two-way, with or without the addition of multiple potential different bike lane types and parking alternative including one I've never heard of – back-in angled parking (I would like to see people with "10" license plates negotiate that . . . no offense). These mix of potential changes are referred as a "Road Diet", which is a term used by transportation planning type folks.

The survey focuses on N. 30th, 32nd, 33rd, 34th and 35th Streets; N. 25th, 26th, 29th and 31st Streets; 2nd & 3rd Avenues N.; Montana Avenue from N. 18th to N. 35th Streets; 6th Avenue N. from Main to 13th Street; and N. 13th Street from 1st Avenue to 6th Avenue.

DOWL was hired by City/County Planning to produce the survey, present it to interested persons and then tabulate the results. City/County planning will then make a decision on what they may or may not ultimately do with regard to the traffic/transportation changes.

The survey is available <https://dowl/mysocialpinpoint.com/downtown-billings-traffic-study> Take a look and participate if interested. The survey period ends 9/15/20.

Have a great weekend!