From: Kevin Davis
To: John Langstaff; Juanita Vero; Russ Fletcher
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Subject: Re: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 7:26:09 AM

Re: https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/volunteers-wrap-up-after-removing-40-tons-of-trash-under-reserve-st-bridge

Hi all,
Thanks again to many of you, and others in the Missoula community, who came together this spring to directly address the environmental disaster by the Reserve St. Bridge. With the additional counts from County Public Works this week, we removed approximately 67 tons of trash from the watershed on both sides of the bridge so far this spring.

The Reserve St. Public Working Group (which will not meet on May 24th and resumes weekly meetings on May 31st, 9-10am on Zoom and is free and open to the public) is working with interested stakeholders to help create a plan to transform the area for the public good. Please be sure to participate if you're interested and direct any folks to me who may have additional insight and suggestions.

Here are related links to follow our meeting schedules and progress:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcuqgqTkuGNXtxBfQe-B2TS1Ghu1Plbo7

https://www.facebook.com/MissoulaReserveSt/events/

Thank you!

Kevin
Reserve St. Public Working Group

(Please simply reply with "Remove" if you prefer not to receive related email threads like this one from me in 2022)

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 02:16:14 PM MDT, JohnGloria Langstaff <langstaffworldhq@gmail.com> wrote:

This will be the fourth weekend that the Friends of Grant Creek will have turned out a dedicated contingent. We would also like to acknowledge the participation of Gerald Saulter, an adjacent land owner, who donated the use of his front loader and two dump trucks. Also, David Edgell donated the use of his equipment to our efforts. As a developer, David is a shining example of what a positive influence developers can have on our community. His projects are doing a lot for the affordable housing needs of Missoulians.
It has been encouraging to have the assistance of people such as Juanita Vero, County Commissioner, and Daniel Carlino, City Councilperson, pitching in to help. Together, we can identify and meet the needs of our citizens who are least able to help themselves. Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

John Langstaff
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Missoula, MT 59808
406-542-0720

" 'Be yourself' is about the worst advice you can give to some people."——J.B. Priestley

On May 11, 2022, at 1:15 PM, Sandra Vasecka <VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

I would love to echo my ward mate, Kristen Jordan, with a big THANK YOU! It is amazing what a community can do. I will be there with her as well on Friday with boots and gloves on ready to work.

Sandra Vasecka

Ward 6

Missoula City Councilwoman

From: Kevin Davis <kevin@bigskycommerce.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:07 PM
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Subject: Fw: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report

Re: https://missoulian.com/news/local/county-seeks-permission-to-access-reserve-street-bridge-land-for-trash-removal/article_4a6e52ae-e4d9-5c4b-a64e-fd3e114d4401.html

Thanks to all for the replies (below) and helping to spread the word of another cleanup on May 13th as we recognize the importance of including officials and involved agencies!: https://fb.me/e/1n3kPgj1a

At Tuesday's weekly meeting, we'll be revisiting how the Missoula community can help create a plan to transform the area. So far, a public park seems to be a popular idea for the public good. This Events link will have details soon on our Tuesday May 17th and subsequent meetings if you'd like to stay involved or get involved: https://www.facebook.com/MissoulaReserveSt/events/

Thank you again,

Kevin

Reserve St. Public Working Group

> ----- Forwarded Message -----
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> **From:** "Kristen Jordan" <JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us>
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> **To:** "Russ Fletcher" <russ@matr.net>, "Vicki Watson" <vicki.watson@mso.umt.edu>, "Gwen Jones" <JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us>, "Grp. City Council and City Web Site" <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>, "David Strohmaier" <dstrohmaier@missoulacounty.us>, "Juanita Vero" <jvero@missoulacounty.us>, "Josh Slotnick" <jslotnick@missoulacounty.us>, "Kevin Davis" <kevin@bigskycommerce.com>
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> **Sent:** Wed, May 11, 2022 at 7:25 AM
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> **Subject:** Re: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report
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> To all of you who are putting in the time and effort to clean up this area, THANK YOU!
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> I will be there on Friday to continue with the cleanup. I would like to ask all of my colleagues to share this information on their social media to ensure these folks have all of the help they need to finish this on this Friday. And, if you can come for a bit or the whole day, please do so!
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> Thank you so much for caring about Missoula!
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> Kristen Jordan
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> Ward 6 City Council Representative
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> **From:** Russ Fletcher <russ@matr.net>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, 10 May 2022 5:40 PM
> **To:** Vicki Watson <vicki.watson@mso.umt.edu>; Gwen Jones <JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; David Strohmaier <dstrohmaier@missoulacounty.us>; Juanita Vero <jvero@missoulacounty.us>; Josh Slotnick <jslotnick@missoulacounty.us>; Kevin Davis <kevin@bigskycommerce.com>
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> **Subject:** Re: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report
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> I know that Kevin is calling anyone and everyone but the piles we built last Friday are still there. Anyone have a barge or float able front loader?

On 5/10/2022 4:04 PM, Watson, Vicki wrote:

Thanks, Gwen – we are certainly praying for a low flow spring – so that the river does not wash away the huge volumes of trash that we have hauled to higher ground. The river is already up into many of the camps – and it was awful to see hypodermic needles, human waste and lots of plastic bags and containers washing into the river.

I prepared this photo story of the riverbanks east of Reserve Bridge.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1--vuXOZaaXTgBj6CrRSsG9LN1OVaM-hc/view

showing scenes from April 22 to May 6. By May 6 – the river was already up into some of the camps that we have not been able to clear away yet. And the river was at 6000 cfs at that point. By Sunday, it was up to 8000 cfs which almost 2 feet higher on the staff gauges. So those camps would have been under 2 feet of water on Sunday. With the cooler weather, the river is falling some now, but it will go up again. So it is critical to haul away what we have hauled to higher ground. There is much that it is already too late to keep out of the river. Vicki Watson

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From: Gwen Jones [mailto:JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; David Strohmaier <dstrohmaier@missoulacounty.us>; Juanita Vero <jvero@missoulacounty.us>; Josh Slotnick <jslotnick@missoulacounty.us>; Russ Fletcher <russ@matr.net>; Kevin Davis <kevin@bigskycommerce.com>
Cc: Bob Vosen <rvosen@mt.gov>; Rob Taylor <rtaylor@missoulacounty.us>; Adriane Beck <abeck@missoulacounty.us>; Dodie Moquin <dodiem5@hotmail.com>; Watson, Vicki <vicki.watson@mso.umt.edu>; Ginny Merriam <MerriamG@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Allison Franz <afranz@missoulacounty.us>
Subject: Re: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report

Kevin, thank you for the information and all the volunteer work. I wanted to briefly respond to you regarding the situation.

As I am sure you are aware, a lawsuit was filed by the State of Montana against the County of Missoula to address issues involved in legally cleaning up this area. I am hopeful that soon there will be enough clarity from the legal action so that a coordinated clean-up effort by local government can begin. The City of Missoula did clean up the small portion of city owned land last week, which is not included in the lawsuit, as we were able to legally access that land.

In the meantime, my understanding is that both the National Weather Service as well as County Emergency Management services have communicated that so far the forecast is for an unremarkable flood season; nonetheless, we are mindful of the impact even regular runoff can have.

Please know that a lot of effort is going into finding the way forward to a timely and efficient cleanup of this area that is legal and respectful of all.

Sincerely,

Gwen Jones

Ward 3 City Councilor

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406 549-3295

Note: All emails to and from this address are in the public domain.

From: Kevin Davis <kevin@bigskycommerce.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:57 AM
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Cc: Bob Vosen <rvosen@mt.gov>; Rob Taylor <rtaylor@missoulacounty.us>; Adriane Beck <abeck@missoulacounty.us>; Dodie Moquin <dodiem5@hotmail.com>; Vicki Watson <vicki.watson@mso.umt.edu>
Subject: Re: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report

Russ and Missoula officials,

As a follow-up, here is access to the recording of today's Reserve St. Public Working Group meeting (which is free and open to the public each Tuesday) where Dr. Vicki Watson was featured and talked us through her recent slides you and others already shared. Cleanup volunteers, including myself, are becoming increasingly frustrated by the apparent limited action undertaken by our officials to help address these dire environmental conditions in Missoula's busiest corridor. So far, only one elected official has helped us at the cleanups in 2022.

I remain available to meet with involved officials and agencies as soon as possible to discuss a reasonable short-term and long-term plan for the area.

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Topic: Reserve St. Public Working Group

Date: May 10, 2022 08:52 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xqnttvTwDPYW5Y0UnE7dvgSk7nZQfk7yPXCJ88ylnkEzO1wi0XkSQQBQ4IWatIfx.hrXp9zAF5vc4epng

Access Passcode: vicki_watsonA1+

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Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing many of you at 2022 Cleanup #4 on May 13th https://fb.me/e/1n3kPgj1a ,

Kevin

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, 08:47:58 PM MDT, Kevin Davis <kevin@bigskycommerce.com> wrote:

Thanks for sharing the photos with officials today, Russ. I agree 120%. This disaster could have been prevented (I've been trying to make that point by hosting cleanups in the area for four consecutive years now). Missoula must not allow this to happen again. The only saving grace so far this year has been the tremendous hands-on efforts of so many volunteers (and a few involved officials). I'll see you there again on May 13th and thanks so much for your continued onsite help and support,

Kevin

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, 07:23:30 PM MDT, Russ Fletcher <russ@matr.net> wrote:

Missoula can and must do better.

Please take a moment and look at the attached images from last Friday. We'll be at it AGAIN on the 13th. Will you please join us?

Here's just one before and after shot of the area you and others have been working.... look at all the trash you saved from the river in just one spot!!:

https://www.facebook.com/308831669550067/posts/1449843048782251/

You volunteers are incredible !!

Our west side groups probably amassed 15 tons of trash altogether today.

I've booked May 13th for our return there to wherever the river hasn't covered yet.

Kevin

On Fri, May 6, 2022 at 7:58 PM, Watson, Vicki

<vicki.watson@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

> Here are the great volunteers who hauled those incredible loads of trash from the east side on May 6.
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> Vicki Watson
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> Sherry Johns
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> Walker Smith
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> Karen & Dan Jacobs
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> Ben & Connie Boatwright
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> Laxmi VanHoffman
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> and of course Gerald Saulter.
>
> Vicki

-------- Forwarded Message --------

Subject: Reserve Bridge Riverbank cleanup 2022 -- East side report
Date: Sat, 7 May 2022 20:29:31 +0000
From: Watson, Vicki <vicki.watson@mso.umt.edu>
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CC: Larry Stayner <staynerlarry@gmail.com>, John Langstaff <langstaffworldhq@gmail.com>, Karl Swanson <k.m.swanson@outlook.com>, JOHN WOLVERTON <yodelingdog@hotmail.com>, Bob Vosen <rvosen@mt.gov>, Juanita Vero <jvero@missoulacounty.us>, Bert Lindler <blindler@montana.com>, Carolyn Davis <carolyn@bigskycommerce.com>, Jordan Nelson <jordan@bigskycommerce.com>, Seamus Land <seamus.land@umontana.edu>, Dave Edgell <davee@edgellbuilding.com>, carlinod@ci.missoula.mt.us <carlinod@ci.missoula.mt.us>, Mirtha Becerra <mbecerra@ci.missoula.mt.us>, Adriane Beck <abeck@missoulacounty.us>, vj <h2oshed1@hotmail.com>

Hi Reserve Riverbank volunteers – attached is a series of pictures of before & after pix of the riverbank cleanup east of the bridge. Because of the many pictures, it is almost 13MB – so might not fit into everyone's mailbox. Vicki Watson