

# Life is DoWntown

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## DBA Events 2019

**Winter Crazy Days/President's Weekend – Feb. 15-18, 2019.** Starting at 10am (earlier at select locations, times and days vary per business) on Friday, over 200 merchants offer unbelievable end-of-winter sales! Don't miss this great chance to save on those items you have wanted all winter long! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Bridal Walk – Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 11am to 3pm in Downtown Bozeman.** Every year in early April, brides and their entourage are invited to roam the streets of downtown and take advantage of the numerous businesses that can offer you all of your wedding needs! From bridal wear to flowers, cakes, jewelry, or honeymoon ideas...downtown has everything to offer the Montana wedding! You can also sample wedding cakes, taste wines, and have a chance to win many great prizes. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Bobcat Fest on Main – Friday, April 26, 2019 from 5-7pm.** Downtown Bozeman, several local businesses and MSU organizations invite all MSU students and faculty and the Bozeman community on Main Street in Downtown Bozeman. Don't miss this great chance to get the MSU community together in Downtown to help thank MSU for being an essential part of the Bozeman Community through food and fun! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Downtown Bozeman Partnership Annual Breakfast – Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:30am at the Baxter Hotel Ballroom.** A complimentary breakfast open to all our Downtown supporters and members. Updates on all DBA annual events and programs. Presentation of the Downtown Bozeman Annual Awards and a Keynote Presentation TBA. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Art Walks – 2nd Fridays, June-September and a “Winter” Art Walk in December from 6-8pm in Downtown Bozeman. 2019 dates are: June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13 & December 13.** Art Walks occur on the second Friday of the month June through September and a special “Winter” Art Walk in December from 6 to 8PM at art galleries and businesses displaying artwork located along Main Street and at the Emerson Center for Arts and Culture. The galleries feature artists' openings and receptions and often provide hors d'oeuvres and complimentary refreshments. Also, keep an eye out for local musicians playing music as your stroll Main Street in Downtown Bozeman. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Music on Main – Every Thursday night for 8 nights from June 27 through August 15, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm between Black and Rouse Avenues on Main Street in Downtown Bozeman.** Every Thursday evening through late June to mid-August for 8 weeks, enjoy live music, food and fun in Downtown Bozeman. Bring the kids from 6:30 PM to 8 PM for kid's activities. Then, enjoy Live Music from 7 to 8:30PM. Grab a bite to eat from numerous food vendors that will be on site or step

into a few of the downtown stores that stay open late! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Crazy Days – Friday, July 19 & Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 10am to 6pm (hours may vary at participating businesses).** It's the biggest, the best and the *original*. It's the Downtown Bozeman Crazy Days!! Over 200 Downtown merchants take to the sidewalks with unbelievable sales on spring and summer merchandise. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**“Cruisin’ on Main” Annual Car Show – Sunday, August 18, 2019 from 9AM to 3PM on Main Street in Downtown Bozeman between Wilson and Rouse Avenues.** You're invited to the biggest and best Car Show in the region! Same Day registration begins at 8am at the intersection of Black and Main in front of US Bank. Car enthusiasts are invited to enter their vehicles in the show – all classes are welcome!! You may pre-register or register the day of the show. All proceeds from “Cruisin on Main” support Cancer Support community! Gift Bags and Dash plaques will be given to all registered vehicles and trophies will be awarded in over 14 car categories including a “People’s Choice” and Best of Show. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**MSU Community Cat Walk – Friday, August 23 from 11am to 1pm, 2019.** Join us for the Montana State University Cat Walk on the Friday before fall classes begin from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MSU President Waded Cruzado, Champ, the MSU Spirit of the West Marching Band and other MSU representatives and community members will make their way down Main Street and through the Mall to create some “Bobcat Buzz” throughout the community by visiting businesses and stores, playing the fight song and passing out Bobcat gear, schedules and Bobcat window decals along the way. The MSU Cat Walk has already become a “cannot miss” community tradition! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**MSU/Downtown Homecoming Pep Rally – Friday, October 11, 2019 at 5:30pm.** Help the Community get ready for Homecoming weekend and pumped for the big game! Coach Choate and some of the players will help rally the crowd along with the Spirit of the West Marching Band and MSU Spirit Squad! So, come downtown to the MSU/Downtown Homecoming Pep Rally and show your Bobcat spirit! Go Bobcats!! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Downtown Trick or Treating – Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 4-6pm on Main Street in Downtown Bozeman.** Join our downtown businesses for a safe way to enjoy traditional trick or treating in beautiful Downtown Bozeman. Over 150 businesses welcome kids and families with candy and Halloween decorations! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Ladies’ Night – Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 5-10pm.** Nobody enjoys holiday shopping more than the ladies, and this event gives them MORE of what they’re craving...a fun, stress-free evening of dining and holiday shopping in Downtown Bozeman! There will be specials and promotions at over 40 downtown retailers and restaurants! So, grab your friends and come downtown on Thursday night the week before Thanksgiving for a fun holiday shopping experience! For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Small Business Saturday – Saturday, November 30, 2019.** Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we’re asking millions of Americans to shop small at their favorite local stores and help fuel the economy. We have many amazing small businesses that would like to welcome customers on SBS with varied promotions and activities. When we all shop small, it will be huge. For more information about the nationally advertised event visit [www.smallbusinesssaturday.com](http://www.smallbusinesssaturday.com) or visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org) for more information.

**Christmas Stroll - Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 4:30-7:30pm.** Be a part of Downtown Bozeman's greatest holiday tradition...the Christmas Stroll. Always on the first Saturday in December, come downtown to officially kick-off the Holiday Season! First, Santa Claus works his way from the Emerson Cultural Center down Main Street, singing Christmas carols and lighting the downtown holiday lights with more than 5,000 people in tow to help get people into the holiday spirit. Then enjoy horse drawn wagon rides, pictures with Santa Claus, entertainment, holiday treats and much more! The fun lasts until 7:30PM. Buttons will be available for purchase after Thanksgiving at various Bozeman locations. The full schedule of events will be available online at [www.bozemandailychronicle.com](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com) or as a printed publication inserted into the daily paper on the Friday prior. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

**Winter Art Walk – Friday, December 13, 2019 from 6-8pm.** The Downtown Bozeman Association and participating art galleries and businesses invite you to a special “Winter” Art Walk in December. Many galleries will feature artists’ openings and receptions and often provide hors d’oeuvres and complimentary refreshments. It’s also a wonderful chance to stroll Downtown Bozeman, take in some art and culture while also holiday shopping. For more information visit [www.downtownbozeman.org](http://www.downtownbozeman.org).

### Community Events 2019

**Winter Farmer’s Market – Varied Saturdays October through April from 9am-12pm at the Emerson Center for Arts and Culture. Remaining 2019 dates are: Jan. 19, Feb. 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 6.** Do your grocery shopping this winter at the Bozeman Winter Farmers’ Market! Each week, shoppers can find seasonal vegetables, eggs, cheese, artisan meats, honey, goat milk soap, wool, local breads, coffee, and tasty breakfast in the cozy Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon. You’ll be surprised on how much Montana has to offer during the winter season! For more information, visit [www.bozemanwintermarket.com](http://www.bozemanwintermarket.com) or contact Stephanie Archer, Market Manager, at [info@bozemanwintermarket.com](mailto:info@bozemanwintermarket.com)

**Sweet Pea Ice Sculpture Exhibition – Saturday, January 26, 2019 9am-3pm in front of the Bozeman Public Library.** This Ice Sculpture Exhibition is open to all levels of expertise. Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Want to try to carve but don't know where to begin? There will be a carving DEMO on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the library from 10am-4pm. No fee to enter. A \$10 refundable deposit is required to borrow tools. Sign up in advance beginning mid-December [HERE](#) as space is limited. Sculptures are lit at night and stay in place until they melt!

**Run to the Pub – March 16, 2019 at 10am.** Runner’s World voted the Run to the Pub the number 2 “Best in the US” half marathon in the country! It isn’t an accident that this event has achieved such an honorable status. Since 2007, Pub 317 has been putting on a one-of-a-kind St. Patrick’s Day 10K and Half Marathon, attracting thousands of runners (and growing by 25%) each year. Early March in Bozeman, I mean Bozeman, Montana is always a gamble to put on a road race, and that’s one of the many reasons why the whole shebang is so unforgettable. Run, walk, jog, or crawl, because as long as you cross the finish line, your name will be entered to win a trip to Dublin, Ireland to compete in the Dublin Marathon in 2018. Visit [www.runtothepub.com](http://www.runtothepub.com) for more information or to get registered!

**Bozeman Clean Up Day – April 20, 2019 at 8:30am.** Generally, on the Saturday of the nationally recognized “Earth Week,” the Bozeman community is invited to meet at the Bozeman Public Library at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy a complimentary breakfast and grab a City provided “clean-up kit” with trash bags, gloves and orange safety vests and other information about how you can keep our community clean! Visit [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net) for more information.

**Give Big Day – May 2-3, 2019 from 6pm-6pm.** Give Big Gallatin Valley Day is a 24-hour, online and live celebration of giving created to increase philanthropy in Gallatin County. The goal is simple -

inspire our people to come together, show their pride in their communities, and contribute to support the life-changing work of local nonprofit organizations! Visit [www.givebiggv.org](http://www.givebiggv.org) for more information.

**American Legion Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 27, 2019.** Come enjoy a breakfast at the Legion Club starting at 7am (donations requested), then a parade down Main Street at 9:30am followed by a memorial service at Sunset Hills Cemetery at 11am. For more information contact Dave Polmanteer at 599-9197 or at [gallatin2step@yahoo.com](mailto:gallatin2step@yahoo.com).

**National Trails Day – Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:30am to 1pm.** Every year, GVLT and dozens of local volunteers join communities across the country to celebrate National Trails Day by helping to maintain the “Main Street to the Mountains” trail system. Visit [www.gvlt.org](http://www.gvlt.org) for more information.

**Bogert Farmer’s Market – Every Tuesday, June 4 through September 24, 2019 from 5-8pm.** Join us every Tuesday from 5-8pm, from June through late September. Vendors from around the area bring vegetables, arts, crafts, music, food and much more! Shop and gather in support of a fun-filled family environment! The Market is run by The Friends of Bogert Park. Proceeds go to rejuvenate Bogert Park! Promote, Preserve, and Play together at Bogert Farmer’s Market! For more information call 539-0216 or visit [www.bogertfarmersmarket.org](http://www.bogertfarmersmarket.org)

**Gallatin Valley Famer’s Market – Every Saturday (except the Saturday of the County Fair), June through September, 2019 from 9am to 12pm** at the Haynes Pavilion at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Everything sold at the market is homemade or homegrown. We have local growers, artists, crafters, frozen meats and prepared foods. We also accept the Bozeman Senior Center Produce Vouchers. For more information [www.gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com).

**Lunch on the Lawn – Every Wednesday for 7 weeks, July – August, 2019 11:30am-1:30pm.** The Emerson Center for the Arts and Culture presents the summer *Lunch on the Lawn* music series. A summertime tradition, this community event features live music, local food vendors, and kids’ activities. Spend your Wednesday lunch hours listening to live music and soaking up the sun on the Emerson’s west lawn. Lunch on the Lawn is a FREE event. Call the Emerson for more information at 587-9797 or visit [www.theemerson.org](http://www.theemerson.org).

**The Big Sky Country State Fair (Gallatin County) – Wednesday, July 17 through Sunday, July 21, 2019.** Experience a traditional western fair. The Big Sky Country State Fair (Gallatin County) celebrates our Montana lifestyle with music, livestock, special entertainment, children's activities, competitive exhibits, carnival, food, agriculture education, class exhibits, 4-H exhibits and animals, rodeo, mud bog and dog contests and more. For more information visit [www.406statefair.com](http://www.406statefair.com).

**Chalk on the Walk – Tuesday, July 30, 2019 all day.** Decorate the sidewalks of downtown Bozeman in celebration of the Sweet Pea Festival! Create your artistic statement on Main Street between Grand and Broadway. Visit [www.sweetpeafestival](http://www.sweetpeafestival) for chalk distribution locations and more information. Decorate all day!

**Sweet Pea’s Bite of Bozeman – Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 6-9pm.** Always the Wednesday preceding the weekend festival from 6-8pm on historic Main Street in Downtown Bozeman. Enjoy the food and drink offerings of over 40 area restaurants and food vendors. There are bands and entertainment on every corner, food choices galore, and the fun of dining among friends in the middle of Main Street. Visit [www.sweetpeafestival.org](http://www.sweetpeafestival.org) events for more information.

**Sweet Pea Festival Weekend – Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4, 2019.** Always.... beginning that Friday at 4pm at Lindley Park. Sweet Pea has been a tradition for 42 years. Enjoy the entire weekend with a variety of music, dance, and theatre performances along with adult and

children's workshops and activities, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and a craft beer and wine garden. Sweet Pea is a non-profit organization and gives the profit from the festival back to the community in the form of grants to local arts organizations and arts education. Visit [www.sweetpeafestival.org](http://www.sweetpeafestival.org) for more information and full schedule.

**Sweet Pea Parade and Runs – Saturday, August 3, 2019.** Kick off your Festival weekend early in the morning by participating in the Sweet Pea Run (5 & 10k options) or at 10 am run alongside your child in the Children's Run that leads Montana's biggest and best parade down Main Street to the Festival in Lindley Park. Visit [www.sweetpeafestival.org](http://www.sweetpeafestival.org) for more information.

**SLAM Festival – Saturday, August 3 through Sunday, August 4, 2019.** Celebrate and Support Local Artists and Musicians at the annual SLAM Festival in Bogert Park! Visit [www.slamfestivals.org](http://www.slamfestivals.org) for more information.

**Bozeman Stampede Rodeo – Thursday, August 8 through Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 7pm.** The Bozeman Stampede is a non-profit rodeo that was started in 2010 by a handful of Bozemanites with the intention of bringing back a sanctioned rodeo to Bozeman for the first time in over 50 years. Their goals...provide a fun community event that would benefit Bozeman business and community both culturally and economically; while raising money for quality local Agricultural groups and organizations. The rodeo is a sanctioned under the PRCA. Visit [www.bozemanstampede.com](http://www.bozemanstampede.com) for more information.

**Bozeman Marathon – Sunday, September 8, 2019.** The Marathon and Half Marathon courses run through beautiful Gallatin Gateway Valley crossing over rivers, running by farms with the Bridger Mountain range in the back drop. The end of the race will finish in historic Downtown Bozeman, Montana. There will be refreshments, live music and awards that will take place at the finish area at the conclusion of the race. Visit [www.bozemanmarathon.com](http://www.bozemanmarathon.com) for more information and registration.

**MSU/Downtown Homecoming Parade – Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10am on Main Street in Downtown Bozeman.** Come stake out a prime spot early to join in the celebration of this long-lasting tradition on Downtown Bozeman's Main Street. The homecoming parade will be followed by the MSU Football Game vs. Eastern Washington at the MSU stadium. Visit [www.montana.edu](http://www.montana.edu) for more information and a full calendar of homecoming activities.

**Winter Farmer's Market – Varied Saturdays October through April from 9am-12pm at the Emerson Center for Arts and Culture.** The 2019/2020 dates are TBA.

**Montana Hall Holiday Lighting Ceremony – December 4, 2018 at 5:30 pm.** For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, Montana State University will hold a ceremony to light its iconic Montana Hall. The lighting ceremony is open to the public, and students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors and friends are invited to attend. Known as "Lights on Montana Hall," the event will take place at the Alumni Plaza and Bobcat Spirit statue just north of Montana Hall. It will feature carols and MSU's Madrigal Singers, a welcome and brief remarks from MSU President Waded Cruzado, draft horses, drum line and a countdown by MSU cheerleaders before thousands of festive lights illuminate Montana Hall. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact [Maggie Hayes](mailto:maggie.hayes@montana.edu) at (406) 994-2343 or [maggie.hayes@montana.edu](mailto:maggie.hayes@montana.edu).

**SLAM Winter Showcase – Saturday, December 7 through Sunday, December 8, 2019.** Visit [www.slamfestivals.org](http://www.slamfestivals.org) for more information.

**Bozeman Ice Festival – December 11-15, 2019.** The 23rd Annual Bozeman Ice Festival is already under way! This event shares the love of Hyalite ice climbing with climbers from around the globe. It

includes evening shows, films & gear raffles and the amazing UIAA North American Ice Climbing Championships at the Emerson Cultural Center, downtown Bozeman! 2018 was the biggest and best festival yet, continue to share Hyalite Canyon and the amazing sport of ice climbing with the community and the world in 2019!