# VITALITY PARTNERS OF BIG TIMBER

# SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING THE VITALITY OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY THROUGH BEAUTIFICATION AND PLACEMAKING

- HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DESIGNATION
- MURALS & PUBLIC ART
- DECORATIVE LIGHTING
- WAYFINDING SIGNAGE & WELCOME SIGNS
- CLEANUP DAYS
- MONTANA MAINSTREET PROGRAM
- AND MORE...

HELP US KEEP THESE PROJECTS ROLLING AND HELP MAKE BIG TIMBER THE BEST IT CAN BE!



#### PROJECT IN PROGRESS

# DECORATIVE LIGHTING ON MCLEOD STREET

VP IS BIDDING OUT DECORATIVE

SOLAR LIGHTS

TO DRESS UP DOWNTOWN, CREATE
A COHESIVE LOOK AMIDST
MISMATCHED STREET LAMPS, AND
HELP DRAW PEOPLE DOWNTOWN
FROM THE TOWN PUMP. OUR GOAL
IS 66 LIGHTS ALONG MCLEOD AND
THE LOOP

/NTERESTED IN
SPONSORING A LIGHT?
REACH OUT FOR PRICING





#### PROJECT IN PROGRESS

# HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DESIGNATION

VP IS WORKING WITH THE STATE PRESERVATION OFFICE

TO EARN HISTORIC DESIGNATION
FOR THE FIRST TWO BLOCKS OF MCLEOD
SO WE CAN INSTALL HISTORIC SIGNAGE ON 1-90
AND DRAW TRAVELLERS TO OUR DOWNTOWN





#### McLeod Street looking North c. 1925

This photograph provides a good view of the 200 and 201 Blocks of McLeod Street in about 1925. All buildings are extant unless noted otherwise.

On the 200 Block (left): Taylor Block with signage for "Paulson's Grocery" and the "Pioneer" (brick, 1909), the slightly recessed King Block (brick, 1909), City Meat Market with "EAT" sign (brick, 1916), two-story Leibel Block (stone-brick, 1909), two-story Kue Block with "Davis Grocery" sign (brick, 1918), the one-story McDonnell Block or "Golden Rule" (brick, 1914), <Second Avenue> "the Fair" (brick, 1905).

On the 201 Block (right): State Theater (brick, 1916), Light & Power Block (brick, 1910), one-story building (concrete block, c. 1908-1949), Brownlee Block with "Big Timber Café" sign (brick, 1909), the one-story Steiner Block (brick, 1916), Motor Inn (brick, 1916),

\*\*Second Avenue\*\* Grand Hotel (1890).

An arrow marks the Taylor Block (1909), which is occupied by the *Big Timber Pioneer* and Paulson's Grocery in this photograph.

A CONSULTANT IS COMPLETING THE SURVEY OF BUILDINGS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE. ONCE THE NOMINATION IS APPROVED, WE WILL APPEAR ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER AND CAN APPLY FOR SIGNAGE AND GRANT FUNDS.



#### **UPCOMING PROJECT**

## WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

MANY PEOPLE PASS THROUGH BIG TIMBER WITHOUT EVER
COMING DOWNTOWN...

ONCE A VISUAL IDENTITY FOR BIG TIMBER IS
ESTABLISHED, WE WILL CREATE DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE
WILL HELP DRAW THEM PAST THE TOWN PUMP AND INTO
OUR CENTRAL DISTRICT





## PUBLIC ART & MURALS





BEFORE







PUBLIC ART HAS BEAUTIFIED OTHERWISE FORGOTTEN PLACES AND ADDED PRIDE AND LIFE TO OUR DOWNTOWN SPACE!



### ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

SHINING THINGS UP SO WE CAN PUT OUR BEST FOOD FORWARD DURING SWEET GRASS FEST AND BEYOND!







## A SPARK PLUG & CONNECTOR

WE BEGAN BY GETTING CONVERSATIONS
GOING THROUGH HOSTING REIMAGINING RURAL
IN EARLY 2024. WE CONTINUE TO ACT AS A
CATALYST TO INSTIGATE CHANGE THROUGH
RELATIONSHIP BUILDING WITH COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND BUSINESSES.



HAVE AN IDEA FOR DOWNTOWN?
SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS ATTENTION?

LET US KNOW AND WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN!



## PEOPLE'S PURSUIT OF A SHARED VISION OF A PLACE

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE

WELLBEING,

ENCOMPASSING ECONOMIC STRENGTH

AND SOCIAL COHESION



#### THE PROCESS OF CREATING

QUALITY PLACES

THAT PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY AND LEARN IN

## JOIN US

#### IN MAKING BIG TIMBER THE BEST IT CAN BE!



### SEPTEMBER 1-30TH



DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, DONATE THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW



### YEAR-ROUND

VITALITY PARTNERS IS CURRENTLY HOUSED UNDER THE SWEET GRASS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE** YEAR-ROUND ~ PLEASE MADE SURE TO NOTE THAT YOUR DONATION IS INTENDED FOR VITALITY PARTNERS

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

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