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## **Missoula's Neighborhood Councils Celebrate 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Missoula is a community of unique and wonderful neighborhoods. The City's 18 neighborhood councils, established June 4, 1996, provide a forum for neighbors to meet each other and work together in partnership with their City to share information and undertake projects that improve their neighborhoods and community. The Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighbor Day Committee are hosting a celebration commemorating this 15th anniversary with two signature events.

On Friday, June 3, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the celebration will begin at The Missoula Art Museum with an exhibit titled "15th Anniversary of Missoula Neighborhood Councils--Celebrating Neighbors, Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Projects." The exhibit features photos submitted by Missoula community members telling a story in pictures about what makes each neighborhood a great place to live. It will be on view through the summer until Aug. 28.

On Sunday, June 5, the celebration continues at the Sunday Streets event on Higgins Avenue in downtown Missoula, where we'll highlight our 18 neighborhood councils and recognize the Neighborhood Council and Community Forum's accomplishments. At noon, Mayor John Engen will proclaim Neighbor Days, and we will sing "Happy Birthday" to the Neighborhood Councils, handing out cupcakes, cookies, and balloons to celebrate!

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Neighborhood Council System, meet neighbors, and to learn more about how to get involved!

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