

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Sustainability Board

FROM: Natalie Meyer, Sustainability Program Manager

SUBJECT: Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics Poster Making Contest Recognition

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: I move to recognize [INSERT NAME] as the Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics poster contest winner.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

BACKGROUND: Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics is hosting a poster-making contest in partnership with the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival. The poster theme is to remind customers to bring reusable bags to stores. A common reason cited for not using reusable bags is forgetting to bring them into the store. The contest aims to increase awareness and remind shoppers to bring reusable bags to eliminate or dramatically reduce single-use plastic bags and harmful microplastics in the environment.

Students in fourth and fifth grade across the Gallatin Valley were invited to submit original posters using colored pencil, crayon, markers, or paint by the submission deadline of April 6 at 5 PM. The top five selected posters will receive a family-size pizza coupon, and the winning poster will receive pizza for the whole class, plus \$100 for the participating school to apply toward student lunch debt.

The winning poster will be displayed at retail stores, at the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival, and shared by the City of Bozeman.

Terry Quatraro from Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics will present the poster contest and the five selected posters. Among Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics' top three posters, the Sustainability Board will be invited to help select the winner. Each board member will be asked to provide their rank-choice vote. Based on the results, the board will vote to recognize the contest winner.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the Board.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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