

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Sustainability Board

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SUBJECT: Gallatin Valley Earth Day and Bozeman CleanUp Day

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Gallatin Valley Earth Day and Bozeman CleanUp Day

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 Earth Day**

The Gallatin Valley Earth Day (GVED) organization, a volunteer-led group, will once again host the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival on April 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. The event will feature exhibits, music, food, children's activities, and talks throughout the day. Multiple City departments will participate in the event. In the months leading up to the festival, GVED has organized a series of in-person and virtual talks. More information can be found at: www.gallatinvalleyearthday.org

Bozeman CleanUp Day

From April 19-27, the City of Bozeman will welcome individuals and groups to help pick up litter around Bozeman. As the snow melts, we tend to see more trash around our community and neighborhoods. Not only do cleanups improve habitat for humans and animals within city limits, but they also benefit our downstream neighbors by helping to keep our streams and rivers clean.

CleanUp Week will be kicked off at the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival on April 19th in collaboration with partners across the city. The City of Bozeman has coordinated the CleanUp Week event for over 35 years and successfully mobilizes hundreds of volunteers of all ages from community organizations, local businesses, and government agencies each year.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up online at www.bozeman.net/cleanup.

CleanUp kits will be provided and include gloves, vests, yellow bags, and instructions. Interested community members may opt for delivery of cleanup kits to your group or organization ahead of CleanUp Week, or they can pick up kits at the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Along with the CleanUp Kits, participants of CleanUp Week will also be given a choice to pick a location or provided with ideas for a cleanup location. Participants are welcome to clean up any time from April 19-27 and the City of Bozeman Solid Waste Division will take care of the yellow bags left behind in the boulevard.

This year at the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival, the City will host a pickup parade at 9 a.m. where people can meet up, receive their supplies, and go out to clean in groups.

Ali Chipouras, City of Bozeman Sustainability Program Specialist, will provide a special presentation on the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival and Bozeman CleanUp Week.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the Board.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

[CleanUp Day Flyer_2025.pdf](#)

[Gallatin Valley Earth Day Poster_2025.pdf](#)

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