

DAILY HABITS

BY THE STUDENT ADVOCATES FOR VALUING THE ENVIRONMENT

S.A.V.E. GRANTED NEW BINS!

This summer S.A.V.E. was granted 25 new recycling bins from Coca-Cola and Keep America Beautiful! These indoor/outdoor bins are much larger than our other bins and will greatly expand our capacity for recycling bottles and cans at community events. We've already started deploying the bins for Carroll football games and other large community events – keep an eye out for them around town!



S.A.V.E. VISTA Allison setting up new bins at Carroll Football game

Big thanks to Coke and KAP – we're so excited to put them to more use! Check out the bin grant program at bingrant.org.

UPDATED RECYCLING GUIDE

S.A.V.E. has an updated residential recycling guide! We've included an important clarification on Transfer Station recycling permits for renters. Find a copy at Real Foods and savemobile.org, or contact us to request a copy!

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CHALLENGE GRANT AWARD – HELP US MEET OUR MATCH!

Great news!! S.A.V.E. was awarded a challenge grant of \$2,000 from **The Cinnabar Foundation**! We are so grateful for this opportunity, *but we need your help!* The challenge is for a dollar-for-dollar match, meaning we must raise \$2,000 from other sources to receive this award from Cinnabar. By turning in the membership form on the last page, you will support:

- Our AmeriCorps VISTA position, working for biking, walking, and public transit for Helena.
- Our educational efforts throughout the community, including recycling guides, gray water information and biodiesel how-tos.
- Recycling at community events, including Alive@5, Last Chance Stampede and Fair, Shakespeare in the Park, and Symphony Under the Stars.
- Day-to-day operating costs, including printing costs for our educational materials.

THANK YOU to all of our fantastic members who have already sent in their support this year – we couldn't work without you! S.A.V.E. would especially like to thank **The Fanwood Foundation** for their very generous donation this year, and over the past several years! Your ongoing support is so valuable as we continue our environmental efforts!



SAVE THE DATE!

America Recycles Day

November 15th, 2014

S.A.V.E. Celebration Location TBD

AmericaRecyclesDay.org

SUMMER EVENT RECYCLING

Summer is a busy time at S.A.V.E., with tons of community events in need of recycling! We try to provide bins and collection to every event we can to help reduce their impact on the environment, and in turn make Helena a more environmentally conscious community as a whole. Check out a few of our events from this summer!

Red Ants Pants Music Festival - S.A.V.E. traveled down to White Sulphur Springs at the end of July to provide recycling (while enjoying some tunes, of course) at Red Ants Pants Music Festival. This was S.A.V.E.'s fourth year recycling at the festival, with the most recycling collected yet! Thanks to our amazing team of volunteers, we were able to accumulate 12 super sacks full of recyclables over the three day festival, including over 500 lbs of aluminum! Thanks Red Ants Pants for having us – we had a blast!



Butte Folk Festival – S.A.V.E. partnered with Montana DEQ to provide bins at Butte Folk Fest. Combined, over 100 bins were spread out around the festival!



Alive@5 – S.A.V.E.'s bins were at every Alive@5 this summer! Here you can see "The Hydra", our method for collecting the large number of plastic cups generated at these events. S.A.V.E. works to tailor our recycling services to each event in order to collect as much recycling as possible.



S.A.V.E.'S ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT BY ALLISON BATCH, S.A.V.E. VISTA

WALKING TOUR OF CENTENNIAL TRAIL WEST A SUCCESS

Almost 20 interested citizens and stakeholders came out to take a walk of potential non-motorized routes on October 1st. Organized by S.A.V.E. VISTA Allison Batch, the tour focused on the area slated for Centennial Trail West. "This was mostly a time to bring more folks to the table, and to get the community excited and brainstorming potential non-motorized routes in the area," says Allison.



The group included representatives from FWP and Spring Meadow State Park, City and County staff, area businesses, and the Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council, as well as neighbors interesting in the expansion of Centennial Trail.



The brainstorming session was positive and productive, with Spring Meadow offering to build a number of trails to connect to CT West. Neighbors were able to identify new potential routes for the trail from non-motorized travel habits that they've witnessed living in the area.

The need for a trail in the area is obvious by the worn path through the ditch on Country Club Ave. A built trail would provide a safe corridor along the busy street that currently has zero non-motorized facilities. Improvements to the Country Club/Joslyn intersection would also go a long way in making the area safer for all users.



While the project is still undergoing the federal programming process, construction for this half of the trail could potentially begin next summer. Read more in the Independent Record article titled, "Centennial Trail Project Moving Forward," printed October 2nd.

HELENA AREA LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Helena Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) revision is underway. Last updated in 2004, the LRTP will guide motorized and non-motorized transportation system decisions over the next ten years. The consultants for the plan held their second public meeting in early September to present findings for the existing conditions and needs in Helena. The meeting had 36 members of the public in attendance who were encouraged to give input on the issues and contribute any needs they didn't see being addressed.

The consultants are now working on making their recommendations for transportation improvements in the Helena Area, and will present them at another public meeting in December. Anyone is encouraged to send in comments for the plan at any time. Find more information and contact information at HelenaAreaLRTP.com.

OCTOBER BIKE WALK TO SCHOOL!



In honor of International Bike/Walk to School Day on October 8th, Helena's Safe Routes to School committee had declared October as Bike/Walk to School Month! Check out what's happening locally:

- Walking School Buses! Bike/Walk to School Day is a great chance to see if walking or biking school "buses" could be a good fit for your child's school all year round. Hawthorn, Radley and Broadwater Elementary schools will be celebrating the day with supervised walking routes. Walking school buses are a great, safe alternative for kids who live too close to school to take the bus. Led by parent volunteers, a group of kids walk to school together – simple as that! Interested in starting a walking bus at your child's school? SRTS can help you find a safe route!
- Helena Safe Routes to School has a variety of incentives for kids who bike or walk, including coloring books, bike or foot charms, bookmarks and stickers. They also have educational and safety materials for parents and teachers.

Want more info or to get involved? Contact Helena's Safe Route to School coordinator Elisa Prescott at eprescott@lccounty.gov.

MODIFICATIONS TO HATS PARA-TRANSIT SERVICE UNDERWAY

On August 11th, new ADA eligibility criteria was placed on Helena Area Transit Service (HATS) para-transit bus service. Para-transit, or curb-to-curb, service picks riders up at their doorstep and drops them off at their destination, much like a taxi. Before August 11th, anyone could call HATS and receive this service for \$1.50 a ride. Now riders must fill out a Transit Functional Needs Evaluation to qualify for curb-to-curb rides.



The transition to an ADA Complementary Para-transit Service will accomplish a few things for public transit in Helena. First, it will better serve riders who are unable to use the fixed route service due to a disability. Second, it will free up resources like buses and drivers for an additional fixed route service that would serve the entire community better and more efficiently, including those riders displaced by the new ADA criteria.

Learn more about the new ADA eligibility criteria and HATS on the City of Helena website at helenamt.gov.

EAST SIDE OF CENTENNIAL TRAIL BREAKING GROUND THIS FALL!

The City of Helena has awarded a bid for the construction of Centennial Trail East. The Centennial Trail will be a non-motorized east-west route through Helena, connecting the East Helena bicycle path to Spring Meadow State Park. The trail will provide a safe, protected connection for walkers, bikers, joggers, and other non-motorized users across Helena.

The east side, slated for construction this fall, will begin by Walmart and connect to Centennial Park. Construction for the west side of the trail is expected to begin next summer.

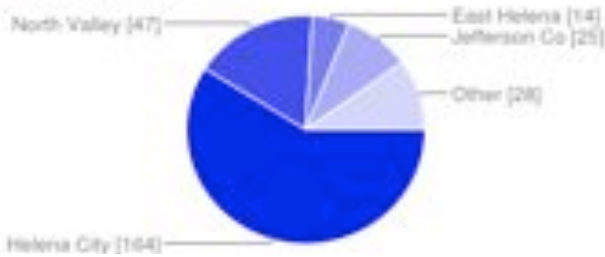


Find more information and Centennial Trail master plan at BikeWalkHelena.org

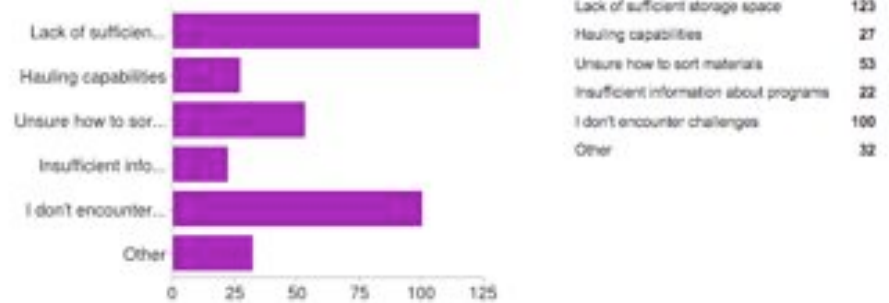
S.A.V.E. RECYCLING SURVEY RESULTS

For our final plastics recycling drive, S.A.V.E. collected surveys from the community to help us better inform the transition to a permanent City plastics recycling program. The survey was designed to help S.A.V.E. better document plastics recycling in Helena, and gauge community support for expanded recycling services. We totaled 281 responses, collected from the S.A.V.E. recycling drive, online, and a kiosk at Real Foods. Find a more detailed version of our results, including written comments, at savemobile.org.

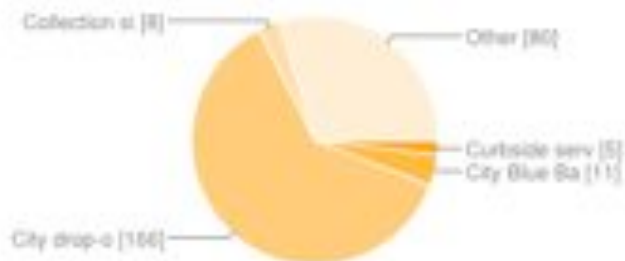
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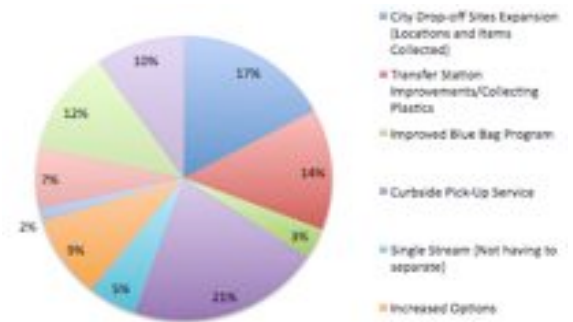
What challenges do you encounter when recycling?



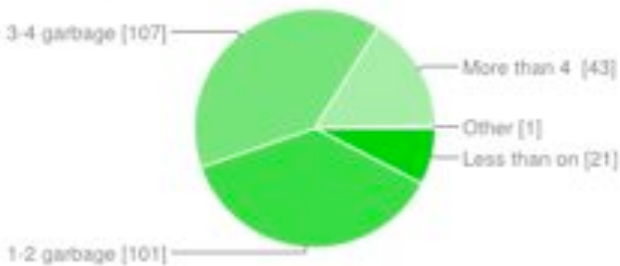
How do you do most of your recycling?



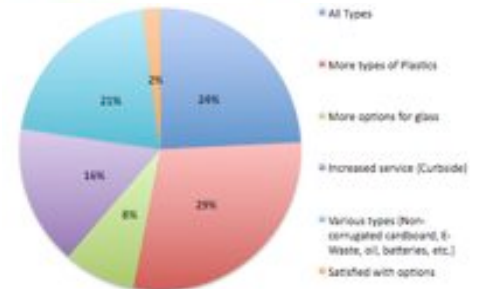
Long Answer:
What would make recycling more convenient for you?



Please estimate how much plastic you normally brought to recycle at S.A.V.E.'s drives:



Long Answer: What type of recycling would you like to see in Helena?



A draft of the City-County Solid Waste Efficiency Study can be found on the City's website: www.HelenaMT.gov. The study includes recommendations for recycling services in Helena beginning on page 19. While the recommendations concern us, S.A.V.E. is hopeful that efficiencies found could lead to more investment in an improved recycling system.



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Helena, MT 59624

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More information online at www.SAVEMOBILE.ORG