Healthy By Design Updates

2017-2020 Community Healthy Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Healthy By Design Coalition members are launching exciting new initiatives to make the healthy choice, the easy choice in Yellowstone County. To learn more about our big picture goals or project-specific opportunities, check out our 6 month progress report [here](#).

The next Healthy Weight Steering Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 6th from 10:30 - 11:30am at RiverStone Health. Contact Melissa Henderson (melissa.hen@riverstonehealth.org or 651.6569) if you’d like to attend a meeting or get involved in an initiative!

CHIP Initiatives Update

News from Healthy By Design task groups:

- **The Healthy Food Retail** task group is organizing a focus group with food truck vendors to explore opportunities for healthier options.

- **The Welcoming Places** task group is looking for fun activity ideas that anyone can do at parks and trails.
  
  If you have ideas of activities involving: physical activity, mindfulness, historical landmarks people can access nearby, etc. you can record them in a spreadsheet linked [here](#) or contact Eden Sowards at eden.sow@riverstonehealth.org to share your thoughts.

- **The Joint/Shared/Open Use** task group is finalizing a survey to assess current and future opportunities for shared use of recreational spaces. If you have a suggestion of a location to survey, we would love to hear it! Just email info@hbdyc.org.

- **The Parks Rx** task group is in the midst of conducting several targeted focus groups and will be drafting maps of parks in the coming months. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with the graphic design of the maps, or might be interested in promoting them within your organization, please email info@hbdyc.org.

- **The South Side—Healthy Neighborhood Project** teams are still seeking applications for the following— spread the word! Information can be found on the brand new project webpage: [www.hbdyc.org/healthy-neighborhood-project](http://www.hbdyc.org/healthy-neighborhood-project).

  - Traffic Signal Box Wrap Designs (closes March 31st - open to artists and community groups)

To learn more about what these task groups are working on, please follow us on [Facebook](#) or consider attending...
Healthy By Design Calendar
Calling all events! Do you have an event coming up and would like some additional promotion? Did you know our website, HBDYC.org, has a new events page where you can add content? Head over to the website and submit your event by clicking "Add an Event" at the top of the events page.

Partner Highlights & Connections

BSED presents a NEW Space2Place micro-grant competition!
Big Sky Economic Development is sponsoring a pilot, micro-grant competition for creative Placemaking. Groups, organizations, and individuals within Yellowstone County will be encouraged to develop and submit their ideas on how to transform a public space in Yellowstone County into a beautiful, lively and welcoming place. Grants are up to $2,500 and applications are due March 16th.

Placemaking is about transforming unpleasant and underutilized spaces in a community to create great places that: are accessible and well-connected, safe and comfortable with a good image, contain activities that promote fun, and they provide a sociable environment. Applications are due March 16th. For more information, contact Thom Maclean (thom@bigskyeda.org or 869-8407). Download the application here.

40 Under 40
Congratulations to two of our Coalition Members for being recognized as 40 under 40 candidates. Congratulations to Chris Waite with Parks and Rec and a member of our Parks Rx Team and Eric Bayse with CLDI who is a member of our Healthy Neighborhood Project Team. We love to see multiple Coalition members recognized this year! Thank you for your commitment to making the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice in our community!

Box Wraps
Do you know a local artist or artistic group? As part of our South Side - Healthy Neighborhood Project, we are wrapping traffic signal boxes around the neighborhood with community art. We are seeking design submissions from local residents that celebrate the theme, the South Side - the Bright Side of the Tracks! Submissions from residents and community groups within the neighborhood will be given priority, and all applications must be received by March 31st 2018. View the application here or email info@hbdyc.org with any questions.

Partner Highlight
Members of the Healthy by Design Coalition gave a presentation at CTA for the Chamber's Trailhead Leadership course. The presentation was on Worksite Wellness featuring CTA's newly remodeled space.
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