



**BUTTE CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION**

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# CPR



## 2007 IN REVIEW: THANK YOU!

In this year-end issue we summarize accomplishments and express our appreciation to our supporters.

### DONATIONS

**Curt Buttons: \$16,500 for the Dumas (to date)**

**Susan Roberts** (*Scarlet Ribbons* play): \$1300 for Dumas

**Jim Warner:** \$500

**Butte Board of Realtors:** \$500 for the Historic Improvement Grant Program

**Dick Gibson:** \$300 for Vernacular Architecture Forum guidebook + \$250 for Dumas

**Ed Stupca:** \$100

**Ingrid Akerblom:** \$100

**Silver Bow Software:** Web site hosting

**Butte Chamber of Commerce:** Support for trolley ride at end of stained glass tour

#### **Dust to Dazzle sponsors:**

- ◆ All About Lights
- ◆ Ace Hardware
- ◆ Butte Insulation
- ◆ Chuck's Custom Floors
- ◆ Sun Rental Center
- ◆ Triple-S Building Center
- ◆ NorthWestern Energy
- ◆ MT Tech College of Technology

#### **Dozens of volunteers:**

- ◆ Dust to Dazzle tour
- ◆ Stained Glass tour
- ◆ Protect-a-Gate program
- ◆ Brochure writing
- ◆ Web site maintenance
- ◆ Virtual Historic Butte
- ◆ Salvage management and sales
- ◆ Brick Workshop
- ◆ HIP grant application review
- ◆ Grant applications
- ◆ Everything else we do

#### **Uptown Historian Program Sponsors:**

- ◆ Books & Books
- ◆ Silver Bow Properties
- ◆ Denny Dutton, Nicole von Gaza, Dick Gibson

**...And all our members!**



945 W. Granite Street, one of several properties Butte CPR is encouraging investment in. See our For Sale page on the web site for more information.

# 2007 IN REVIEW: ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Received **Montana Cultural Trust C&A Grant** (\$10,000 over two years, to support of-  
fice space and a part-time employee)
- ◆ Received Uptown Revitalization Agency  
matching grant for **Dumas** work
- ◆ Presentations by 5 Butte CPR members at  
**Montana History Conference**
- ◆ Successful **Brick Workshop**
- ◆ Presentations by Butte CPR members in He-  
lena, Butte, and Missoula on **Butte's stained  
glass**
- ◆ Participation in celebration of expansion of  
Butte-Anaconda-Walkerville **National His-  
toric Landmark District**
- ◆ Multiple activities as part of **National Historic  
Preservation Month** (May)
- ◆ Donated \$500 to **Friends of the Archives** to  
support successful bond issue
- ◆ Successful **Dust to Dazzle and Stained  
Glass tours**
- ◆ Individual members had a significant  
role in passage of Butte's new **Historic  
Preservation Ordinance**
- ◆ Established new, free **Protect-a-Gate**  
program
- ◆ Created new, free **appropriate design  
brochure**
- ◆ Created new, free **Uptown Historian  
program** for tourists
- ◆ Contributed support (\$ and manpower)  
to planning **Vernacular Architecture  
Forum** (2009)
- ◆ Awarded \$3000 in **Historic Improve-  
ment Program grants**, to 6 properties
- ◆ Continued **Virtual Historic Butte** pro-  
ject despite failure to get grant; now  
with 300+ entries started

## Last month's quiz answer

*What defining event in Butte history occurred at this former church, and when?*

Omar Bradley raid  
against *Butte Bulletin*,  
September 1918.



photo courtesy Butte CPR

- ◆ Multiple volunteer efforts to perform  
stop-gap repairs on **roof and interior  
masonry** at Dumas
- ◆ New monthly **e-Newsletter**

**NEXT CPR MEETING**  
**Thursday Dec. 13**  
**no-host holiday**  
**get-together**  
**Broadway Café 6:00 p.m.**

CPR membership plans are being changed for 2008. Dues and donations help us provide free informational brochures and flyers, as well as free services like wrought-iron gate protection and stained glass tours.  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**

# LONGFELLOW SCHOOL DEMOLITION STARTED, THEN HALTED, THEN APPROVED

**D**emolition began at the historic Longfellow School in early November, although the Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Commission had not issued a permit as required by law. Demolition was stopped at the behest of the acting Historic Preservation Officer.

To no one's surprise, and despite the fact that the city had issued the demolition permit in violation of its own laws, the County Commission voted 8-3 on November 19 to allow the full demolition to proceed. Commissioners Shaw, Sheehey, and O'Leary opposed the measure.

Longfellow School is one of only 15 properties in Silver Bow County that is individually listed on the National Register, an honor it received in 1988. The structure was used as a school until 2001. Many other properties qualify as eligible for National Register listing, but are not separately listed.



For complete details and photographs, as well as links to numerous Montana *Standard* articles about the school, please visit [www.buttecpr.org/threat.htm](http://www.buttecpr.org/threat.htm).

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## STORAGE SPACE NEEDED FOR SALVAGE ITEMS

**B**utte CPR has been collecting and selling salvaged architectural items for 11 years now. We are in our third salvage warehouse space, but need to MOVE by the end of January. We need about 500-600 sq ft of accessible space to continue doing this. The best space is FREE, near ground

level, accessible by a large door, and available for a period of at least a few years. We can readily accept a space that is less than best! For instance, heat and electricity are not needed. Because of the low volume of sales, and our use of this as a fund raising source and service to building owners, we really can't afford much in the way of rent.

ceipt to be used as a fair-market value contribution form.

Please contact Robert (at 406-729-1219) or Larry if you have a space that may work for us, or if you have a lead on a building that may work. If the building could use some sweat equity, it may work for both of us!



We have operated by the kindness of a bunch of building owners over this past decade, and are looking for another benefactor! We are happy to give you a re-

COMING at the  
JANUARY MEETING:  
Elections for Board & Officers  
Contact Larry Smith if you are  
interested in serving