



It's All Happening Downtown!

By Russ Lawrence

In Hamilton, we do "small town" right.

Think about it—we enjoy the slower pace of life, the personal connections, the unique stores, and our charming, historic downtown, all complemented by amenities that you wouldn't necessarily expect to find in a town of our size.

Where else do you find such a combination of summer farmer's markets and winter craft fairs, alongside superb year-round performing arts from the Hamilton Playhouse to the Performing Arts Series at the PAC? Downtown offers art galleries and candy stores, full-service bookstores and handcrafted jewelry complemented by locally-roasted coffee, locally-brewed beer, and extraordinary dining experiences.

From bridge to bridge, Hamilton offers high quality professional and medical services, to the point that we hardly need to look elsewhere for anything—products, services, entertainment, or dining.

While online commerce may offer a degree of convenience, Hamilton businesses have always offered more than just specific products

and services—they offer the pleasure of doing business with your neighbors, the same people you see at a Hamilton Broncos soccer game, at the ski area, on the trail to the Blodgett Overlook and at community meetings.

That's why the Hamilton Downtown Association encourages you to "shop, live, and give locally." Keeping your money in the local economy is the simplest form of economic development—it just makes sense to build our local economy by not spending money outside the valley, whether it's on the road or online.

Living locally means taking an active part in your community—going to local theater events, farmers markets, craft fairs, and fundraisers. Life in Hamilton offers a continuous calendar of events and gatherings, where you'll find your friends and neighbors and soak up some "small-town" warmth.

Lastly, while everyone should follow their heart when making charitable contributions, we suggest that giving locally has a more immediate impact on our community, with benefits that flow to people you know.

Thanks for keeping it local, and for supporting our historic downtown—where HAMILTON HAPPENS!

Upcoming Events

November 2013

22-23 *Bitterroot Art Guild Holiday Show*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

December 2013

6-7 *Sports Connection Gun Show*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

6-8 *Christmas Variety Show* presented by Stevensville Playhouse

21 *Community Christmas Party*, Daly Mansion

January 2014

11 *Ravalli Republic Wedding & Event Fair*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

February 2014

1-2 *Bitterroot Building Association Home & Ranch Show*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

8 *3rd Annual Cowboy Ball*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

14-16 *Sport Connection Fun Show*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

23 *Fish & Wildlife Association Banquet*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

March 2014

1 *Friends of the NRA Banquet*

15 *Spring Thaw Market*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

22 *KLYQ Everything Spring Fair*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

April 2014

5 *Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet*, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

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