

Press Release

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The Downtown Bozeman Partnership is inviting the community of Bozeman, Montana to participate in a moment of silence at 10am on March 5th, 2010 to honor and remember the losses experienced on March 5th, 2009, as a result of the downtown Bozeman explosion.

If you are in Downtown Bozeman at 10am on March 5th, 2010, you are encouraged to step outside your office or place of business and onto Main Street in order to share in this moment with your neighbors.

If you are not located in downtown, please observe this moment of silence regardless of your location.

The massive explosion and subsequent fire on March 5, 2009 that destroyed a significant portion of the 200 block of East Main Street, will be remembered as not only the most dramatic event of 2009 but most certainly of the decade and perhaps in the entire history of downtown. The catastrophic event destroyed five buildings and damaged many more. Ten businesses suffered losses and were displaced. And most tragic, a precious life was lost.

With a ground swell of community support, downtown and Bozeman immediately began putting the pieces back together. To date, the American Legion has already begun to rebuild. Plans have been submitted for the F&H Building, future home to the Rockin' R Bar, the Pickle Barrel, and a new location for Santa Fe Red's. Others are finalizing plans for their new buildings. Many of the other businesses have relocated and reopened or are planning to do so soon. By the 2nd anniversary of the explosion every displaced business hopes to be back in operation; a truly impressive feat.