

December 1, 2011

Dear Amsterdam Churchill Community,

The Amsterdam Churchill Community Planning Group (ACCPG) is working on the final details of our sidewalk project in Churchill. This portion will connect the sidewalk from Bethel CRC to Manhattan Christian School. The engineering study has begun. This is the beginning step in a complete sidewalk trail system throughout our community; linking us to the Gallatin Valley Trail System. Please take glance at our website: [www.communitysidewalk.org](http://www.communitysidewalk.org) for more details.

A bit of history, ACCPG with Gallatin County applied for a Safe Routes to Schools grant and a sidewalk development grant from the Montana Dept. of Transportation. We received a total of \$121,000.00 from the state grant and the Gallatin County Commission in February 2010. We then began to raise the matching funds (~~\$17,000.00~~ <sup>15000</sup>) required by the grant.

We have applied to several private and public companies, receiving a \$1000.00 from Northwestern energy and several gifts from the Churchill community. The County commission has donated \$2000.00 in gravel supplies. We have raised a total of \$5000.00. We still have several grant requests that we have not heard from but are now asking you to help us. We need a commitment from the community to raise the balance of \$12000.00.

Please consider a gift to the ACCPG Sidewalk Fund during your yearend gift giving. We can accept gifts of cash as well as supplies (i.e. rebar, concrete, gravel) for this project.

Donations can be dropped off at Amsterdam Churchill Bank (Kathy Vanover) or mailed to Tim Van Dam, Vice All & Sidewalk Committee Chair, 7015 Moonlite Dr, Manhattan, Montana 59741. Your gift is tax deductible and a receipt will be sent by return mail. ACCPG is a 501-3c non- profit (#31217).

Thanks for supporting your community,

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