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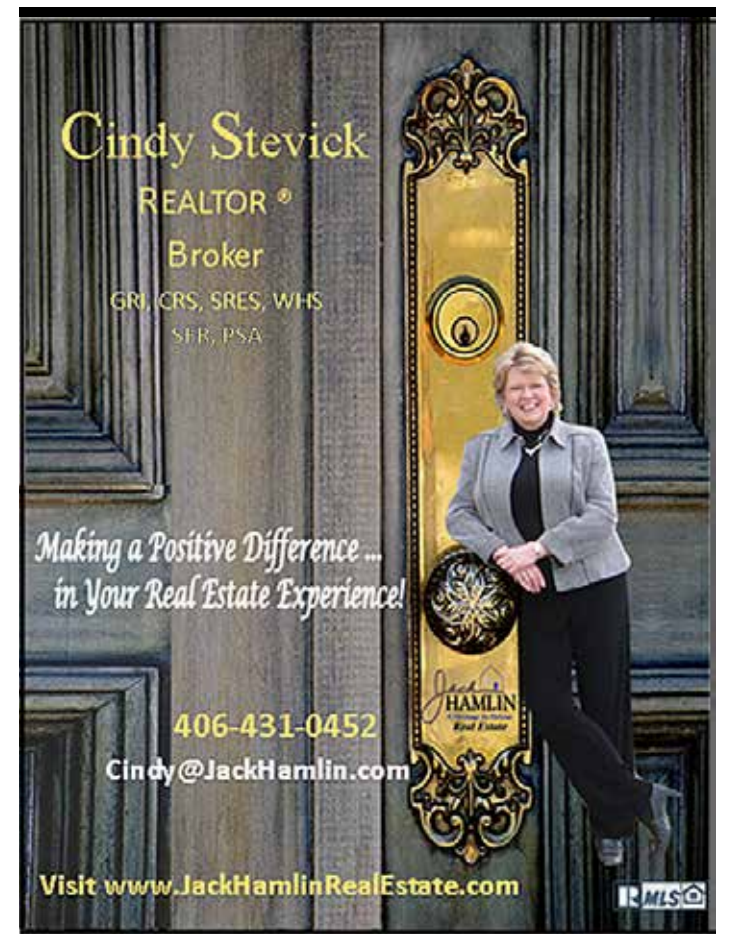
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brings you the best ideas for enjoying
the Queen City - from exploring
and playing to living and working.

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Welcome to the City of Helena!

On behalf of the city of Helena and our citizens, I am pleased to welcome you to our wonderful city. A visit to Helena is an opportunity to look around our city and experience the hospitality of our citizens.

Helena is the capital of the state of Montana; a visit to the Capitol Building and the Montana Historical Museum is a must. Helena also offers an historic downtown with many unique shops and restaurants.

For those who enjoy the outdoors, we have many walking/hiking trails, both in city parks and our open spaces. There are also ample cross-country ski trails, again both in city parks and our open spaces.

Whether you are in Helena to visit or looking to relocate, we are happy you decided to spend time with us. May your stay here be special and memorable.

Sincerely,

James E. Smith

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The land on which the Great Northern Town Center now sits was the former site of the depot for the Great Northern Railroad. Situated at the north end of downtown, it brings a touch of tasteful, modern development – and several additional shopping opportunities – to the downtown area. This includes unique boutiques, galleries, salons, and restaurants.

OTHER SHOPPING AREAS

Other areas of town will appeal to the consummate consumer, from the Mid-Town District to the Big Box Stores and National Shopping Chains located on the quickly expanding city’s north side, you can find it all in Montana’s Capital City.



We've got Places to Eat & Drink

Of course you'll find lots of good steaks here – this is Montana after all – but Helena's got plenty to please your palate. Whether you're looking for a quiet spot for dinner for two or a place to take the entire family, we've got something to suit your taste and your budget.

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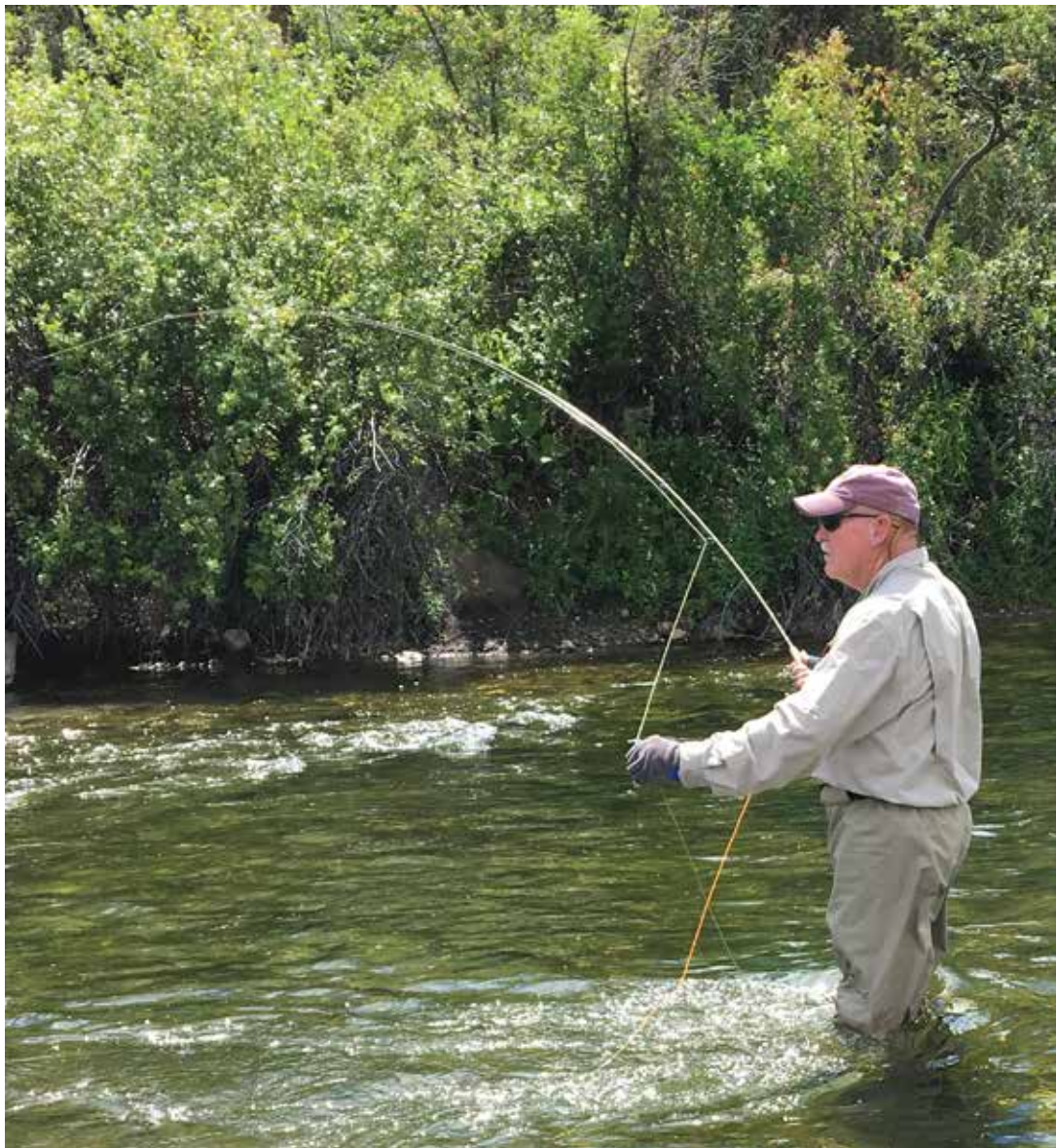
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HELENA AREA POPULATION				
Metro	2010	2015	2020	
Population	34,762	35,999	37,324	
30 Minute Radius				
Population	61,287	64,002	66,727	
Population by County	2010	2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	
Lewis & Clark	63,395	66,418	4.80%	
Gallatin	89,510	100,739	12.50%	
Yellowstone	147,975	157,048	6.10%	
Missoula	109,299	114,181	4.50%	
Cascade	81,327	82,278	1.20%	
Jefferson	11,406	11,645	2.10%	
Broadwater	5,615	5,689	1.40%	
Meagher	1,891	1,830	-3.20%	

From Montana Governor's Office of Economic Development

HELENA HOUSING			
Number of Homes Sold			
2014	2015	2016	
877	936	1,032	
Average Home Sales Price			
2014	2015	2016	
\$229,894	\$233,868	\$256,331	

From Helena Association of Realtors and BestPlaces.net

COST OF LIVING 2012-2016				
OVERALL INDEX	FOOD	UTILITIES	OTHER	
2016	105.0%	101.4%	94.0%	102.0%
2015	103.5%	110.1%	94.0%	102.0%
2014	104.0%	110.0%	94.0%	102.0%
2013	105.5%	108.92%	92.0%	103.0%
2012	106.0%	108.0%	92.0%	103.0%

From www.BestPlaces.net

ECONOMIC STRENGTH	
Policom Ranking for Economic Strength of 577 cities across the nation (under 50,000 people)	
2011:	Helena ranked 2 nd
2012:	Helena ranked 2 nd
2013:	Helena ranked 2 nd
2014:	Helena ranked 3 rd
2015:	Helena ranked 14 th (ND oil towns)
2016:	Helena ranks 8 th (back in top 10)

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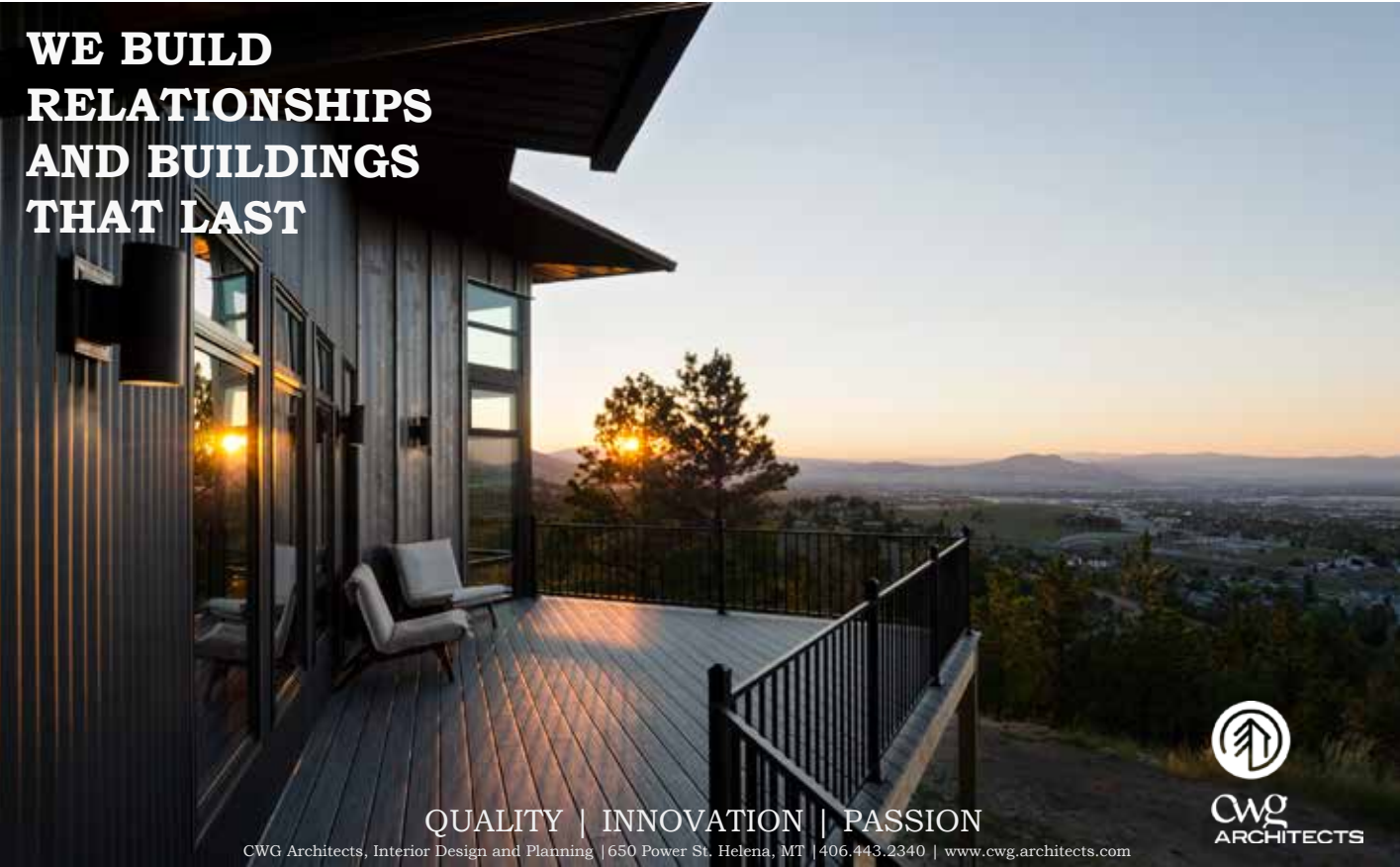


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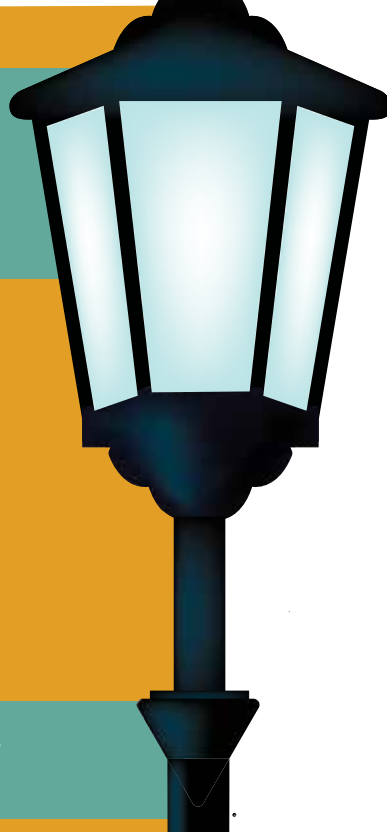
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