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### Information Memorandum 8/2/2019

#### 1. Parks and Recreation

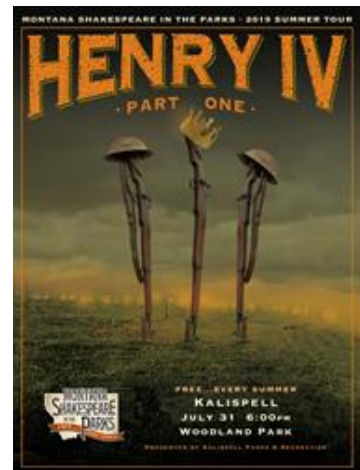


The new 2-5 year-old playground at Woodland Park is now open. The construction fence will stay in place around the playground as the turf seed starts to germinate and establish adjacent to the sidewalk. Crews are now concentrating on the 5-12 year-old playground that will be to the east of the pavilion.

Crews at KYAC are starting their mid-summer maintenance protocols of the turf areas. In addition to weed control and fertilizing, Parks staff will be utilizing a verticut seeder to seed sub surface to fill in thin areas. Applying the seed sub surface will give us better control of seed ratios and increase germination versus broadcast seeding.

The Highway 93 trail linking the Kalispell youth Athletic Complex to Spring Prairie Commercial Development has been awarded to Sapphire Construction Service of Kalispell. The start date for this project is September 16.

Kalispell Parks & Recreation partnered with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks to bring a free, outdoor performance of Shakespeare's Henry IV Part I to Woodland Park on Wednesday, July 31, at 6:00pm. This performance was a part of the company's 47th annual summer tour bringing professional performances of Shakespeare and other classics to over 60 communities around Montana. Last year we had over 475 people attend the event.



Our summer art classes, in partnership with the Hockaday Museum of Art, have seen a significant increase this year with 59 participants in 2019 (compared to 35 participants in 2018). These classes introduce participants, ages 6-15, to a variety of media and techniques including drawing, painting, printing, and collage

making. Our last two art classes of the summer start on July 30.

We are already preparing for our early fall sports; Runnin' Rascals Football and Fall into Soccer, starting September 6 & 7. The early registration deadlines for both sports are Friday, August 9.



## **2. Police Department**

The Kalispell Police Department hosted a 40 hour Crime Scene Investigation Course at Glacier High School the week of July 22-26.

Officer Kaare and Officer Fowler are attending Primary SWAT training where officers learn the fundamentals in SWAT History, Team Communications, Negotiation Principles, Crisis Management, Equipment, Close Quarters Defense, Breaching and Team Makeup. Tactics skills include: intelligence gathering/reconnaissance, team movement, entry, searches, mobile assaults and downed officer rescue. Further skill development is done in tactical firearms deployment, chemical agents, diversionary devices and less lethal weapons.

Officer Dustin Willey joined the Kalispell Police Department on July 15 and completed new officer orientation. Officer Willey will start the police department 14 week Field Training Program and 12 week police academy in Helena in September.

New officer postings closed on July 12. Physical and written testing will occur on August 13, followed by background investigation for candidates moving forward in the process. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for November 6.

## **3. Community Development**

City Staff will be available during the Northwest Montana Fair August 14 thru 16 at the north end of the Expo Building to share information on the TIGER grant Glacier Rail Park and Kalispell Trail project updates. Information on the Glacier Rail Park which was completed in January will be available including drone footage documenting the construction. Additionally, the 30% design plans for the Kalispell Trail will be available for public review and comment. The 30% design draft will be available on the City of Kalispell website on the Community Development webpage.

## **4. Building Department**

In the last 2 weeks, we have issued permits for 6 single-family homes, 4 townhomes and 1 duplex (total of 12 units). This brings the total of new single-family/duplex and townhouse units for the year to 74, compared to 61 last year at this time.

A permit was issued for two new 4-plexes located at 25 Appleway Dr., valued at

\$378,000. This brings the total of multi-family housing units to 32 units for the year. Last year, at this time, we had issued permits for 66 apartment units.

The permit for the Glacier Bank Remodel located 49 Commons Loop was issued and is valued at \$2,000,000.

## **5. Planning Department**

The Planning Board will hold a hearing at the August 13 meeting to hear a request by Town Pump for a zoning map amendment application for 4.6-acres of land for property they own on the southwest corner of Cemetery Road and US 93 South. The site is zoned B-2 and B-2/PUD (Town Pump#5 PUD). The requested zone change would rezone the portion of the property currently zoned B-2 to B-2/PUD, so the entire property is encompassed by the PUD overlay. The zone change is being requested so Town Pump can construct a new convenience store and casino on the subject property, which would allow for the demolition of the existing facility. The current casino is non-conforming and if closed or moved it cannot be legally rebuilt. Town Pump is pursuing a PUD to allow the casino to be rebuilt several hundred feet west while incorporating their new design concepts similar to the facility at US 93 North and West Reserve across from Home Depot. As part of the PUD process, the planning board discussed the merits of rebuilding the existing casino and incorporating improved architecture, landscaping, signage and screening at that intersection to better reflect the entrance to Kalispell and match the other two corners where Toyota and Green Nissan/Hyundai are located. The Planning Board held a work session on this issue at the July Planning Board meeting.

## **6. Fire Department**

Since the last update, the Kalispell Fire Department has received 370 calls for service. This number encompasses the month of July.

In the past month, the department has finished implementing our new scheduling and work calendar program.

Kalispell firefighters Jake Felts and Wesley Barr attended the Fire Service Training School's *High Angle Rope Rescue Technician* course on the Sun River outside of Augusta last week. This class includes the technical competencies, in alignment with National Fire Protection Association standards, for the safe rescue of victims involved in incidents requiring rope rescue techniques. These competencies are mandatory prerequisites for confined space rescue, which Kalispell Fire provides. The intensive hands on training lasts four days.

## 7. Public Works

### Pavement Markings

Traffic Signs and Signal Crew are refreshing pavement marking throughout Kalispell. This week they installed trident symbols on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave EN, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave EN, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave EN and Idaho. All of the intersections are at traffic signals and are single lane only for south bound traffic. Additionally, at these intersections, signs were installed on the signal mast arms to display single lane traffic only.



### Pavement Restoration

Street crews are working on mill and overlay projects throughout Kalispell. Recently, they completed pavement overlays on 4 St E, Belmar and North Belmar Roads in South Meadows Subdivision, Trevino Drive in Glacier Village Greens Subdivision, and the south lane of Grandview Drive. Remaining overlay projects anticipated to be completed this season include sections of E Oregon St, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave E, and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave E.

