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Information Memorandum  
9/4/2020

**1. Parks Department**

Three years ago, we started a partnership with the Flathead Garden Club on a project that would rejuvenate and provide ongoing maintenance to an old garden bed at Lawrence Park. The group has donated a day each spring and fall to remove and prune the planting bed materials for visual appeal. We appreciate their annual support in maintaining this landscape feature for the community to enjoy.



We finished our last specialty camp of the summer on August 25. Skateboarding camp was a new program for us this year. We had 15 participants in our first session (July 20-24) and 21 participants in our second session (August 17-20). Feedback we received from the program was positive and we are looking at offering 3 sessions of skateboarding camp next summer.

We closed our extended registration for our fall football and soccer programs on Friday, August 21. Even with the current pandemic, our participation numbers are very close to last year with 179 participants in our Fall into Soccer program (compared to 176 participants last fall). The Runnin' Rascals flag football program (ages 4-6) has 50 participants (compared to 54 last fall). Fall into Soccer starts on Friday, August 28 and Runnin' Rascals flag football starts on Saturday, August 29. Both programs will run for 6 weeks.

**2. Police Department**

Attached is the latest case and arrest report from law enforcement.

The Co-Responder program has been implemented as of August 17. Western Montana Mental Health has embedded a social worker with local law enforcement. The purpose of the program is to provide mental health support and referrals for people with mental health issues in the field. It is the hope of the program to direct people to appropriate

resources to minimize on-going law enforcement contacts. The position is currently operating under grant funding with the Kalispell Police Department providing office space and the Flathead County Sheriff's Office providing a vehicle. The position will be available to all local law enforcement.

The Kalispell Police Department has hired two vacant officer positions. Cale Vukonich and Brad Scheffler will start on September 1, beginning with orientation and field training. Both candidates have prior law enforcement experience and are POST certified.

Calls for service as of August 26 stand at 21,142. This compares with 24,154 in 2019, and 22,741 in 2018.

The Kalispell Detective Division has investigated over 300 Felony cases as of August 26.

Our school resource officer program has begun meeting with staff and administration in School District 5 and FVCC to prepare for the new school year. They are working closely with staff to assist with the challenges of these unique times. Kalispell currently has resource officers assigned to Flathead High School, Glacier High School, Kalispell Middle School, and a campus resource officer at FVCC. They all provide support at the elementary level.

### 3. Public Works

#### School Book Covers

Last week, the City distributed our annual delivery of 1,000 book covers to Kalispell schools. The book covers protect textbooks and provide stormwater education and pollution prevention information. There is information about residential best practices to keep our waters clean and a water cycle crossword puzzle.

Distributing stormwater book covers is one of the Public Education Measures that keep the City in compliance with the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) issued by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

#### Solid Waste Division



The City of Kalispell's Solid Waste Division has recently published an interactive map on the City's website for their solid waste users. This map allows customers the ability to easily search their address and determine if service has been established along with their scheduled collection day. The Public Works' GIS Specialist and Solid Waste personnel collaborated on the production of the informative mapping tool. The public can view this map on the City's website at [www.kalispell.com](http://www.kalispell.com).

#### **4. Planning Department**

The Kalispell City Planning Board will hold a public hearing at their September 9 meeting to hear one application request consisting of the following:

- File #KA-20-03 – A request from Sarah and Alexander Musso for annexation and initial zoning of R-4 (Residential) of one lot containing approximately 0.17 acres with an existing single-family residence. The annexation is part of their request to connect to an adjacent city sanitary sewer main as their current septic system is failing. The property is located at 904 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

After the regular Planning Board meeting, the Board will hold a work session on the items listed below:

- File #KPUD-20-02 – A request from Hammerquist and Caselegno, LLC for a Commercial Planned Unit Development (“PUD”) overlay on two lots containing approximately 2.6 acres of land located at 145 and 151 Snowline Lane. The lots are currently vacant and zoned B-5 (Industrial-Business). The intent would be to use the rear parcel for a construction laydown yard and later develop the front parcel. The property has a PUD placeholder designation, which means that, with limited exceptions, any use or development of the property requires a full PUD submittal. The property can be described as Lots 4 and 5 of Lost Creek Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Flathead County, Montana.
- After the regular Planning Board meeting on August 11, the Board held a work session on B-2 Zone setbacks and alleys and staff will update the board on the status of those potential changes. There was a general consensus that reducing the front and side corner setbacks in the B-2 would help encourage better site designs, and that encouraging the use of alleys in new developments would have several positive benefits. There are several details that come into play, primarily with the location of utilities and utility easements. Reducing the setbacks without accounting for that would create problems with the utilities. Staff has begun discussions on potential options relating to both setbacks and alleys with the utility companies. The discussions are a bit fluid and there are no specific proposals to bring forward at this time, but staff will keep the Board updated as the discussions progress.

#### **5. Building Department**

In the last 3 weeks, we have issued permits for 14 single-family homes and 14 townhomes. That will bring the total of new single-family/duplex and townhouse units for the year to 181, compared to 93 at this time last year.

There have been 96 multi-family housing unit permits issued so far this year. At the end of 2019, the building department had issued permits for a total of 84 multi-family units.

The permit for the new Sherman Williams store located at 430 Cascade Loop was issued. The estimated project value is \$1,750,000. The building will be approximately 4,000 square feet.

There was a total of 246 combined building and/or fire inspections completed in the last 3 weeks.

Residential – 106	Plumbing – 25
Commercial – 19	Mechanical - 18
Electrical – 18	Fire - 60

## 6. Community Development

### 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Airport Road, South Kalispell TIF Project

Sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway accesses have been built along 12<sup>th</sup> Street West with minimal finish work remaining. Preparations are complete for the pouring of sidewalk, curb, gutter and driveway cuts along First Avenue West. Work continues on the parking lots along First Avenue West across from the City Shops and preparation for sidewalk installation along Airport Road.

### Former CHS Agronomy Center and Underground Storage Tank Removal

Three 20,000-gallon underground fuel storage tanks will be removed at the northeast fueling island of the former CHS Agronomy Center at 55 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East North. The fuel pumps and piping related to the northeast fueling island will also be removed. Work began Monday, August 31.

### CORE AREA Trail

Final signatures for the BNSF railbanking agreement are underway for the acquisition of the rail line through the Core Area.

Acquisition paves the way for removal of the tracks and construction of the linear pedestrian trail, spanning approximately 1.6 miles through the Kalispell Core Area from Meridian Road to the bridge over

Highway 2 East. The Federal Railroad Administration has issued a [Finding of No Significant Impact](#) following review and summation of public comments for the [Supplemental Environmental Assessment](#) allowing for the selection of the Core Area north/south street connector and final trail design. Additionally, the City and Klarr Locomotive Industries have located and are working to restore Great Northern locomotive #1809 to the Great Northern Big Sky Blue color scheme at no cost to the City. Upon completion, the #1809 will be swapped with the locomotive currently on the trail. The swap of the two locomotives is taking place because locomotive #1809 is a historically correct locomotive that was owned by the Great Northern Railroad and operated along the rail-line starting in the 1950's. The current locomotive is not a historical Great Northern Locomotive and only functioned as a switcher.



### KalisPELL Police Department Case and Arrest Reports - 2020

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	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Totals			
	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests	Offenses Reported	Arrests		
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>																												
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												0	0	
SIWOC/Sexual Assault	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	0	2	0	7	0	4	0												25	0	
Robbery	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0												4	2	
Aggravated Assault	3	0	3	1	2	0	4	2	11	5	5	2	7	6												35	16	
Assault on a Peace Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1												4	4	
Simple Assault	9	3	6	3	5	3	3	2	10	6	12	6	9	4												54	27	
PFMA	16	12	12	7	12	7	8	4	10	7	9	6	18	10												85	53	
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	4												9	12	
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>																												
Burglary	5	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	6	3	3	0	4	1												23	6	
Theft	53	19	43	21	39	13	32	15	42	14	35	4	66	10												310	96	
Vehicle Theft/Unauth Use	5	1	6	2	3	0	3	0	5	1	1	0	8	3												31	7	
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0												1	0	
Forgery/Counterfeit	5	1	4	0	4	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1												23	5	
Fraud	10	1	6	0	6	1	2	0	5	1	9	2	1	0												39	5	
Theft of Identity	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0												9	0	
Embezzlement	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0												4	4	
Stolen Property offenses	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	1	0												9	3	
Criminal Mischief	17	3	17	10	14	1	17	4	20	6	16	4	8	3												109	31	
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>																												
Weapon Law Violations	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0												3	1	
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												1	0	
Child Pornography	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0												6	0	
Drug Offenses	29	13	38	26	27	22	18	10	37	14	22	21	22	8												193	114	
Family Offenses (non-violent)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0												1	0	
DUI	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	8	7	12	11	12	10												60	56	
Possession of Alcohol	1	4	2	3	1	2	3	9	1	1	3	4	4	3												15	26	
Provide Alcohol to Minor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0												2	1	
Other Alcohol Offenses	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2												4	4	
Kidnapping/Custodial Int.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1												3	3	
Disorderly Conduct	7	7	13	9	6	5	15	9	11	8	11	10	17	11												80	59	
Criminal Trespass	13	11	17	14	10	7	6	5	11	7	10	3	17	12												84	59	
Violation of Protective Order	6	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	1	4	1												17	6	
Obstructing a peace officer	7	8	9	7	9	10	3	3	8	6	5	1	9	7												50	42	
Juvenile Offenses (except MIP)	6	3	11	7	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	4												31	20	
Other Offenses	43	39	52	48	30	31	13	12	32	29	30	27	39	38												239	224	
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1563</b>	<b>886</b>

Traffic																												
	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites	Traffic Stops	Cites
	744	499	807	527	412	338	234	262	455	356	425	365	381	354													3458	2701
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>2976</b>		<b>2840</b>		<b>2455</b>		<b>2105</b>		<b>2717</b>		<b>2813</b>		<b>3100</b>														<b>19006</b>	