

Kalispell vote could encourage future investment

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KALISPELL -

Kalispell's new rail park could be a boom to the local economy, but first the city needs to convince developers to invest.

City officials say a targeted economic development district, or TEDD, would do just that.

All without raising taxes on current Kalispell residents.

"The entire intent of the TEDD, of the rail park and so on is to attract and retain jobs in this area, grow our economic diversity and allow more businesses to take advantage of the rail line," said Community Development Manager Katharine Thompson.

Here's how it would work:

New development around the rail park would generate additional property tax revenue and part of that revenue could then be refunded to the developer to encourage them to build in Kalispell.

"It is absolutely necessary for businesses, particularly industrial businesses to have infrastructure in place. Sometimes we're talking about fire suppression lines. We acknowledge that those pieces of infrastructure are necessary but they're also very expensive and they add to the cost of a business creating a new facility," Thompson said.

If the city council supports the measure, as Thompson expects they will, it will go to a public hearing.

The meeting can be streamed live [here](#).

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Around 7:00 AM an accident on the tracks took the life of a railroad employee. Investigators are currently on the scene, with no official

cause of death released at this time.

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As waters rise from spring run-off, so could your bills. The city of Bozeman and Gallatin County work to redraw 30-year-old flood plain maps, which means many businesses or homes landing in those zones will be required to hold flood insurance. The new maps follow Bozeman Creek and its many tributaries throughout town.

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U.S. Senator Steve Daines and U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke announced their endorsement of Bozeman businessman and tech entrepreneur Greg Gianforte for Governor of Montana and rancher and Phillips County Commissioner Lesley Robinson for Lieutenant Governor. Both addressed Gianforte's business history and entrepreneurial skills as a reason they're backing him.

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Butte-Silver Bow police, along with five other state and federal law enforcement agencies, take part in a two-day sweep to check the compliance of registered sexual and violent offenders in Silver Bow County.

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The Old Works Golf Course in Anaconda is gearing up for another season, but it's not just any season. 2016 marks an important milestone for the golf course that almost shut down in 2014 due to financial problems.