

CHAMBER DELEGATION GOING TO D.C. TO PUSH FOR BYPASS FUNDING

A delegation of 14 business and civic officials will fly-in to Washington, D.C. September 4-6 to meet with our delegation and other officials in an effort to secure \$15 million of funding to widen the south-half of the Bypass. Completing the full-build of the Bypass is a high priority of our strategic plan. We will also press for other strategic priorities including national parks infrastructure, forest management provisions of the ag bill, FAA reauthorization, and an infrastructure bill. For agenda and attendee information, click [here](#).

AIRPORT PASSENGER COUNTS POST IMPRESSIVE GAINS

Airline passenger counts are +16% YTD, the highest of any airport in the state. Rob Ratkowski, the airport director, attributes this gain to 1) new daily direct summer service to LAX on United, 2) larger equipment, and 3) good performance in all months, including the spring shoulder season. Rob will present information on Glacier Park International Airport's future terminal expansion plans at our October luncheon.

PRELIMINARY DOWNTOWN TRAIL PLANS UNVEILED

Trail consultants have circulated preliminary design plans for the downtown trail. These design plans will also be presented at our October luncheon.



SILVER LINING SEPTEMBER FLING

Thursday, September 6 | 6:00pm | Rebecca Farm | \$25

Silver Lining, Montana's first breast cancer survivor club team, invites you to a kickoff party preceding the Montana Dragon Boat Festival. The star of the evening will be celebrity guest, Dr. Don MacKenzie, a world-renowned sports physician who had the vision to introduce dragon boating as a post-breast cancer treatment. Thanks to Dr. MacKenzie, more than 200 breast cancer survivor teams are competing worldwide. The event takes place at Rebecca Farm and proceeds benefit Silver Lining's dragon boat program. Tickets are \$25. [Click here for more information and online ticket purchase.](#)

MONTANA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

September 8-9 | Volunteer Park in Lakeside | FREE

The competition will be fierce as teams of 22-paddlers from across North America skim across the water in 40-foot-long dragon boats. The weekend schedule is packed with live music, entertainment, kids' activities and the world's first paddle board boxing tournament. There will be multiple food vendors on site and a beer garden. Free admission and parking in designated lots. [Check out the schedule here.](#)

FLATHEAD AREA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ESPRESSO YOURSELF: DEVELOPING A MINDSET TO ENHANCE SUCCESS

September 12 | 8:00 - 9:00am | Kalispell Chamber | FREE

Join FAYP and dive into a few of the key concepts for developing the mental skills to thrive in today's dynamic personal and professional environments. Kyler Kercher, who began writing about leadership, human performance, and sports psychology in 2015, will be leading this discussion. The founder of Athletic Edge Sports Consulting, Kyle has found fascinating connections between the concepts that help student-athletes succeed and the ones that create the most successful young professionals. [Follow FAYP on Facebook for more events like these.](#)