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MISSION

To Provide the Services, Resources and Competitive Environment that Enhance the Quality of Life for All Citizens.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Pam Kennedy

- Ward 1: Kari Gabriel
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- Ward 2: Bob Herron
Hank Olson
- Ward 3: Jim Atkinson
Randy Kenyon
- Ward 4: M. Duane Larson
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Volunteer of the Year—Susan Moyer



**Susan Moyer, City of Kalispell
Director of Community Development**

Susan Moyer was selected as United Way's Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding contribution in the area of housing development for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Susan has substantially made an impact in the development of local shelters, grant development and management on behalf of housing resources. She serves on the Glacier Affordable Housing Foundation, United Way, the Emergency Food & Shelter Board, as well as appointments to the Montana Board of Housing.

Susan was nominated based on her commitment to her community and to the people who need safe, quality housing.

CONGRATULATIONS SUSAN!

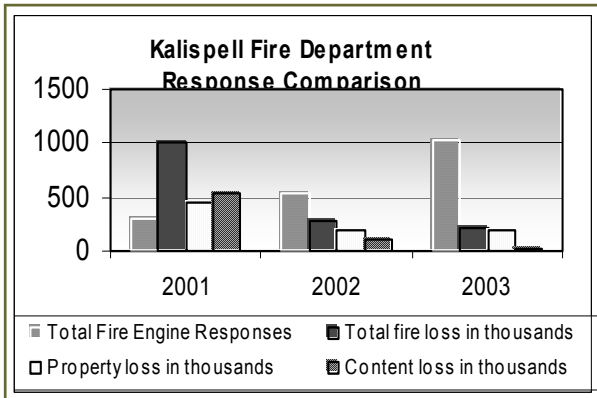
Get Your Bathing Suit Ready!

The Woodland Water Park is progressing on schedule; the winter weather has moved construction indoors for the time being. A spectacular community Grand Opening is scheduled for early June. Community support for this project has been overwhelming and we thank the residents for their patience during the construction.





Fire Department Statistics



The Kalispell Fire Department has recently completed a comparison of fire incident statistics for the previous three years. During the comparison it was noted that a significant reduction in fire loss was recorded, even with an increase in the number of fire engine responses and actual fires in 2003. A large commercial fire in 2001 contributed greatly to the fire loss for that year, both in property loss and contents loss. Improvements in equipment, staffing, and training have had a significant impact in reducing the fire loss numbers in 2003, despite an increase in the numbers of actual fires (58 in 2002 versus 67 in 2003).

to an improvement in the number of firefighter/paramedics who respond during emergency medical incidents. Emergency medical incidents increased nearly 16% in 2003 compared to 2002 statistics, which also increased the total number of fire engine responses.

In 2003, the Kalispell Fire Department saw a large increase in the total number of fire engine responses. This increase is due in part

During emergency medical incidents, Kalispell firefighter/paramedics respond in an advance life-support equipped fire engine to assist the ambulance crew in patient assessment and treatment. This response level provides for better patient care and improved safety for emergency workers. It also allows for timely response to subsequent emergency incidents. The fire engine crew can respond direct from one emergency incident to additional fire and/or medical emergencies with the equipment and personnel needed to mitigate the emergency.

Advisory Board Openings



The City of Kalispell is looking for interested persons for several advisory board openings. All Board members must be residents of the City and terms shall begin May 1, 2004. Mail applications to Mayor Pamela B. Kennedy, P.O. Box 1997, Kalispell, MT 59903. All applications must be received no later than March 31, 2004. For more information please contact Theresa White, City Clerk, 758-7756 or twhite@kalispell.com.

Board of Adjustment – One (1) Opening

The Board of Adjustment may hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in the enforcement of the Kalispell Zoning Ordinance; hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the Kalispell Zoning Ordinance; and to authorize, upon appeal, such variance from the terms of the Kalispell Zoning Ordinance.

Airport Advisory Board – One (1) Opening

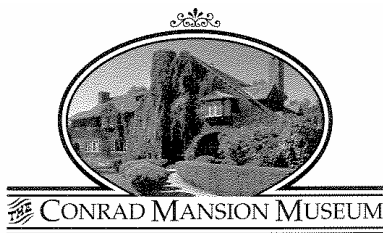
The Airport Advisory Board aids the City Manager in directing the operation of the City Airport and the adjacent City-owned property.

Conrad Mansion Museum Board – One (1) Opening

The Conrad Mansion Museum Board is responsible for the continuing maintenance, restoration, and operation of the historic site museum.

Planning Board and Zoning Commission – Three (3) Openings

The Planning Board and Zoning Commission’s goal and responsibility is to improve the present health, safety, convenience, and welfare of Kalispell citizens and to plan for the future development of the community.





Parks & Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for another activity-filled year. Park crews are working hard at finishing the Christmas tree recycling program. Crews pick up the trees from residential boulevards and chip them. This mulch is available to the public and our crews for use throughout the year in planting projects. It is estimated that approximately 2500 trees are recycled through this program each year.



Additionally, crews are starting the yearly pruning of boulevard trees. Crews prune approximately 700 trees each year between December and March. There are just over 5000 inventoried street trees in Kalispell; at this rate we cycle a mature street tree every 7 years. The trees less than 5 inches in diameter are trained and pruned each year, keeping with proper growth standards.



Kalispell’s urban forest has an asset of inventoried trees in excess of 15 million dollars. The benefits received from these trees contribute significantly to improve the quality of living in our community .



Kalispell City Parks and Recreation — Mission
Provide recreational opportunities, programs, maintained green space and parks that enhance the quality of life for all within our community.

Recently the Parks and Recreation staff spent some time rethinking our mission statement. This review came about as part of our continued effort in providing the best possible services to the citizens of Kalispell.

In keeping with our mission statement, the following are a sampling of the programs and opportunities we have made available this winter: After School / Skipout Days, Winter Hikes, Women Ski Wednesday, Dance Classes, and numerous other recreational opportunities. Specific information on these and other programs can be found in our spring brochure available online or at our office, 35 First Avenue East.

Grant Money Available for Affordable Housing

The City of Kalispell Community Development Department recently received notification of a \$324,500 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award. Due to the limited amount of money available, the City of Kalispell was one of only three communities within Montana to receive an award. The funds will be used to provide down payment and closing cost assistance loans to a minimum of ten low-to-moderate income First Time Home Buyers who will purchase a home within the city limits of Kalispell. Up to \$30,000 may be available per qualified homebuyer.

Foundation who will secure the no-interest, deferred payment loans through a Resale Restrictive Agreement and Trust Indenture on the property assisted. These loans will allow the low-to-moderate income homebuyers to substantially increase their borrowing power, which is absolutely necessary as home prices have been increasing 15%+ annually.

The loans become due and payable when the assisted home is either sold or refinanced. The “recaptured” funds will then be made available for future qualified homebuyers. Persons who are seeking additional information can contact Carol Grigg at 758-7744.

The City will partner with Glacier Affordable Housing



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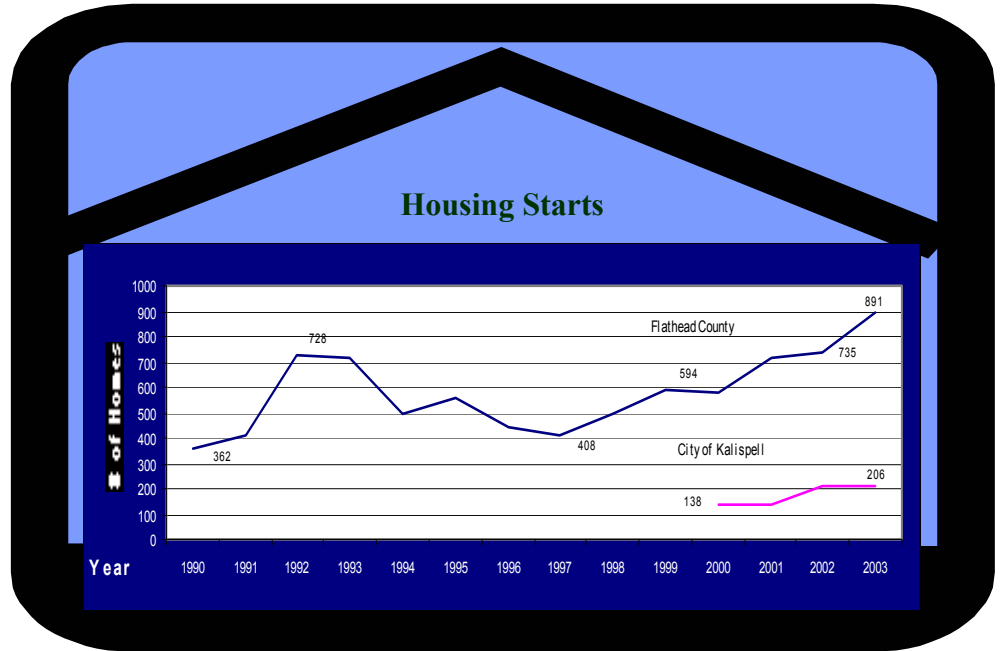
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Housing Starts Continue to Climb!



The "Broken Window Theory"

Do you know how the "Broken Window Theory" relates to keeping you safe in your homes? The "Broken Window Theory" was proposed by two criminologists who found that crime was more prevalent in neighborhoods where nothing was done about broken windows, abandoned cars, graffiti and visible debris.

The researchers discovered that fewer crimes occurred in neighborhoods where people noticed those general nuisance issues and worked to abate them. They theorized that crime occurred less in the well cared for areas because the criminal element



recognized that the people in those neighborhoods were vigilant and were more likely to act when crimes occurred. Those neighborhoods that were most successful had partnerships between local government and the community which effectively dealt with those issues.

The "Broken Window Theory" demonstrates the importance in the efforts of the Kalispell Police Department to enforce Kalispell's 72 hour parking ordinance. The ordinance prohibits parking in one place on a city street for more than 72 hours. The ordinance serves many purposes. First, it prohibits anyone from monopolizing available parking; second, it allows for snow removal during the winter months and that improves driving safety; and third, it is an effective tool

in partnering with neighborhoods in preventing the type of environment where crime flourishes.

Some officers have been busy lately placing warning notices on cars reminding the owners that vehicles need to be moved to another parking spot. Officers can then ensure the cars are operational and not abandoned. This is one of the ways that we can partner with the community to combat the negative effects of the "Broken Window Theory". While some see the notices as a nuisance, we see this as an important tool in keeping neighborhoods and their residents safe.

City of Kalispell Administrative Staff

At Your Service



For concerns or City service information, contact the following departments/divisions:

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