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MISSION

*To Provide the Services,
Resources and
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Enhance the
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for All Citizens.*

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City Proposes New Fire Station

The Kalispell Fire Department currently responds to approximately 4,000 emergency calls each year from the single fire station located in downtown Kalispell. Emergency response times to the northern portions of the city range from 8-13 minutes. The north fire station, proposed for the area of Highway 93 and 4 Mile Drive, will reduce the response times significantly – while also providing increased service delivery for the remaining portions of the city. The anticipated cost of the proposed building project is \$3 million and the estimated cost to taxpayers is \$34 per \$100,000 taxable value, per year, for a 15-year term.

Why does Kalispell need a North fire station?

Emergency response times to northern Kalispell are currently 8-13 minutes. To provide effective service, apparatus and equipment must arrive with adequate staffing in less than 4 minutes for a cardiac patient and within the first 8 minutes of a fire. The new station location is designed to meet this criteria 90% of the time. The emergency call volume is increasing 18% annually.

How many firefighters will be in this station?

There will be four firefighters, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The building is designed for up to four more firefighters to meet the demand of future city growth.



How will this fire station benefit the rest of the city?

The station will cover half of the fire department's responses, allowing the main station to respond more effectively to calls in other areas of the city. Both stations will respond on structure fires, providing the resources needed to stop the fire as soon as possible.

How busy will this fire station be?

Over 2,000 emergency requests are expected each year. There will be more than 1,500 requests for medical assistance, and over 500 requests for fire, rescue, and hazardous materials responses. In addition, plans include a Kalispell Police Department satellite station, providing a working area and response base for police officers covering the northern area of the city.

Contact Fire Chief Randy Brodehl at 758-7760 for more information regarding the proposed fire station.

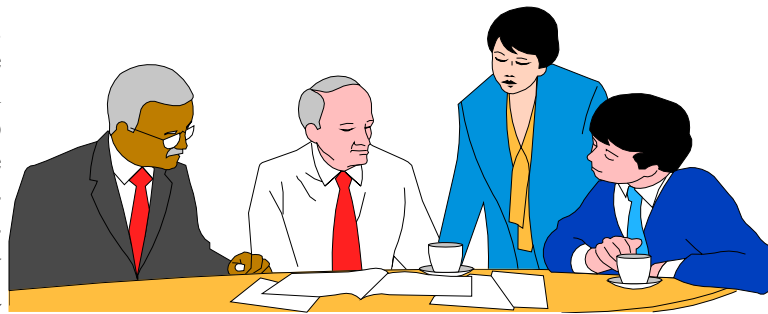


WANTED! V. I. P. S.

Do you know any V.I.P.S.? That stands for Volunteers in Police Service, of course, and the Kalispell Police Department has been blessed with many over the years. As the need for police services increases, so do the opportunities for volunteers in policing.

For the past six years, the Kalispell Police Department has been involved with a group of volunteers called the Police Advisory Council (PAC). As volunteers, these community members are from a broad cross section of our community, and they participate in training with members of the police department. They engage in problem solving activities intended to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community.

PAC members have organized and sponsored community forums including the Town Hall Meeting on metham-



phetamine and drug counseling sessions at the schools. In addition, they developed community education forums on domestic abuse, drug use and driving under the influence.

In the next year, the department also hopes to involve community volunteers in the department in traffic surveys and general support activities. These support functions should help provide additional time for officers to spend on immediate policing needs.

The department is also in the process of developing its first reserve program. The reserve program will help recruit and train qualified volunteers who will serve alongside our full time staff. Reserve officers are required to go through the same rigorous testing and screening mandatory of all police officers. In addition, a substantial training program sponsored by the department and Flathead Valley Community College rounds out the process.

Fall Leaf Clean Up

Leaf Collection Schedule

Avenues—

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

Streets—

Tuesday

Thursday

Outlying Area— Daily

Every year our beautiful summer weather inevitably leads us to the changes of fall with cooler temperatures and hints of the winter ahead. The City's street trees mirror this annual transformation as their leaves change from varied shades of green to the warm red, yellow, and gold of autumn. And then they drop to the ground where they become just another chore to deal with.

The City of Kalispell tries to make the fall clean up task a bit easier by allowing residents and business operators to rake leaves into street gutters for clean up by City Street maintenance crews using specialized equipment.

Fall leaf pickup usually begins in late October, or early November, depending on weather conditions. The goal is to sweep up as many leaves as possible before the first snowfall to prevent them from washing into the storm drainage system and clogging drains when spring arrives. We seldom get all the leaves before they are covered with snow, but we try.

Prior to the leaf removal effort on a street, parked vehicles must be moved from curbsides. If you have raked your leaves into the street for pick up, please try to avoid parking over them, and please be patient, we will try to get them before the snow flies. We try to follow this schedule: Avenues will be done on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; Streets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Outlying areas will be done daily.



Attention Bikers and Walkers!

Another link to our city pedestrian and bicycle trail system was completed late this summer. The Meridian Connector trail starts at Meridian Road and runs along the west side of Highway 93 to Four Mile Drive and into the Kalispell Youth Athletic Complex. This important section of the path facilitates safer and easier pedestrian access to the athletic facility.

The next phase of the trail-systems project will be the planning for extending the Meridian Connector to the Lowes development and tying into existing trails on the west side of Highway 93 and Reserve Drive. In addition, planning includes a pedestrian trail from Woodland Park to Willow Glen along Woodland Avenue. Shared federal grant programs provide the funding; with the city contributing 13% and federal funds are 87% of the total cost.

After School Kids

Parks and Recreation collaborated with School District 5 to initiate an after school program at Elrod School. *After School Kids* is an effort to provide School District 5 students, K through 6th grade, with an after school alternative inclusive of recreational, educational, cultural and social components.

Donated Land & Park Improvements

A 2½-acre parcel of land was generously donated to the city. This property adjoining Northridge Park will be a nice addition to the park when developed and improved. The property will see improvements including replanting of grass, irrigation and trees.

An unofficial neighborhood park committee reviewed a master plan for Sunset Park, a three-acre undeveloped park located off Sherry Lane. Scheduling of improvements including planting of grass, irrigation and installation of new playground equipment is underway.



NEW REPLACEMENTS

New trees are replacing ones that have died or have overgrown their sites in the downtown area. The new trees are a smaller, flowering, slow growing variety that will not be overly large at maturity and are much more adaptable to harsher urban environments.

Here to Serve You!

The change of seasons brings a change of recreational activities and programs highlighted in our fall/winter brochure. The brochure is available at our office, located at 35 1st Ave East or online at www.kalispell.com.

In the last Kalispell Quarterly newsletter, a city-wide survey was distributed to assess customer service satisfaction. The Parks and Recreation department is processing and analyzing comments regarding our department in an effort to deliver a more efficient, user-friendly department to the citizens of Kalispell. Parks and Recreation always welcomes input and comments from the public in an effort to provide excellent customer service. For comments and information, please call 758-7849.

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PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS

The Kalispell Police Department would like to remind drivers that pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks. Please stop for people crossing the street.

We would also like to remind pedestrians that they must use due care when crossing at crosswalks. Don't step out into the roadway until all traffic has stopped.

Snow Removal Policy

By City ordinance, the Snow Season officially begins November 1 and ends March 31 of each year. Sometimes, Mother Nature has a different schedule so these dates may change slightly to reflect the actual on-set of significant winter snowfall. However, by November of each year, the City Street Maintenance Division will have shifted into snow clearing mode and by the end of March, we will have typically changed back to regular operations. If you are new to the City, or a seasoned hand with our winters, there are a few things you should know about City snow clearing operations.

Snow clearing operations are divided into three basic parts: First Priority Routes are roads that are maintained at all times. Second Priority Routes receive immediate attention after first priority routes are cleared. Other Residential Streets are cleared as soon as possible and usually within 48 hours after the end of snowfall in excess of 3 inches.

Plow operators will attempt to clear snow from curb to curb. Where access to the curb line is blocked by parked cars, the vehicle owner should expect snow to accumulate around the parked car as the plow passes the vehicle. City crews will try to avoid plowing in a parked car. However, if it does happen they will not be able to assist in removing the piled snow.

Clearing of sidewalks around City facilities will take place within 36 hours following the end of a snowfall. Clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to private property is the responsibility of the property owner, or resident.

In Central Kalispell, plow operators clear

Avenues Streets	Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
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On plowing days, if you must park your vehicle on the public street, then, you are requested to park on the nearest adjacent Street or Avenue. Outlying residential areas are not impacted with parking restrictions as much as the older central core of residential Kalispell. However, snow clearing in outlying areas will be greatly improved if on-street parking is held to a minimum.

City plows are not responsible nor are they permitted to clear private driveways, and it is strictly forbidden for a City plow to clear snow or ice from private property. Pushing snow from private property onto the public street or sidewalk is prohibited.

A map of designated snow routes is posted in the Public Works office at 306 First Avenue East. A copy of the City's snow policy is also available. If you have any questions please call 758-7720 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.