



Kalispell Quarterly

Building a Community that Expects Excellence

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

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Roger Nasset named Police Officer of the Year

Detective Sergeant Roger Nasset was named Police Officer of the Year for Montana by the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police at their annual conference in July. The Association represents over 400 police officers in municipal law enforcement agencies in Montana.

Nasset was cited for exemplary performance in his role as Team Leader with Kalispell's Special Response Team during the apprehension of a fugitive in cooperation with the Flathead County Sheriff's Office. The fugitive was armed with a fully automatic machine gun and was wanted for bail jumping and suspected of being involved

in a plot to kill police officers and judges.

Nasset was also commended for his role in the George Evans homicide investigation. Nasset's participation in these cases and the overall quality and quantity of his work is the standard by which others are judged.

The committee noted Nasset's participation in his local church and as an instructor in the department's defensive tactics, handcuffing, and firearms programs. Also noted was his unquestioned character and tremendous work ethic.

Nasset has twice received



the Distinguished Service Medal for his courageous service and also the Meritorious Service Medal for his work on the Northwest Drug Task Force.

Roger Nasset has been with the Kalispell Police Department for nine years.

VOTE—NOVEMBER 4 ELECTION—VOTE

Council Seats

Ballot Issues

Ward 1 — 1 seat

Ward 3 — 1 seat

City Charter

Ward 2 — 1 seat

Ward 4 — 1 seat

Attorney Reporting



Fire Department News

The Kalispell Fire Department is working very hard to reduce the risks faced by each person in our community! During the past four months, crews have been especially busy with child car safety seat installations, community smoke detector installations, and providing paramedic service on the Robert Fire.

Child Car Seat Installations

Kirk Pederson leads the child car seat installations. Through a partnership with “The Summit”, and the dedication of the firefighters, we have inspected 110 car seats since June 1. From the beginning of the program in May 2000 to the present, 1506 child safety seats have been inspected, and there are many testimonials of the lives saved and the injuries avoided because parents had us install or check their car safety seats.



Smoke Alarms

Kalispell firefighters are continuing to install free smoke alarms in the community, thanks to a valley-wide grant from the State of Montana. The smoke alarm program targets those people in our community who are at the greatest risk of dying in a fire - the very young and senior citizens. The smoke alarms feature 10-year batteries that provides better reliability, and reduces the risk of falls to senior citizens because it reduces their need to climb ladders to change batteries.

Kalispell residents who need smoke alarms or who have questions about the program may call the Prevention Division at 758-7763.

Robert Fire

On July 24th, we received a request from the United States Forest Service to provide paramedics on the Robert Fire; at that time just a few hundred acres burning near the Park. We were on scene for the next 48 days! The paramedics treated heart attacks, anaphylactic shock, broken bones, blisters, cuts and abrasions. They provided leadership on the two emergency medical teams that were staged on the fire-ground. Emergency medical technicians, many from around the country, worked with them on the teams, providing additional assistance .



Parks & Recreation

Park Assets

The Kalispell Parks Department has 25 parks incorporating approximately 387 acres of park lands, athletic fields and green belts that we continue to improve and maintain at high standards for use by the community and visitors. Our parks, facilities and recreation programs are a great asset and integral part of the City of Kalispell.

Woodland Aquatic Facility

Construction of the new Woodland Aquatic Facility and Skate Board Park is nearing completion and we are looking for a Grand Opening date in June, 2004.

Woodland Park Lagoon

The parks department is working with a private firm, to treat the stagnant west end of Woodland Park lagoon. This is a free demonstration of the firms environmentally safe treatment. A review of the results in the spring will determine if an ongoing program is feasible.

Youth Athletic Fields

We mentioned in the last *Kalispell Quarterly* newsletter that we were constructing two Babe Ruth fields and four Pee Wee football fields at the Kalispell Youth Athletic Complex. These fields are now in use by their

respective organizations. In addition, the City is extending water and sewer lines and completing the paving of the access road and additional parking with financial assistance from Kidsparts.

Pedestrian Trail

The Meridian Pedestrian Connector Trail will be going out to bid in the late fall and construction will start shortly thereafter. This trail will start at Meridian & Hwy 93 and end at the Kalispell Youth Athletic Complex.

Summer Recreation

Recreation programs continue to expand and grow to meet the needs of the community. The summer *Picnic In The Park* concert series at Depot Park was the most successful ever. An estimated 13,000+ people enjoyed music, good food, dancing and relaxation at 22 concerts. Bruckhauser Pool enjoyed a gratifying final season, closing forever on August 26th, 2003. Our summer day camp and sports programs continue to grow in leaps and bounds. Our day camps provided an enjoyable fun filled atmosphere for 3,136 participants, while at the same time offering parents a safe environment for their children.

Gearing Up

With the change of the season comes a shift in activities, programs and maintenance responsibilities. Parks crews will shift gears and begin winterization of park facilities and the start of the Urban Forestry maintenance program, with tree trimming and removal slated for the fall schedule. The recreation staff is excited about all the new expanded fitness programs for teens and adults. Try a Hip Hop class or beginner Ballet, or introduction to Pilates and Yoga. The fall-winter season brings events geared toward family fun including the Halloween Hunt, a day of games at Woodland Park, Santa's Calling, and other activities too numerous to list. We encourage you to visit the Parks & Recreation's new offices at 35 First Avenue East or phone us at 758-7718 to

"Another satisfying and rewarding summer season is coming to a close at the Kalispell Parks and Recreation Department. The department takes pride in its ability to provide a high level of service to the community and has made this the primary goal."

Mike Baker
Director, Parks
& Recreation

find out about the numerous services the Kalispell Parks Department has to offer.

The new Fall/Winter brochure is available.



Parkview Terrace playground received new playground equipment through the ongoing playground replacement program.

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Police Chief:	Frank Garner	758-7786
Fire Chief:	Randy Brodehl	758-7762
Finance Director:	Amy Robertson	758-7755
Public Works Director:	Jim Hansz	758-7721
Director of Parks & Recreation:	Mike Baker	758-7716
City Clerk:	Theresa White	758-7756
Building/Zoning:	Craig Kerzman	758-7733
Human Resource Specialist:	Marti Hensley	758-7757
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What Does It Take To Be A Police Officer?

That's the question that nearly 50 people tried to answer during the recent hiring process for entry-level police officers conducted by the police department.

The hiring process begins when the department declares an opening. An opening can arise due to retirement, the funding of a new position, or some other attrition. When an opening is declared, the department advertises on the City's website, through the Internet, print media and the Job Service.

The advertisements let potential applicants know that the Kalispell Police Department is a progressive, community-policing agency whose mission is to provide the best service possible to our citizens. Applicants discover that the department offers opportunities in uniform patrol, crime prevention, school resource assignments, drug investigation, special response team, crime scene investigation, patrol supervision, investigations and management.

Applicants are required to make reservations for testing that include rigorous written examinations and physical agility drills. The written tests include testing on reading comprehension, math and reasoning skills, English and grammar skills and basic law enforcement knowledge. The physical agility drills include a mile and one-half run, pushups, sit-ups, sit and reach and a step test.

Out of a typical pool of fifty applicants nearly seventy percent are eliminated during the written examination,

another ten percent are eliminated in the physical drills. The remaining applicants must then pass an extensive psychological screening to proceed in the process. The remaining applicants, who generally number less than ten, have their backgrounds thoroughly investigated by detectives.

Of the nearly fifty people that began the process, only half a dozen have survived all of the screening regimens and are then eligible for the final selection criteria that includes a review by two interview panels.

The first panel consists of volunteers from the community who interview the finalists and provide feedback to the department about the applicants' affect, personality and communication skills. The applicants are finally reviewed by a three-member police commission to determine their suitability for the position of police officer.

The Police Commission consists of citizens appointed by the Mayor and approved by the council who are charged by law with reviewing candidates for police service.

The finalists typically have college degrees, experience in and prior training in law enforcement, good driving records as well as exceptional personal and professional references. The net result is a process that has produced the last three "Police Officers of the Year" for the state of Montana and an organization that is committed to excellence.