



Information Memorandum

1/4/2019

1. Building Department

We have issued permits for 4 single family houses, in the last 2 weeks. That will bring the total of new single family/duplex and townhouse units for the year to 133, compared to 151 last year at this time. Multi-family units are at 82 compared to 44 multi-family units last year at this time. Looking at totals, 2018 matched 2017 construction at 195 total housing units permitted each year noting a slight shift to multi-family production over single family and duplex construction this year. This number ranked as a tie for the second highest construction year since 2007.

The Linderman School remodel permit was issued; valued at approximately \$3.6 million. Urban Bricks Pizza, located at 635 Treeline Road, received their certificate of completion and is now open.

Our inspectors have been conducting annual fire inspections of all elementary schools in Kalispell during Christmas break.

2. Planning Department

The Kalispell Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm and hear a request from Spartan Holdings, LLC for a major subdivision to be known as Eagle Valley Ranch Phases 1-3. The proposal, located north of the Kalispell Armory and extending up to the south end of Ponderosa Estates and westerly to US 93, contains 99 acres and includes 114 single-family residential lots, 16 mixed-use office lots, an assisted living complex and an apartment complex site. The planning board will also hold a workshop to begin discussing a series of routine housekeeping amendments for the Kalispell Zoning Ordinance.

The Annual Kalispell 2018 Construction, Subdivision and Annexation Report should be available by January 15, 2019.

3. Community Development

The Kalispell TIGER grant continues with work winding down at the Glacier Rail Park

phase of the project and substantial completion expected by early January 2019. The City continues work with Alta Design Group on the Kalispell Trail alignment and design with updates expected early January.

4. Fire Department

Since the last update the Kalispell Fire Department has received 209 calls for service and has conducted 4 outreach events with approximately 34 individuals in attendance.

As we enter the New Year, fire department staff have been reviewing call history for the past year and other information for an end of year review report. We are also completing end of year maintenance logs for apparatus and also end of year drug audits per internal and DEA policies.

The fire departments chimney brush program is still being utilized by the community and is one of the more popular programs. This program offers free chimney brush and rod rentals from the fire department to assist individuals in cleaning their chimneys if they so desire. We also recommend to have a certified chimney inspector inspect your wood heating appliances and chimneys at-least annually or after any event what could cause damage to appliances.

5. Legislative Session

Monday will mark the beginning of the legislative session at the State of Montana. At this point, we are waiting to see what bill are assigned to committees that have significance to the City of Kalispell and our adopted legislative priorities. We will also be staying in touch with the Montana Infrastructure Coalition and the Montana League of Cities and Towns as they have adopted platforms that coincide with our interests.

6. Federal Shutdown

As the United States government is experiencing a partial shutdown, we are looking at how that will impact local municipal operations. While there aren't direct service related impacts, we are cognizant that we may face concerns with various grant programs and timely reimbursements. It is something we will continue to watch if the shutdown extends for a lengthy period.

7. Police Chief Selection

An open house has been scheduled for January 14 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers for the community to meet the two finalists for the Chief of Police position. The finalists will also be meeting with several interview panels that day. A selection is anticipated that week.