

# KALISPELL

Chamber of Commerce  
Convention & Visitor Bureau



Fun for the whole family: The Event at Rebecca Farm

## KALISPELL CHAMBER NEWSLETTER - JULY 2019

### 4-LANE BUILD OUT OF RESERVE DRIVE:

We received a reply letter for MDT Director Mike Tooley on a request for re-designation of Reserve Drive to part of the state primary system. This change offers the potential for accelerating the build-out of Reserve Drive to four between US 93 and US 2. He said that the evaluation of this road project will be part of a review for the entire state with an estimated completion date of December 2019.

### CITY CONTEMPLATES ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT:

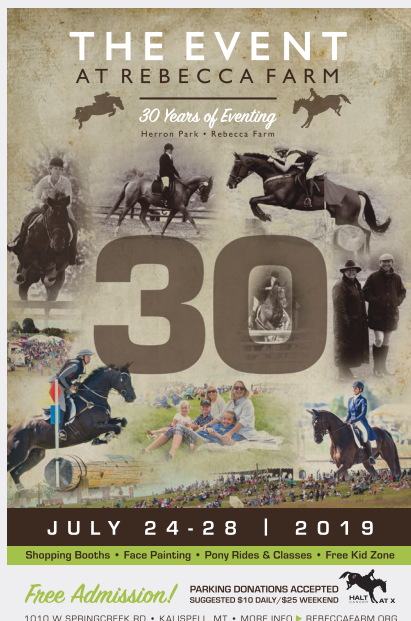
Kalispell City Council held a work session on June 24 with the intent of adopting a Tax Increment Financing Assistance Program for both the downtown and Westside districts. This plan would allow for payment of impact fees through TIF funds.

### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REPORTS APPRAISAL INCREASES:

The Montana Department of Revenue reported the changes in value of residential and commercial properties resulting from the recent reappraisal. The value increase from the previous cycle that is shown includes the increase resulting from new property also. In previous reappraisals, the new property was separated so the increase reported was only due to revaluing the property that existed in prior valuation. As a result the numbers shown are higher than what can be attributed to reappraisal alone (MT Taxpayer's Assoc., July 2019).

#### Preliminary Change in Class 4 Market Value 2018-2019

	Residential	Commercial
Montana Avg.	12.48%	9.87%
Flathead County	11.11%	9.35%
Lake County	7.07%	4.91%
Lincoln County	6.77%	0.60%



### THE EVENT AT REBECCA FARM - A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Celebrating 30 years of sanctioned eventing in the Flathead Valley, The Event will take place July 24-28 at [Rebecca Farm](#), just minutes West of Downtown Kalispell.

Whether you're a repeat attendee, or taking part for the first time, there's something for everyone at The Event at Rebecca Farm. [Volunteering](#) provides a 'backstage pass' to the horses, the scenery, and the comradery involved in three-day eventing with no prior horse experience necessary. World-class shopping and food vendors will satisfy all tastes, while a [kid zone](#) makes the event fun for the whole family, featuring face painting, pony rides, arts and crafts, pony classes, mini golf, and more, all of which are completely free.

The Event at Rebecca Farm is a world-class, community-oriented event featuring courses that range from novice to Olympic qualifier. Competitors compete in the three main disciplines of eventing: dressage, cross-country, and show jumping.

"They say it takes a village - we have our own version: It takes a valley," Sarah Broussard, The Event's organizer expresses. "And we are hoping to see even more attendees from the Flathead this year. There's truly a place for everyone at The Event."

## DISCOVER KALISPELL HOSTS BEER BLOGGERS



Earlier in June, Discover Kalispell hosted 30 national beer bloggers and influencers in Kalispell with an event at the Museum at Central School, an overnight stay at the Red Lion, and activities such as biking the Going-to-the-Sun-Road.

The event was intended to showcase the incredible beer manufacturers located here in the Flathead and consisted of member breweries: SunRift Beer Co., Kalispell Brewing Co., Sacred Waters Brewing Co., Bias Brewing Co., and more.

## ANNUAL 20 UNDER 40 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the 20 Under 40 Class of 2019!



On June 18, the third annual 20 Under 40 Awards took place at our June luncheon, honoring young professionals in the Flathead Valley.

Now in its third year, the 20 Under 40 Awards are a partnership between the Kalispell Chamber, Flathead Area Young Professionals, Daily Inter Lake, and was sponsored by Whitefish Credit Union.

Click the image above for a recap of each of this year's fantastic winners.

## MT YOUNG PROS MEET IN KALISPELL



Our young professionals network, Flathead Area Young Professionals, was awarded the opportunity to host the statewide Montana Young Professionals Summit this year. Over 150 professionals ages 21-39 descended upon Kalispell this June 12-14 for networking opportunities, two keynote speakers, and 14 different breakout sessions. The theme of the event was Ignite - arming attendees with the tools to ignite change in their careers, communities, and companies.

Next year's event will be held in Helena in June.

## KICK-OFF MEETING FOR FLATHEAD MANUFACTURING DAY:

The steering committee for Flathead Manufacturing Month met on June 26, with chairman Jim Wright presiding. Members of the steering committee include: Weyerhaeuser, PROOF, LC Staffing, Applied Materials, Nomad, Defiance Machine, TableTree, FVCC, Converting Equipment International, Daily Inter Lake, and Flathead High School.

Flathead Manufacturing Month is a multi-week celebration surrounding National Manufacturing Day and is a coordinated effort to promote manufacturing careers, companies, and opportunities across the Flathead Valley. Now in its 5th year, we have grown this event to the largest program in a multi-state area, hosting over 4,000 community members for manufacturing-related events last year. Look for a full schedule of tours, seminars, workshops and more coming later this summer.



## AMERICAN AIRLINES TOUCHES DOWN IN KALISPELL

In late 2018, American Airlines announced it would begin serving Kalispell with direct flights to Dallas, Chicago, and Los Angeles. On June 6, several partners hosted a welcome event for the inaugural American Airlines flight into Kalispell.

An extensive \$170,000 campaign is currently underway in the Dallas, Chicago and LA markets to promote new summer daily non-stop flights on American Airlines. Partners include the Kalispell CVB, Whitefish CVB, state tourism office, and Glacier AERO.



## DISCOVER KALISPELL HOSTS MEETING PLANNERS FROM ACROSS U.S.



Discover Kalispell hosted four planners that represent association and corporate business from all over the United States. Discover Kalispell's goal is to show them all that Kalispell has to offer for lodging, transportation and unique activities they can share with their clients to encourage Kalispell as a meeting destination. The day was packed but what a better way to conclude than with a tour of Conrad Mansion and dinner in a vintage setting on the mansion lawn. The area's natural beauty sells itself, but an equal or even bigger impact on our guests is our enthusiastic local ambassadors sharing themselves and the very best of Kalispell.

Thank you to:

Katherine King-City of Kalispell  
Kim Morisaki-MT West Economic Development  
Pam Carbonari-Kalispell Downtown Association  
Kate Lufkin-Flathead Area Young Professionals  
Vance Watson-Budget Car Rental  
Lucy Weeder-SpringHill Marriott and TBID Board Member  
Brit Clark-Conrad Mansion  
Margit Baake-Kalispell Chamber

## UNWIND WITH SPECTRUM REACH

Tuesday, July 9 | 5:00 - 6:30pm | Museum at Central School

UNWIND with Spectrum Reach during our June business after-hours networking event. Sip on a variety of beer, wine, and soda while enjoying complimentary appetizers catered by Bonelli's Bistro. Check out live product demos offered by the team at Spectrum Reach and enter for a chance to win a Sonos Bluetooth Speaker or a swag-bag. Complimentary beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. This after-hours networking event is the perfect opportunity to socialize, exchange business cards, and meet new people. Don't forget cash for the Split the pot! [Share this event on Facebook!](#)



### GO LIVE WITH US!

Our social media following is the largest of any similar organization across Montana and we want to utilize our platforms to help you grow your business. Have something new going on? Just opened up a new part of your business or started a new program? Contact our Membership Development Manager, Margit Baake, to learn more about how to partner with us and go live! [m.baake@kalispellchamber.com](mailto:m.baake@kalispellchamber.com) or (406) 758-5054.

## SUMMER FAVORITES

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

July 4 | 10am | Main St



### NWMT FAIR PARADE

August 16 | 10am | Main St



### MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

August 17 | 8am | Fairgrounds



**290  
MAIN**

**EDGE**



#### 25 YEARS

- Enterprise Rent-A-Car

#### 20 YEARS

- Wild Wave Watercraft Rentals/  
Winter Wonderland Sports
- Silvertip Engraving

#### 5 YEARS

- Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home
- Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts Foundation

#### 1 YEAR

- Costa Vida
- Network Center, Inc.
- Runnin' Bear Inc.
- American Red Cross
- MOTEL 6
- Great Northern Gourmet
- Big Sky ATM Solutions
- Gateway West Community Center
- Coco Enterprises, LLC
- Kalispell Sunrises Lions Club
- Boy Scouts of America
- Flathead Celtic Festival
- Sacred Waters Brewing Company
- The Literacy Center of NW Montana
- Allstate - Jon Halland Insurance Agency



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children®—Spokane



**MONTANA CHILDREN'S**  
KALISPELL REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

#### **Shriners Hospital Outreach Clinic Grand Opening!**

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Spokane is launching a Pediatric Orthopaedic Outreach Clinic in collaboration with Montana Children's Specialists, co-located at Northwest Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

Our team of orthopaedic surgeons, nursing and patient access will be seeing kids from the Kalispell region every other month. We would love to share more with you.

Please join us as we join your community as a healthcare provider!

#### **Join us at:**

**Northwest Orthopedics  
and Sports Medicine**  
**50 Heritage Way #1200,**  
**Kalispell, MT 59901**

**FRIDAY, JULY 12TH**  
**11:30AM**

*Come help us celebrate  
our big announcement!*

#### **Ribbon Cutting Celebration!**

## PROVENCE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA

March 28 - April 5, 2020  
From \$3,199

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