

Chamber News

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Flathead County Cost-of-Living Figures For First Quarter 2009 Released

Information released by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce revealed that Flathead County cost-of-living is .2% below the national average.

The Flathead County cost-of-living index measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures. It is based on 59 items, for which prices are collected quarterly by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce throughout Flathead County. Local data is combined with information from

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Government Affairs Briefs

Glacier National Park: Sun Road and Wilderness Designation – Chas Cartwright, superintendent of Glacier National Park spoke to the May Chamber luncheon audience on the reconstruction of Going-to-the-Sun Road and potential wilderness designation and asked for public input on these topics. The Chamber intends to provide additional education and information on these two topics and survey the membership. Look for additional details in future editions of Chamber News and the weekly e-newsletter.

Advancing the Regional Workforce – The Kalispell Chamber board of directors approved an updated education and workforce strategic plan to help guide its efforts to advance the regional workforce.

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Get In Contact

Call Bridgette to find out how you can benefit from all the activity on the Chamber of Commerce website 406.758.2801. •



Chamber Snapshot

Visitor's Center Information Requests:

	April '09	YTD
Phone Calls:	674	2,233
Walk-ins	276	1,049

VACATION

Packets	3	13
Inquiries	104	313
Email Inquiries	17	55

RELOCATION

Packets	6	12
Basic	28	122
Phone Books	2	9

Chamber Website Activity

Unique Visits	4,024	14,464
Total Visits	5,145	18,284

At a Glance

JUNE UNWINDS

» Tuesday, June 2, 2009
KRMC & HCNW
320 Sunny View Lane
Kalispell, MT
From 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

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From 5:00 to 6:30 PM

» Sponsoring an UNWIND is a great opportunity to showcase your business to other Chamber Members as well as the community. There are still a few dates left open for 2009. Contact Chamber Ambassador Ashley King at 406-755-4271 to schedule your UNWIND.

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Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

The central mission of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce is the cultivation and development of entrepreneurs and communities through the spirit of enterprise.

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May New Members

Please welcome these new members with your business.

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Northwest Automotive offers complete automotive repair and maintenance. ASE Certified Technicians NAPA Auto Care Center and Better Business Bureau Member.

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I offer tax preparation and accounting services, as well as, comprehensive investment planning. In addition to preparing and filing your tax return, I can help develop a plan that takes into account your financial circumstances and tax status, and considers your college, retirement and estate planning goals. •

Glacier Challenge to Help Flathead Attention Home

The Glacier Challenge race will be held July 11 as a fundraiser for the Flathead Attention Home. The race covers 50 miles of trails, roads, and waterways throughout the Flathead Valley. You can participate by entering a team or by volunteering to help on the day of the event. For more information contact Hannah Plumb at 755-4622, hplumb@youthhomes.com or visit www.theglacierchallenge.com. •

Arts in the Park July 24-26

Preparations have begun for the 39th Annual Arts in the Park, July 24-26, 2007. The event attracts over 10,000 attendees and features 115 talented artists and craftsmen. There are several ways you can partner with the Hockaday to make Arts in the Park 2007 a success. For sponsorship information call Holly Secrest 755-5268 or contact communications@hockadaymuseum.org •

May Renewals

10 Plus Years

Able Body Shop
 Aero Inn
 Alpine Auction Services Inc
 American Homestead Mortgage
 Carol Nelson Design Inc
 Ciao Interiors
 De Pratu Ford
 Dental Distinctions, PC
 Dr Peter Nelson DMD
 Eisinger Honda
 First American Title Company of Montana
 Flathead Building Association
 Glacier Cross Inc
 Glacier Pines RV Park
 H & R Block
 Hooper's Garden Center
 Johnson Berg McEvoy & Bostock
 Kalispell Auto Parts (NAPA)
 Montana Mortgage Company
 Pizza Hut
 Radioactive

5 to 9 Years

Best Western White Oak Grand Hotel & Business Center
 Flathead Care-Safe & Drug Free School Consortium
 Payne Financial Group
 Stahlberg & Sutherland PC

1 to 4 Years

A Full Life Addus Healthcare Inc.
 Bigfork Web Development
 Bill's Superheat
 Farm Bureau Financial Service
 Fifth Wave Leadership
 Flathead Lake Winery
 Glacier Quilts, Inc
 Jill Johnson of Wells Fargo
 Montana Ace Hardware
 Rocky Mountain Super Vac
 Whitefish Credit Union

Did you know if you recruit a member into the Chamber you get money?

Call Bridgette for details, 758-2801.

Cost-of-Living

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308 other communities to create the ACCRA Cost of Living Index. ACCRA is the national association of community and economic research professionals. Other Montana areas participating in the survey include Bozeman and Missoula. The ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index for the Kalispell area during the first quarter of 2008 is as follows (average of 293 urban areas = 100):

Composite	99.8
Grocery	114.2
Housing	97.5
Utilities	85.9
Transportation	88.2
Health Care	102.6
Miscellaneous	104.0
Composite Index for Other Communities	
Bozeman, MT	105.2
Missoula, MT	101.7
Twin Falls, ID	91.8
Spokane, WA	91.2
Laramie, WY	97.0

For full report details please visit <http://www.kalispellchamber.com/kalispell/costofliving.php>

Volunteer Opportunity

The Summer tourist season has already begun. I am anticipating a lively tourist trade this summer. Whether you are a native to the Flathead Valley or a transplant, if you are friendly and like people, you will be an asset to the Visitor Center. Here's your opportunity to share the wonders and sights of our unique corner of the USA. I am currently looking for volunteers to help out in the Visitor Center from June 1 through September 4. I have openings for both the morning and afternoon shifts. Shifts run from 11-2 and from 2-5. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday. Most of my volunteers commit to a single shift on the same day each week. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this opportunity or need a little more information, please contact me (Diane) at 758-2800.

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China Trip Reminder

China, a land rich in history and culture is also an ever-increasing market for American goods and services. The country is also a major supplier to American manufacturers and consumers and the US government's largest foreign creditor. To learn more about the country and its economy, 200 members of the Kalispell Chamber will leave on either March 27 or March 29, 2010 for a ten-day trade and cultural mission to China. For more information on how you can be a part of the trip visit www.kalispellchamber.com/programs_events/missiontochina2010, email cary@kalispellchamber.com or call Cary at 758-2803. There you can find FAQ, registration forms, optional tours and more.



New West Healthcare UNWIND

The May UNWIND was held on May 20 at New West Health Services in the Gateway Community Center. Upon entering the Center visitors were welcomed with the enticing and recognizable aroma of food provided by Vista Linda Catering. The old food court provided a friendly and casually comfortable gathering place. New West Health Services had an informative slide show running during the event.

Door prize winners:

Brian Krels of Swiftcurrent Consulting & Accounting PC. Won a Car Emergency Pack. **Danielle Hurd of CTA** won a Fleece Vest. **Don Roundtree of J2 Office Products** won a Fleece Blanket. **Janet Hansen of Alliance Title** won the Split the Pot.

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NEW WEST HEALTH SERVICES



Are You Reaching Your Targeted Market? *Chambermaster Member Benefit Campaign*

Statistics indicate that consumers searching the Internet are experienced, educated shoppers that use the web to help make purchase decisions. And 63% of them are more likely to purchase from chamber members!*

We have invited a representative from ChamberMaster, our software partner, to come and explain how to get the most from your current Online Business Directory listing on our chamber website - - your free listing already available to you.

Upgrade opportunities will also be presented including the ability to display your logo in our Online Business Directory, increase visibility to your own web link, and provide enhancements that give a more professional first impression. How to gain additional exclusive exposure to the Chamber website traffic is something that will also be discussed.

Watch for emails in the coming weeks to find out how to set up a short meeting with our ChamberMaster representative or call Bridgette at 758-2801 for more details.

Chamber Calendar June 2009

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday



Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

All Meetings are at The Chamber unless otherwise stated.

	1 Leadership Flathead Meeting 3:00pm- 5:00pm	2 UNWIND KRMC & HCNW 320 Sunny View Lane Kalispell, MT 5:00 - 6:30 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8 Government Affairs 4:00pm- 5:00pm	9 Education & Communications Committee Meeting 9:00am-10:00am Kalispell Downtown Association 12:00pm - 1:30pm	10 Agribusiness Committee Meeting 7:00am - 8:00am Ambassador Meeting 4:00pm - 5:00pm	11 Secret Shopping Webinar 1:00pm - 2:00pm	12	13
14  Flag Day	15	16 Executive Board Meeting 7:30am - 8:30	17 UNWIND The Summit 205 Sunny View Lane Kalispell, MT 5:00 - 6:30 PM Natural Resources Committee Meeting 7:00am - 8:00am Transportation Committee Meeting 4:00pm - 5:00pm	18	19	20
21  Father's Day	22	23 Board Meeting 7:00am - 8:00am	24	25 Flathead Regional Business Center Meeting 8:30pm - 9:30pm	26	27
28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Watch for this event in July July 4 4th of July Parade 10 am Main Street</p> </div>			

Social Media from A to Z

Ask. Ask your social customers what they want from you. They'll tell you. Just don't be afraid to hear the answer.

Blog. Only 16 percent of the 2008 Fortune 500 have a public-facing corporate blog with a post in the last 12 months, according to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. But please: no ghost-blogging.

Control. You've already lost much of it; you just didn't know.

Disposable applications. That's how Gartner analyst Adam Sarner describes en vogue social applications. Today's fad (Twitter) may be tomorrow's also-ran (Friendster). The social *tool* hardly matters; the social *strategy* is everything.

Enterprise 2.0. What's on the consumer Web is behind the firewall, too. Collaborative applications, such as Socialtext and Atlassian, allow your employees to get social.

Facebook. If 200 million people are there, you have to be.

Ground rules. Lay 'em. Live by 'em. (But also be flexible enough to adapt 'em if you need to.)

Hype. Oprah's first words on Twitter? "Hi Twitters." Anticlimactic, maybe. But the buzz surrounding Twitter has yet to wane. This social stuff ain't no Snuggie.

Interact. Don't expect the conversation to just come to you. You've got to give a little before you get a little.

Just do it. Analyst Charlene Li has famously suggested that doing nothing is not an option. Social media efforts scare you a little? Doesn't matter: You've got to jump in.

Key influencers. Given the fragmented nature of social media, you can't reach everyone. But the right few, with dedicated followers of their own...

Listen. Now hear this: In the Social Media Buyer's Guide 2009 survey, 80 percent of respondents said senior leadership listens to feedback from social media channels.

Mentor up. Your Generation Y employees are updating their Facebook statuses on their iPhones at this very moment. Use the young'uns to your advantage and have them help shape your social media approach.

New media. That's what the old media used to call the Web and everything online. New media has proceeded to gut the media industry. Social media is the new media of corporate-customer interaction—so plan accordingly.

Open up. In social media, transparency matters most.

Pick your spots. You can't be everywhere. Marketing maven Seth Godin says being in too many channels dilutes his brand, so he's staying out of many of them, including Twitter.

Quality. Customers will remember if you handle the social contract poorly. So focus on a solid strategy.

Ratings and reviews. User-generated content isn't just all the rage—it also increases sales. Bazaarvoice says the average customer implementation of product-page reviews sees at least a 20 percent lift in sales.

Second Life. The most famous of the virtual worlds, which may have lost some of their buzz lately, but still house millions of active social customers.

Twitter. Accounts went from 8 million to 14 million to 19 million in a matter of months. Also? The media practically lives there now, so your message matters.

User interface. Usability not only matters in social media, it matters *more*. If people can't interact easily with your company in a channel, you may as well not bother. Ask Facebook about the uprising over its changed layout.

Voice of the Customer. It's time to eavesdrop on what the customer is saying.

Widgets. They make social media tools easy and adaptable.

X Factor. There's so much about social media that we don't yet know. The landscape's developing faster than you think.

Yesterday's news. That's what you'll be if you don't keep up.

Zero. The amount of time you have left to sit on the social media sidelines.





Big business Mystery Shopping program.
Small business price.

The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce and Corporate Research International have teamed up to help small businesses around the country with a revolutionary new product, Eye On Your Business.

You may have never heard of mystery shopping or understand how it helps your bottom line; visit the website to find out more about how this one program can help with the following aspects of your business:

- Customer Retention (Loyalty)
- Customer Service/Satisfaction
- Compliance to Your Standards
- Increased Sales & Profit
- Many more areas...

Thursday • June 11th
1:00 pm
Kalispell Chamber
Conference Room

Just click the "Learn More" tab at www.eyeyourbusiness.com to have your questions answered, learn how you can benefit from this product and to find out how the program works.

SPECIAL OFFER: Receive 30 day FREE site access and a discounted one-time site user fee with your chamber code: CC59901. Just enter this on the registration page in the Authorized Reseller box to get the FREE 30 day access and then the discounted site user fee. Chamber members only pay \$229(not \$399) at the end of the 30 days.

Get the same information that helps Fortune 500 companies plot their course for the future with Eye On Your Business.

All prices are detailed on www.eyeyourbusiness.com. The average business can have three mystery shops performed per month for around \$100 total actual cost. If you have any questions, please send an email to: info@eyeyourbusiness.com.

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NW Montana BEAR can assist your business!

Government Affair Briefs

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BEAR (Business Expansion And Retention) is a cooperative partnership of local economic, community and workforce development organizations. Our common purpose is to build local companies and enhance our business climate.

Our local BEAR team would like you to tell us about your business! Help us understand your organization and your goals. There are programs and resources available that we hope will be beneficial to you and the strength of your business. You may not need any assistance right now, but you will have a better understanding of what help is available and who to call should your situation change.

Over the coming months I will highlight our Community Development Partners to help you gain insight on some of the programs we have available to assist your company.



Kalispell Small Business Development Center

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Web Site: www.kalispellsmallbusiness.com
Service Area: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln Counties and the Blackfeet Reservation in Glacier County

Information: The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is jointly sponsored by the Small Business Administration and the Montana Department of Commerce and hosted by the Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce. The SBDC provides a variety of business assistance services to current and prospective small business owners. SBDC

assistance is tailored to the local community and the needs of the clients. This business assistance is delivered through free, confidential one-on-one counseling, as well as through workshops and seminars. SBDC services include, but are not limited to:

Assisting small businesses with business plan preparation, management, finance, marketing, production, organization, technical problems, and feasibility studies. A significant portion of SBDC hours are spent acting as the initial liaison between lenders and potential borrowers, and thorough preparation of pro forma financial projections. The SBDC also acts as an information filter, directing clients through the business maze by maintaining partnerships among regional business service organizations as well as local, state, and federal agencies. The Montana Small Business Development Centers focus on the creation and maintenance of viable small businesses and the jobs these businesses provide in their local communities. Each year, the Montana SBDC network counsels more than 1400 entrepreneurs and existing business owners.



Chris Parson



For further information on the BEAR program please contact the Program Manager, Bridgette Evans at (406) 758-2801 or visit the website at www.nwmontanabear.com. •

It calls for supporting the development of career and technical education programs, business and education partnerships, promising practices, sound research, and the needs of emerging economies like those of Kalispell and the Flathead Valley.

Kalispell Bypass - \$35 million has been budgeted for right-of-way acquisition, design, and construction of the Kalispell Bypass. It has been reported to us that those funds are sufficient to complete the portion from US 2 – US 93. If everything stays on schedule, construction could begin in 2010. The Chamber is neutral on whether the funds should be spent on the south or the north half first – as long as they are spent on this project.

Fire Sprinkler Regulations – State regulations were proposed which would require the installation fire sprinklers in all new residential construction. The Chamber opposed this proposed regulation as “burdensome, costly, and ill-timed given that local and national housing markets and economies”. The regulations were also opposed by the Flathead Building Association, Habitat for Humanity, NW Montana Human Resources and other housing and building advocates.

Healthcare Bill – The Chamber is monitoring national healthcare proposals which are expected in the next few weeks and are reported to include some provision of employer mandated healthcare insurance. Details will be reported as they become available.

Flathead Forest Funding – The Flathead National Forest is estimated to receive \$9-12 million of stimulus funding for maintenance and repairs, fire hazard mitigation, and other uses. The Natural Resources Committee and government contracting specialist Doug Bolender are closely monitoring the release of these funds for their potential for job recovery among forest industry workers. •



Forest Expo

The cold rainy morning didn't stop the Class of 2009 from checking out the Forest Expo as part of their "Natural Resources & Land Use" session on May

8. Gathered around the campfire at Expo, the class heard from a panel of experts on the future of the private timber industry in northwest Montana.

At the end of the day, here is what the Class of 2009 had to say about "Natural Resources & Land Use" in the Flathead Valley:

· Buy locally harvested and manufactured products when you can. Not only are you supporting local business and workers, buying local reduces the amount of oil needed to import raw and finished products, whether from another country

or state.

· Visitors and residents of northwest Montana need to be vigilant about preventing the introduction of zebra mussels to our waters. These invasive little pests have caused big problems in other parts of the United States. For more information, visit www.100thMeridian.org.

· When it comes to managing natural resources, collaboration is important. But it's also important to let professionals do the job they are trained to do.

· The Forestry Expo, now in its 20th year, is an excellent educational opportunity for children, and a great family activity.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2008!

Please join us in congratulating the following members of the Leadership Flathead Class of 2008 who graduate on June 5:

- Gary Alexander, Western States Insurance*
- Mark Armstrong*
- Harley Brotherton, North Valley Hospital*
- Scott Bruner, Swank Enterprises*
- Sean Conrad, City of Kalispell*
- Martha Furman, Flathead County Library*

- Ben Hansford, Freedom Bank*
- Bert Hauser, Eagle Transit*
- Mary Howard, Student Assistance Foundation*
- Lance Isaak, Flathead Attention Home*
- Kent Jones, Plum Creek*
- Beth Kelly, Flathead Valley Community College*
- Clancy King, Montana Highway Patrol*
- Debbie Kramer, Three Rivers Bank*
- Natalie Lenderman, First Interstate Bank*
- Dennis McCarthy, Flathead National Forest*
- Toby McIntosh, Jackola Architecture & Engineering*
- Kelly Sibley, Mountain Lake Mortgage*
- Linda Smith, Flathead National Forest*
- Brian Sommers, MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks*
- Barbara Strouse, Park Side Federal Credit Union*
- Katharine Thompson, City of Kalispell*
- Allen Thorson, Flathead Electric Coop*
- Derek Toren, CPA, PLLC*
- John Waller, Glacier National Park*
- Cindy Walp, North Valley Hospital*
- Jennifer Wheeler, Glacier Bank*

We thank outgoing Class Officers Clancy King (Montana Highway Patrol), Toby McIntosh (Jackola Architecture & Engineering), and Cindy Walp (North Valley Hospital) for their service over the past year, and we welcome incoming Class Officers Dorinda Gray (Farm Bureau Financial Services), Matt O'Connell (Evergreen Disposal), and Laurie O'Leary (Kalispell Regional Medical Center) who are ready to serve the Class of 2010. We also thank outgoing Chair Kim Crowley (Flathead County Library) for her service over the past year, and we welcome incoming Chair Jeremy Presta (Park Side Federal Credit Union). ●



Dorinda Gray (Farm Bureau Financial Services), Matt O'Connell (Evergreen Disposal), and Laurie O'Leary (Kalispell Regional Medical Center) were elected by their fellow class members to serve as Class Officers for the Leadership Flathead Class of 2010. Congratulations Dorinda, Matt, and Laurie!

NOW RECRUITING FOR CLASS OF 2010

If you or someone you know would make a great candidate for the Leadership Flathead Class of 2010, let us know. Send name(s), business affiliation(s), and contact information to seigmund@centurytel.net and we will mail information about the program. Applications are due June 15, 2009 and selections will be made by mid-July. Questions? Call Jill Seigmund at 758-2810. or visit www.kalispellchamber.com/business_resources/leadership_flathead ●



Kalispell's Annual 4th of July Parade



Saturday, July 4 – Main Street – Kalispell – 10 am

Line up at 8th St. and 1st Ave. W. at 9 am

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Chamber of Commerce

Parade Entry Form

Primary Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Mail entry forms to: Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce, 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901 Or fax to: (406) 758-2805

**For more information contact the Kalispell Chamber at 758-2800
4th of July Parade Guidelines**

- *No throwing of candy or any promotional items to the spectators. Items must be handed out.
- *No alcoholic beverages to be consumed or exposed during the line up or procession.
- *Each entry should be decorated with the theme of the parade.
- *A representative for each entry must check in at the Flathead High School Parking Lot.
- *BE CAREFUL AND MINDFUL OF THE STREET CONDITIONS.

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