

PARKS & RECREATION NEWSLETTER

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Quick Update

Ideas and Suggestions:

- **On the Web:**
www.mccallparksandrec.com
Get familiar with our online calendar for updates, events, and programs.
- **McCall Winter Carnival**
Jan. 29th - Feb. 7th
www.mccallchamber.org
- **Legacy Park** (Beacon Basin Site)
www.payetteavalanche.org
A place for anyone to practice with avalanche transceivers on a hard wired system. (Winter)

Ideas and Suggestions:

If you have ideas or suggestions for recreational programming, events, or would like to offer, instruct, or help out with a program.

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Dec. 2009 Annual Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting.

CHANGE OF STAFF AND FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

Recently the City of McCall's Parks and Recreation Department went through a number of significant changes. The most prevalent being the change in some of our staff, with the hiring of Dennis Coyle as the new Director of Parks and Recreation, and Kurt Wolf as the new Recreation Supervisor. Dennis has been a familiar face to the community of McCall for 20 Years and Kurt for the past 5 years. Both have been actively involved in Parks and Recreation during that time and aim to take advantage and improve on the amenities that this community has to offer. Monika Trapp (Parks Supervisor) and her staff have remained on board and continue to do a wonderful job of tackling the day to day tasks of maintaining and operating our community's parks and the trail systems.

Over the past two-to-

three months the community's patience has been appreciated as our new staff worked towards the organization and familiarization with city policy, programs, and the development of new ideas. It has been our priority to streamline the day to day functions of the Parks and Recreation Department. Along these lines we have also worked to establish and patch previous and future relationships with various committees and civic groups. In doing so we have successfully established an inter-departmental relationship that bodes well in the success of future programs and the maintenance and operation of facilities.

Parks: On the parks side we recently received council approval to allow pets in certain parks based on the ability to manage this privilege and supply signage and pet waste disposal bins.

Additional work and programs are being pursued to promote Safe Routes to School and an overhaul of the Bike Paths Master Plan. Further efforts have been very successful in the purchase of Forest Service Land at the access of future River Front Park, making that park more of a reality.

Recreation: On the recreation side we have been running our standard winter programs including Youth and Adult Basketball, Dodgeball, and Youth Volleyball with the implementation of a few new programs and events. In addition we are working on the promotion of a Health and Wellness program. This program's goals are to create a healthy community through the implementation of events, physical challenges and the utilization of our community's resources at hand.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

We are currently working on an online registration program, along with the introduction of a Parks and Recreation Facebook page in an effort to more accurately display information on current and future events and programs. We have also

been working with a number of other civic groups and committees towards the establishment of a community calendar of events. This is an on-going effort to better inform the community of recreational events and programs.

Upcoming/Recent Events:

- Winter Skills & Wellness
- Beginner Fly Tying
- Adult/Youth Basketball
- Adult Dodge Ball
- Wilderness Rescue
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Nordic Lessons