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New Holiday Traditions You Can Try This Year



No matter what you celebrate during the holiday season, there's no denying that traditions are an essential part of the annual festivities! While decorating the tree or hosting a cookie decorating contest may seem trivial, holiday traditions play an important role in creating memories and can even help connect us to our history.

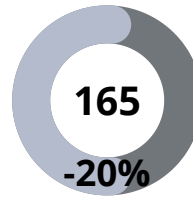
Even though we often think of holiday traditions as pre-established rituals that are formed over a long period of time, it's never too late to create a few new ones, from helping people in your community to wearing matching footie pajamas during a festive movie marathon.

7 New Holiday Traditions to Start This Year

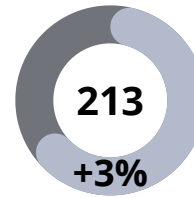
- **Invite someone new to your holiday dinner.** Whether it's a friend who is staying in town this year or someone who lives next door, open your home to others who may otherwise be spending the holiday alone.
- **Hold a snowman building contest.** If you happen to live somewhere where it snows during the holiday season, take advantage of the fluff and host a snowman building contest! Tackle your snow sculptures alone or work in groups to craft the perfect snowperson— hat, scarf, carrot nose and all.
- **Donate clothes or food to those in need.** We love a holiday tradition that lets us give back to our communities! During the holiday season, gather any gently used clothing and canned goods to donate to local shelters and charity drives.
- **Drive around to see holiday lights.** Make some hot chocolate to go, bundle up, and hit the town to see the holiday lights! Your mini road trip can be contained within a few blocks of your home, or you can use this as a chance to explore a new part of town.
- **Host a book swap.** This extra time at home is the perfect opportunity to do some end-of-the-year reading! Gather friends or family members and have everyone bring a book they love. Then, swap books with another person and keep in touch to share your thoughts once you've finished reading.
- **Wear matching festive pajamas.** Have everyone dress up in matching holiday pajamas—yes, even the adults. This easy (and cozy) tradition is perfect for holiday movie marathons or opening presents right after you wake up in the morning!
- **Do a gift scavenger hunt.** Instead of the usual mad present opening dash, consider drawing out the gift opening process with a scavenger hunt. Strategically hide presents around your home and use riddles to help guide the children, teens, and even adults to their gifts' hiding places.

HOW'S THE MARKET?

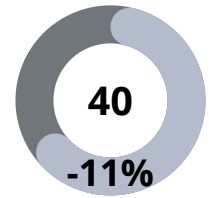
NOVEMBER MARKET UPDATE



Homes
Sold



Homes
For Sale



Days On
Market

November Median Statistics for Flathead County

The economy is improving, unemployment is falling, and the U.S. real estate market remains strong as we head into the holiday season, a period when activity typically slows as people take time to travel, celebrate, and spend time with loved ones. Although the market is not as frenetic as was seen earlier this year, buyer demand is high, bolstered by attractive mortgage rates and a low supply of inventory.

The most recent data from the National Association of REALTORS® reports the median single-family existing home sales price rose 16% in the third quarter of this year to \$363,700, with all four regions of the country experiencing double-digit price growth. In new construction, builder confidence increased in November, surpassing analyst expectations and rising to 83 on the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI), the highest level since spring, despite persistent labor and supply chain challenges and a shortage of available lots.

- Current as of December 5, 2021. All data from Montana Regional MLS. Report © 2021

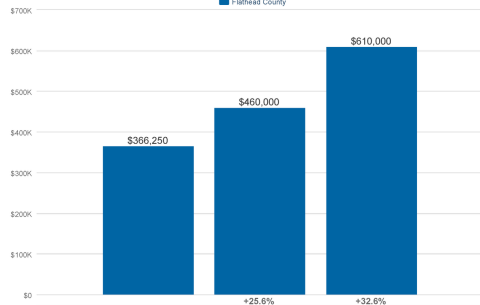
HOMEOWNER TIP OF THE MONTH

Inspect Your Indoor and Outdoor Holiday Lights to Help Avoid Electrical Fires

Before putting up your holiday lights this season, be sure to inspect them for any broken sockets, frayed wiring, or loose connections. And when decorating outside, make sure your lights are okay for outdoor use and fasten them securely to your home or trees. If you're not sure whether your lights are for indoor or outdoor use, check the color-coded UL mark on the package. If there is no UL mark, your lights may not have been tested for safety by Underwriters Laboratories for fire and electrical safety and should be discarded. After your lights have been on for a while, touch them to make sure they aren't getting too hot and remember to turn all your holiday lights off before you go to bed.

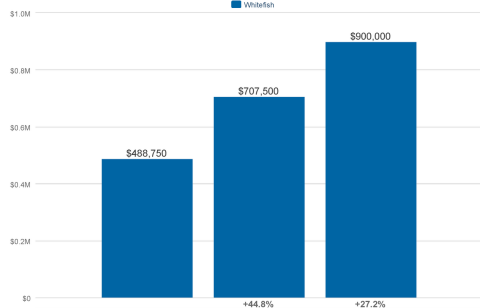


November Median Sales Price



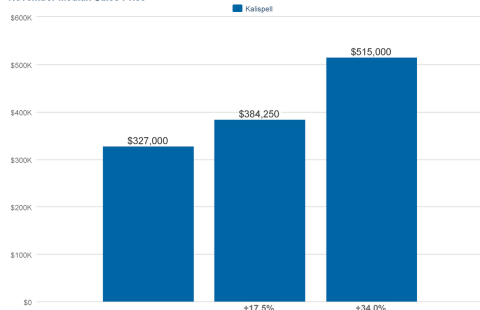
FLATHEAD COUNTY

November Median Sales Price



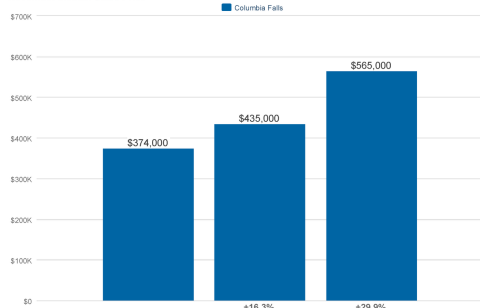
WHITEFISH

November Median Sales Price



KALISPELL

November Median Sales Price



COLUMBIA FALLS



AREA HAPPENINGS

Timber harvest planned near Star Meadows; new ski trails proposed

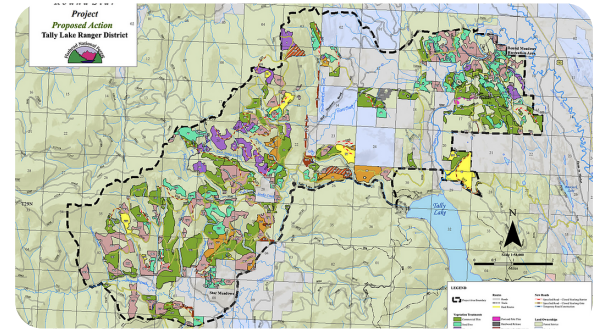
By MATT BALDWIN

Daily Inter Lake | December 15, 2021 1:00 AM

The Flathead Forest is taking public comment on a substantial forest project planned for the Star Meadows area west of Whitefish.

The proposed action for the Round Star Project would affect more than 28,000 acres in the Tally Lake Ranger District and include new roads, commercial timber harvesting, as well as expanding the existing Round Meadow trails.

Forest officials say the scope of the project is necessary to reduce potentially dangerous wildfire conditions in what has become an overgrown and dense forest. According to the proposed action, about 87% of the project falls within a designated wildland-urban interface zone. [Read more...](#)



Glacier National Park Announces Plans for 2022 Ticket System

Date: December 13, 2021 | Contact: Gina Kerzman, 406-888-5838



WEST GLACIER, Mont. [December 13, 2021] – Visitors to Glacier National Park in 2022 can expect to use a ticket system to access portions of the park from May 27 through September 11, 2022.

This will be the second year of the pilot ticket system in the park, designed to manage high traffic volumes within the park and avoid gridlock.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Flathead Valley

Whitefish

Columbia Falls

Kalispell

flatheadevents.net

explorewhitefish.com

columbiafallschamber.org

discoverkalispell.com

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

THE ALPINE

A WINTER WARMER WITH HOT CHOCOLATE, MOUNTAIN MINT PEPPERMINT SCHNAPPS AND WHIPPED CREAM FROM SPOTTED BEAR SPIRITS

Hunter D'Antuono | Flathead Beacon

Serves 1

Ingredients:

- Hot chocolate
- 1.5 ounces Mountain Mint Peppermint Schnapps
- Whipped cream
- Chocolate bar or syrup

Directions

- Prepare your favorite form of hot chocolate — using milk rather than water if using a powder mix — then add in the peppermint schnapps to give the cup an extra holiday aroma. Top with a hearty amount of whipped cream and some chocolate shavings or a drizzle of syrup or both!



Local Spotlight

SPOTTED BEAR SPIRITS

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Whitefish, MT 59937



FEATURED LISTINGS

Triplex Investment Opportunity In Whitefish



521 2nd Street W, Whitefish, MT 59937

MLS #22114890

Investment opportunity! Triplex -each Unit is a 3 Bed/2.5 bath unit with private yard and patio area to each. Mature trees offer privacy from the road and convenient proximity to downtown. Well maintained, each unit on it's own electric meter and heated with natural gas. A spacious laundry room offers more storage. A must see!

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