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## MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION PRESS RELEASE

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## City seeks volunteers for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Missoula Parks and Recreation is seeking new <u>Parks and Recreation Advisory Board</u> members to help guide the department's goals and mission. Parks and Recreation provides the places, programs, and services which reflect community values and are essential to our quality of life. The department works to foster a sense of place and develop the infrastructure and lands to support a healthy community.

Board members provide leadership on the expansion and management of parks, trails and open spaces and the urban forest, protection of green infrastructure and wildland habitat, and the delivery of the programs, services and facilities. The application deadline is March 11, 2022. <u>Apply online</u>.

Parks and Recreation's strategic priorities include social equity, wellness and inclusion for all ages across our community's social and economic demographics. We work with community partners and providers to engage with residents in identifying, measuring, and meeting their needs.

City leadership and the community recognize that parks, open space and recreation services are critical elements of a more just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive Missoula. Missoula Parks and Recreation has played a leadership role in the recent adoption of a city-wide <u>Justice</u>, <u>Equity</u>, <u>Diversity</u>, <u>and Inclusion</u> (<u>JEDI</u>) <u>Resolution</u>, which commits the city to examining and providing services through a lens of equity.

Appointees must be at least 18 years old, be a current resident City resident, and be a United States citizen. Appointment is by the mayor and subject to City Council confirmation, terms are three years. The board meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 12 to 2 p.m. Accommodations are available upon request.

Please <u>apply online</u> by 5 p.m. March 11.

If you would like to pick up an application, have an application mailed to you, or if you have questions about the application and appointment process, please contact Heidi Bakula, Executive Assistant, Mayor's Office, 552-6001 or via email.

For more information about the Board and its requirements and responsibilities, please email <u>Parks and Recreation Director Donna Gaukler</u>.