

## City Clerk Staff

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**From:** Teri Wing <terifoleywing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 4, 2022 4:34 PM  
**To:** Grp. City Council and City Web Site  
**Subject:** Appointment of mayor

Councilors:

After so many years of the strong, steady hand of John Engen as Missoula mayor, I believe that it is imperative that the Council name someone who has had extensive experience in city government, and who embodies John's vision for the completion of his term.

You have several good nominees that fit that description. **Unfortunately, Jacob Elder is not one of them.** He listed his experience in his application- early homelessness (sad and unfortunate), military service, UM football, attendance at UM Law School. He has no experience in municipal government. His application included many references to his good intentions, but we need a mayor who can hit the ground running, not in intern for the position.

Your choice represents a significant decision regarding John Engen's legacy. Please choose someone who will continue his work, with experience and competence.

Thank you.

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**From:** Donna Gaukler  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 4, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** Ed Childers; David Selvage  
**Cc:** Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Gwen Jones  
**Subject:** RE: MRL Park problems

Thanks for the detailed report, Ed.

Seems something isn't right with either drainage or perhaps we have damaged irrigation.

I apologize for the weeds. We have been very short staff for months, and contractors are in the same situation, so we're well behind on weeding and trimming.

As always, we encourage our employees and park visitors to report any problems as soon as they observe them. The more eyes, the better.

I'll submit a work order per items in your email.

Donna

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Ed Childers <ed.childers@charter.net>  
Date: 9/4/22 1:19 PM (GMT-07:00)  
To: David Selvage <SelvageD@ci.missoula.mt.us>  
Cc: Donna Gaukler <GauklerD@ci.missoula.mt.us>, "Grp. City Council and City Web Site" <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>, Gwen Jones <JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us>  
Subject: MRL Park problems

Hi, David.

And hello, everybody else.

My son & family are visiting, and went down to enjoy RaiLink Park.

The pickleball court is terrific!

BUT

Walking through the park is like walking through a swamp. The ground is mushy. There's at least one pond - it looks like when the park gets mowed the mower drives through the pond. Good lord.

And the weeds beside the trail are way out of hand.

I spoke with a neighbor who said the wetlands have been there for a long time; she spoke to someone who said the park should have had 2 feet of topsoil, but it only got 6 inches. I don't know if that made a difference.

The park is seriously in need of attention. Would you please let me know what will be done?

Thank you.

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