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Council to consider federal traffic safety grant

By JACK UNDERHILL
Daily Inter Lake

Kalispell City Council on Tuesday will consider accepting a federal grant to help fund temporary safety improvements on Oregon Street and to retime several traffic signals around

downtown.

Also on the docket, Council will mull over a naming policy for public parks and facilities, hiring a consultant to conduct a citywide housing study, appointing a county representative to the Urban Renewal Agency and approving the final

plats for two developments.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, Council meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 in City Hall, 201 First Ave. E.

If the federal grant is accepted, East Oregon Street between Sunset Boulevard and Seventh Avenue EN would receive

high-visibility crosswalks that include temporary rectangular rapid flashing beacons and speed feedback signs.

Traffic signals at 10 intersections along First Avenues East and West, North Meridian Road and Fifth Avenue East would be retimed to give pedes-

trians a three- to-seven second head start to enter the crosswalk before vehicles receive a green light. Known as a leading pedestrian interval, the change makes pedestrians more visible to drivers turning left or right.

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PINE GROVE GLIDE



GERMAINE JARVIS and John Znamierowski go for a walk around Pine Grove Pond on Friday, Sept. 4. (Casey Kreider/Daily Inter Lake)

US fuel prices set Labor Day record

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

It's never been more expensive in the U.S. to fill up the tank and take one last summer trip over the Labor Day weekend.

The average price of regular gas was \$4.14 a gallon heading into the holiday, nearly a dollar higher than last year and well above the Labor Day weekend record of \$3.82 from 2012, according to AAA motor club.

Nicole Collins planned to head from Philadelphia to South Carolina to visit friends, but she said her family has spent most of the summer close to home and not taking their typical weekend trips because driving has gotten so expensive.

"Gas is pretty high right now. It doesn't help that we also have

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YELLOWSTONE Opponents push to stop Broadview data center

By PHOEBE TOLLEFSON
Montana Free Press

Passions continue to run high in Yellowstone County over a massive data center planned outside the town of Broadview, with opponents vowing to maintain pressure on local officials.

In hopes of securing some control over the nearly 8-square-mile development, those opponents have most recently turned to interim zoning as a potential tool.

Under Montana law, county commissioners can vote to enact an interim zoning district, or interim regulations, to address an "emergency that involves the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare." The interim zoning or regulations would pause development for one year while the county gathers information about the project and decides whether it warrants permanent restrictions. Missoula County enacted similar interim

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Canada set to hit back at tariffs

By DEREK DECLOET, JOSH WINGROVE AND BRIAN PLATT
Bloomberg News

Canada is poised to impose tariffs of 15% to 50% on hundreds of products from the U.S. on Tuesday, as Prime Minister Mark Carney bets that standing up to President Donald Trump will eventually help Ottawa's negotiating position with its biggest trading partner.

Barring a last-minute reprieve, Carney's government will increase the import tax on many U.S. steel items to 50% from 25% and apply tariffs to a range of consumer items — motorcycles, cosmetics, cheese and more.

The measure will hit U.S. exporters particularly hard in states such as Michigan and Ohio that do a lot business with Canada and host heated races in November's midterm elections.

It's a calculated risk for Carney, who a year ago removed many of the counter-tariffs his predecessor, Justin Trudeau, had implemented. Trump administra-



ONTARIO PREMIER Doug Ford, center, tours the Glencore Onaping Depth Project alongside, member of provincial parliament for Timmins George Pirie, left, and Minister of Energy and Mines Stephen Lecce, right, in Sudbury, Ont., on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026. (Keito Newman/The Canadian Press via AP)

tion officials have repeatedly said they won't tolerate retaliation and noted that only two countries, Canada and China, have used counter-tariffs.

U.S. officials have declined to specify how or when Trump may respond with fresh measures of his own.

"Canada's retaliatory tariffs are meant to make the cost of this trade war real enough for

American businesses and consumers that Washington sees a clear incentive to return to the table," said Brian Clow, who was a senior Canadian adviser on trade and U.S. relations under Trudeau. "Canada isn't imposing these tariffs because it wants a trade war. It's imposing the tariffs because it wants the trade war to end."

U.S. and Canadian negotiators sought for weeks to reach a deal to lower trade tensions and had appeared to agree on the broad terms. Trump even announced on Aug. 18 that they had a preliminary deal and gave three days to work out the details. Then it fell apart.

The collapse of those talks ushered in two weeks of venting and criticisms from both governments. Each side blamed the other for torpedoing an agreement in the final hours. They were still sniping over the weekend: Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Fox News compared Canada to a "little yippy dog" barking at a much larger one.

Trump lobbed another veiled threat on Sunday, saying "Canada's (currency) Dollar imbalance with the U.S. is unacceptable," he wrote in a Truth Social post. "It has been that way for years — but no longer!" The White House declined to clarify what he meant.

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