

Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter

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Great Falls Rising is starting a monthly newsletter to keep our nearly 400 members informed and give general information and events here in Great Falls. If you know of an event or other information of interest to our members and would like to share it, please email admin@greatfallsrisingmt.org. We will be sending out the newsletter on the 1st of every month.

Please stay safe and healthy. Get vaccinated for your health and the health of our community. We're all in this together and together we can conquer COVID.

New from the City of Great Falls: City Commission meetings will be moving back to the Zoom platform due to the recent rapid rise of COVID-19 in the community. Links to Zoom meetings are listed on the top of each agenda posted at [City Meetings: Council, Boards, Commissions, and Neighborhoods | City of Great Falls Montana \(greatfallsmt.net\)](https://www.greatfallsmt.net/city-meetings). To attend and participate in the virtual meeting utilizing Zoom, attendees must register in advance for the commission meeting by clicking the link in the agenda. The City Commission Zoom meetings will begin **September 7th** and will continue in this format until further notice. Residents are encouraged to submit their public comments in writing, via mail to: City Clerk, PO Box 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403, or by email to: commission@greatfallsmt.net.

When Women Were 'Granted' the Right to Vote: We invite you to a Zoom gathering of Great Falls Rising on **September 8th** to tell you about the final chapter in women's 72-year struggle to win the vote. After the 19th Amendment was approved by Congress and President Woodrow Wilson, it had to be ratified by 3/4 of the states to become law. At that time, the United States of America consisted of 48 states, so 36 state legislatures had to convene and vote to ratify. Tennessee became "the perfect 36th." In a cliffhanger with every imaginable twist and turn, the amendment was ratified by the Tennessee legislature on August 18th, 1920. You probably know that. But the

personalities, the politics, and the parliamentary procedure behind the scenes? Great stuff. Join us on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/7172412967> to join session) on Wednesday, **September 8th**, at 6:30 pm when Mary Moe takes us behind the scenes of the three votes that won 27 million women the right to vote.

Big River Ruckus: Please visit the [Big River Ruckus](#) website and see all the fun that will be happening in Great Falls on **September 10th through the 12th**. You can find info on events and tickets there. Sports, arts and music festival.

September 11th: The 20th anniversary of the attack on our country, including the attacks on the World Trade Center in NYC and the Pentagon in Washington, DC, is this weekend. It also ends our involvement in the longest war in US history. Let's hope it is the end of our 'forever wars.'

Stagecoach Mary Highway Cleanup: We are looking for help to do highway cleanup on the section of I-15 just north of Cascade "In Memory of Stagecoach Mary" (Milepost 260 to 262). We plan on getting together at 3 pm on Sunday, **September 12th**. We will meet at the Flying J/Denny's parking lot on Gore Hill, turning left at the top of the hill to the airport. Available will be wagons and grabbers along with trash bags and safety vests, as well as water and our first aid kit. Please bring gloves and have good footwear. Contact us at admin@greatfallsrisingmt.org if you can help. Thank you.

Sandra Day O'Connor: The First: Montana PBS at 8 pm, **September 13th**, on American Experience. "During her 25 years on the Supreme Court, O'Connor was the critical swing vote on cases involving some of the 20th century's most controversial issues, including race, gender and reproductive rights — and she was the tiebreaker on Bush v. Gore. Forty years after her confirmation, this biography recounts the life of a pioneering woman who both reflected and shaped an era."

Municipal Candidate Forum: Neighborhood Council #5 is hosting a Candidate Forum with the mayoral and commission candidates on **September 20th** at 7 pm in the Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center Gibson Room. If you have questions for the candidates, please submit them to NC5 Secretary Marcia Anderson at mkfander@gmail.com by September 13th.

Candidates for City Elections:

Mayor: Bob Kelly, Fred Burow

City Commission (2 seats available): Joshua Copeland, Vanessa Hayden, Eric Heinbach, Joe McKenney, Gregory Shoby, Susan Wolff

Since there were no more than six candidates, there will be no primary election. The General Election is Tuesday, **November 2nd**, 2021. There is no election for Justice of the Peace since the position was appointed to fill out a term. The election for JP will be next November 2022. There are also 45 seats up for election for the neighborhood councils. If you have questions, go to the Cascade County website at cascadecountymt.gov.

Donations: Please consider a donation to Great Falls Rising by clicking paypal.me/greatfallsrising. As a 501(c)(4) organization, the donations are not tax deductible, but they are definitely appreciated. They help Great Falls Rising cover expenses such as cost for a meeting place, web presence, expenses for speakers coming from out of town, etc. Thank you.

Our Mission Statement: Great Falls Rising, Inc. is a non-partisan, progressive movement that empowers individuals and connects communities while fostering equality, diversity, human rights, civil liberties and a sustainable future through respectful dialogue, education and advocacy. We meet to discuss the issues that are important to us and determine how we, as a team, can have an impact on the legislators that are determining our future. This can range from sitting down with our representatives and having a discussion, to educating the community about issues that they might care about, to participating in a peaceful protest.

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