

Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter July 2023

Happy 4th of July to All

Great Falls Rising hopes you enjoy picnics, parades, fireworks and family gatherings.

As James Bryce stated, "Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong."

Calendar July 2023

Monday, July 3rd – 5th, 10th – 15th, 25th – 30th: Voyagers games at Voyagers stadium.

Tuesday, July 4th: Parade down Central Avenue begins at **11:00 AM**. Hootenanny with live music, Colt Ford, will begin immediately after the parade on Central between 4th and 6th Street. Cool off afterward at Electric City Water Park open from **Noon until 6:00 PM**.

Fireworks display will begin at **10:15 PM**. Best viewing will be at Elks Riverside Park (River Drive North between Central and 6th Street). Great Falls Voyagers are in town, the game begins at **6:00 PM** with fireworks to follow.

Black Eagle Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a parade beginning at Black Eagle Country Club beginning at **11:00 AM**.

Wednesday, July 5th and every Wednesday thereafter - Great Falls Municipal Band at **7:00 PM** in Gibson Park.

Saturday, July 8th at 1:30 PM, two concurrent walking tours: Lower Northside Residential with Carol Bradley; also Railroad and Machinery Row with Ashleigh McCann. The event is free. The History Museum has set a limit of 20 people per tour due to the popularity of last year's tours. People interested in attending either tour are encouraged to either call 406-452-3462 or stop by The History Museum, 422 2nd St. S., before July 8th to reserve a spot. Priority will be given to museum members. Check out info on www.greatfallshistorymuseum.org.

Thursday, July 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd: Rodger and Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! at **7:30 PM** at University of Providence.

Friday, July 28th Montana State Fair at Expo Park.

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM Pub Trivia at The Celtic Cowboy.

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM Live concerts in Great Falls Public Library Park.

GREAT FALLS MODERN DAY ICON: Here is a link to a wonderful piece from Montana PBS' "Backroads of Montana" featuring ConCon Delegate Arlyne Reichert: [Stars Align-Arlyne Reichert-Arlyne only.mp4 - Google Drive](#).

SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP: Join the folks at the YWCA Great Falls for some free self-defense training. Ages 12 & up are welcome. Held on **Wednesday, July 12th** from **6:00 to 8:00 PM**. Please RSVP by calling (406) 452-1315 or email receptionist@ywcagreatfalls.org with your name and number. Facebook event here: [Self Defense Workshop | Facebook](#).

BIG SKY 55+ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Big Sky 55+ is thrilled to announce the launch of a deep canvass in Cascade County. Please consider applying and share our job announcement with folks who may be interested.

Title: Lead Canvasser

Deadline: Until filled

Reports To: Program Director

Big Sky 55+ seeks a lead canvasser who will assist the program director in managing a deep canvass where we will engage citizens one-on-one in Cascade County about a variety of vital issues important to protecting Montana as the Last Best Place. This boots-on-the-ground role requires the ability to passionately engage with individuals on a personal level about the issues we work on as well as the ability to provide mentorship to other canvassers and organizational support for the program director.

Big Sky 55+ is offering **\$4,000 per month** for the lead canvasser position. The lead canvasser will work between 30 to 40 hours a week including evenings and weekends.

Title: Canvasser

Deadline: Until the project is completed

Reports To: Lead Canvasser & Program Director

Big Sky 55+ seeks canvassers to engage citizens one-on-one in Cascade County about a variety of vital issues important to protecting Montana as the Last Best Place. This boots-on-the-ground role requires the ability to passionately engage with individuals on a personal level about the issues we work on.

Big Sky 55+ is offering **\$25 per hour** for the canvasser position. Canvassers can work up to 35 hours a week. There are no minimum hours of work required. This

position is ideal for someone looking to supplement their income, retirement, or looking to fill a little free time.

WHO WE ARE: Big Sky 55+ is a nonpartisan membership organization. We are a strong voice to advocate for and engage Montanans on forward thinking policies such as health care and economic security for all. For more information please visit bigskyfiftyfive.org/about.

FOR MORE INFO: Please get in touch with Jacob Bachmeier at jbachmeier@bigsky55.org or (406) 879-6427 to learn more about the project or for complete job descriptions.

PARIS GIBSON SQUARE ART PROGRAMS: Veteran Arts Program, registration information here: [Classes List — Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art \(corsizio.com\)](http://corsizio.com). Wednesday, **July 12th and 26th:** Creative Metal Forming: Copper Trays, **5:00 – 7:00 PM**. Veteran Arts Program classes are FREE but do require pre-registration at the link above. Open to all Great Falls-area veterans.

Summer Camp: “Dream Art, Make Art, Be Art” Camp (Grades 2 - 6), register here: [Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art — “Dream Art, Make Art, Be Art” Camp \(Grades 2 - 6\) \(corsizio.com\)](http://corsizio.com). **Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**. \$200 per child.

PROPERTY APPRAISAL NOTICE INFORMATION MEETINGS: The Montana Department of Revenue recently sent out property appraisal notices that raised concerns for many property owners. To address these concerns, the DOR has planned a series of public meetings on their property valuation process and how they determined the new values. Two meetings will be held in Great Falls on **July 10th** at the Courthouse Annex, 325 2nd Ave. North, Room 111. The first meeting is at **11:30 AM to 3:30 PM**. The second meeting is at **4:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. There are Zoom opportunities on several dates at the Townhall Meeting link below.

When reviewing the appraisal notice, you will see the tax estimate is based on the new taxable value and **last year's millage rate**. Last year's millage rate, however, is based on last year's taxable values. Property values have risen dramatically across the board. The current year's tax base will be much larger than last year's, and taxing jurisdictions will most likely assess fewer mills of taxes.

If your notice indicates that your property's market value increased over the past two years, this does not necessarily mean that your property taxes will increase by the same percentage. Montana law, 15-10-420, MCA, provides for limitations on the amount of property tax that can be collected.

- Information About Your Property Appraisal Notice https://montana.servicenowservices.com/citizen/kb?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0013692
- Property Assessment Townhall Schedule - https://montana.servicenowservices.com/citizen/kb?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0018367

DOWNTOWN GREAT FALLS HISTORIC BROTHEL TOURS: Event by Destination Downtown Great Falls. Enjoy an evening of historic stories told by the Ladies and Madame's of Great Falls' past. Ride along on the Historic Trolley as we visit the downtown establishments where the ladies worked and lived. Guests will meet at the Club Cigar for a no-host prohibition style cocktail hour before boarding the Trolley at 5:30 or 7:30 to be transported back in history. Get ready for some playful banter, scandalous ladies, and an evening of fun.

For the 5:00 PM tour tickets: [Historic Brothel Tours in Downtown Great Falls \(early tour\) | Buy Tickets in Great Falls | Ticketbud](#). For the 7:00 PM tour tickets: [Historic Brothel Tours in Downtown Great Falls \(late tour\) | Buy Tickets in Great Falls | Ticketbud](#).

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY: Do you know a student who needs a backpack and school supplies for the upcoming school year? Verizon-Cellular Plus in Great Falls is giving away FREE BACKPACKS filled with school supplies on **Saturday, July 29th** from **10:00 AM to Noon**.

They are excited to be able to give back to our local community and make it a little easier for families to afford the essential supplies needed to start the school year off right. If you would like to help as well, their store (next to Stockmans Bank) is accepting donations and will distribute everything collected to our local kids.

A child must be present with an adult to claim their free backpack. There are a limited number available and will be distributed while supplies last. One per student.

JULY IS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH: Join the City of Great Falls for Park and Recreation Month, as they celebrate how Great Falls is stronger, more vibrant and more resilient because of parks and recreation. Great Falls Park and Recreation is celebrating Park and Recreation Month theme 'Where Community Grows', an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Visit the 58 parks, pools, or other facilities available. Some parks, like Gibson and Elk's Riverside, have walking paths which connect into the City's renowned [River's Edge Trail](#). Visit their Facebook page here for events through the month: [Facebook](#).

THE ELECTRON: Do you miss the Great Falls Tribune's Hot Ticket? We all do. Guess what? There's a calendar in town and it's called The Electron. It has lots of info about what's happening in the Electric City. Go to [KGPR Radio | The Electron at KGPR.ORG](#).