

# *Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter*

## *August 2024*

We hope everyone is having a good summer. With the heat rising, please stay hydrated and safe. There are still plenty of activities to round out the summer coming up, so stay tuned.

As we all know Congressional and state/local campaigns have begun and will be intensifying. Please be sure to pay attention to the issues and work hard for our progressive candidates. They can all use donations, phone callers and door knockers

### **What's coming up?**

**Monday, August 5th** – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda is posted here: [Agendas & Minutes / Agendas & Meetings \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://gfps.k12.mt.us/agendas-and-minutes/).

**Tuesday, August 6th** - City Commission Special Work Session **5:00 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

**Tuesday, August 13th** – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](https://cascadecountymt.gov/agenda-center).

**Monday, August 19th** – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agendas & Minutes / Agendas & Meetings \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](https://gfps.k12.mt.us/agendas-and-minutes/).

**Tuesday, August 20th** - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#);  
City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

**Tuesday, August 27th** – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**.  
Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

**MONTANA SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS:** Being held on **Wednesday, August 7th, 6:00 pm**, join us for a FREE performance of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Pack a picnic, grab your friends, and enjoy this world class performance! The performance is FREE, and seating is first come, first served. We ask that tall chairs sit further back to allow those on blankets and in short chairs to see. Pre-show performances: Great Falls Theatre Company's youth theatre camp will perform skits. Facebook event [click here](#).

Outdoor location: Gibson Park Bandshell (Park Drive and First Ave N Great Falls, MT). Inclement weather location: Mansfield Theater (2 Park Dr S Great Falls, MT 59401)

There are two audio accessibility options available for each of our performances:

1. Personal FM receivers and headphones are available to borrow from the merchandise table.
  2. A FREE app may be downloaded so that you can listen to audio from the show on your own personal device. (Please remember to bring your own headphones!)
- Follow these instructions:

- Download the AudioFetch app on your personal device (both iOS & Android compatible)
- Connect your device to the WiFi network: Shakespeare! (no password required)
- Open the AudioFetch app to listen to the audio!

**MONTANA CULTURAL FAIR:** It will be held on **Thursday, August 8th**, at the Great Falls Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, from **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. For more information about the event, [click here](#).

A \$10 admission fee - called a passport - will take you on a trip to a variety of booths representing nationalities such as Tonga and Samoa, East India, and Venezuela to name just a few. The passport fee is for admission, inclusive of food samples at the cultural booths and all cultural performances on the stage at the venue. Event t-shirts, the beer garden, Pepsi stand, and food trucks of full meals are all separate purchases. The event will feature live performances including dances, music, and storytelling from local and international artists.

The event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Electric City, and they are still looking for additional volunteers to help out the day of the event for a variety of shifts ranging from 9am to 9pm. Each volunteer will receive free entry to the event and a t-shirt. If you're interested in volunteering, [click here](#).

**STUFF THE BUS:** United Way of Cascade County is sponsoring the event on **Thursday, August 8th**, to give supplies to local students on need. Buses will be parked at Target and both Walmarts. Beyond backpacks and books, many students in Cascade County need basic living essentials. Without shoes, socks, toothpaste and shampoo, students are less likely to achieve academic success. By filling the basic needs in education, income and health, students will have the building blocks needed for a better life. Shopping list includes:

Dry erase markers, zippered 3-ring binders, pencils, earbud headphones, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, calculators, rulers, face masks, backpacks, pencil boxes, notebooks, composition notebooks, loose leaf paper, highlighters, pack of 5 dividers, 2-pocket folders, books, non-perishable food, shampoo/conditioner, liquid soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs/brushes, diapers, hand sanitizer, laundry supplies, new children's clothing.

**LION'S FAMILY FUN FEST:** This annual Lion's Family Fun Fest is **Saturday, August 10th at 10:00 am**, at Lions Park. The event is free of charge. Come enjoy carnival games, prizes, face painting, bounce houses, snow cones and clowns. Everyone participating is entered into the drawing for free bicycles. Food is available for a nominal fee. Facebook event [click here](#).

**BLACK EAGLE FILM PREMIER:** Event at The History Museum, **Saturday, August 10th at 1:00 pm.** *'The Spirit of the People: Black Eagle and the Anaconda Company.'* Doors open at **noon** and the film premiere starts promptly at **1:00 pm.** Refreshments, courtesy of Big Sky Country NHA, Inc. will be served at the conclusion of the premiere and discussion.

The film was produced by the Big Sky National Heritage Area, Inc. using excerpts from a three-part oral history interview with Richard "Dick" Sloan, the last Operations Director of the Anaconda Copper Mining Smelter and Refinery in Black Eagle. Sloan will be on hand to answer questions about his time with the company and the history of the people and place where the big stack landmark once proudly graced the skyline.

**BACK 2 SCHOOL BLAST:** Mansfield Convention Center, 2 Park Drive South, on **Friday, August 16th**, from **12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.** Community-wide event for school aged children, in collaboration with multiple partner agencies. Children will receive backpacks filled with school supplies, immunizations/vaccinations, sports physicals, haircuts, food/fun/games/prizes! Pre-registration is closed, limited walk-in registrations available the day of the event until they run out.

**TOUCH-A-TRUCK:** The Junior League of Great Falls is hosting a hands-on, **FREE** event, where kids can get up close to their favorite vehicles. Big trucks, food trucks, kid's activities. **Saturday, August 17th** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, 100 to 600 blocks of Central Avenue. Horn-free quiet hours will be **10:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

**GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS JOB FAIR:** There are a lot of employment opportunities available! Come to the Paris Gibson Education Center, 2400 Central Avenue, on **Wednesday, August 21st** from **11:00 am** to **1:00 pm**. Please fill out an application PRIOR to attending, [click here](#). GFPS will be hiring on the spot, pending background checks and references.

**VOLUNTEER GREAT FALLS:** Volunteer Great Falls is a great resource to find volunteer opportunities from local organizations. No ads, no opportunities that aren't local, and fully searchable. Check out [United Way of Cascade County \(galaxydigital.com\)](#) for opportunities.