

Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter

October 2024

Well, fall is here, the leaves are starting to turn, darkness comes a lot earlier and Halloween is just around the corner. Let's hope there is a lot more to October than changing seasons. Yes, it's Election time. Mail-in ballots will be sent out around October 11th, people are out door knocking, making phone calls and writing postcards for their candidates of choice. Voting is a right and a privilege. Great Falls Rising hopes that everyone takes it seriously and chooses those candidates who support our Democracy that has been fought for a number of times and our Constitution that is often at risk of being damaged.

What's coming up?

Tuesday, October 8th – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

Monday, October 14th – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agendas & Minutes / Agendas & Meetings \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](#).

Tuesday, October 15th - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

Tuesday, October 22nd – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

Monday, October 28th – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agendas & Minutes / Agendas & Meetings \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](#).

IMPORTANT VOTING DEADLINES

- **October 7th:** Deadline for regular voter registration.
- **October 7th:** Deadline for postmark if you're mailing in your registration form. It must be received at the election office by **October 10th**.
- **October 7th:** Early voting begins.
- **October 11th:** Absentee ballots begin to be sent out.
- **October 18th:** Recommended deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot.
- **October 28th:** Recommended deadline for returning your ballot so that it reaches the local election office in time.
- **November 5th:** Election Day. All ballots must be received by 8:00 pm for them to count.

Check your voter registration status. Things to consider:

- Is your voting address correct?
- Is your voter status "active"?
- If you travel or are a snowbird, be sure your absentee mailing address is set to where you will be when the ballots are mailed on **October 11th**.
- Are your kids or grandkids away at college? Check with them to make sure their absentee mailing address is correct.

Check the Montana Secretary of State's [Voter Registration Page](#). Late Voter Registration is available up to and including the day of election. Late Registration requires registration forms to be filed in the Election Office.

CLICK AND CAPTURE: PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDAMENTALS: Saturdays, **October 5th through November 9th** from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, at the CM Russell Museum for new photographers with no professional experience. Call museum for more information.

Saturday, October 12th: Great Falls Ski and Board Swap at Montana Expo Park.

GRIM TALES OF GREAT FALLS: At **1:00 pm**, on Second Saturday, **October 12th**, join The History Museum in the Ozark Club to hear true, terrible, and chilling tales from Great Falls' early history with Archives Administrator, Megan Sanford! Not recommended for young children, this presentation will speak of murder, death and suicide. Once you hear the tales, you won't look at some places in Great Falls the same way again. Facebook event here: [Grim Tales of Great Falls with Megan Sanford, Archives Administrator | Facebook](#).

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE DEBATE: Wednesday, October 16th: Debate between Ryan Busse and Gregg Gianforte, candidates for Governor of Montana, Wednesday, October 16th, to be televised on Nonstop Local TV Stations that evening.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY: To honor and celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, participate in a fun-filled family event that is FREE (except for craft & food vendors) and open to the public. To be held at GFC-MSU, 2100 16th Ave South, Heritage Hall, October 14th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Events include a feed, fry bread contest, speakers, round dance, and other fun activities. Facebook event here: [Indigenous Peoples Day Great Falls | Facebook](#).

Thursday, October 17th: Full moon hike at First Peoples Buffalo Jump

CASCADE QUARTET: Friday, October 18th. They will be playing at the Darkhorse Hall, Celtic Cowboy, 116 1st Ave. South, **7:00 pm**.

Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Cascade Quartet playing at the United Church of Christ, 2900 9th Ave. S.

*****Great Falls Area Community Foundation, The History Museum, and TDS Fiber proudly present:*

Nonprofit Board Excellence

Fall 2024 Series

Oct 21st + 22nd at The History Museum

Elevate Your Impact

\$20 Online Registration is Required
Spaces are Limited

Monday October 21st

Board Basics

Morning Session: 9am to 11am

Evening Session: 6pm to 8pm

This class provides actionable advice for seasoned volunteers and greenhorns alike. Learn how to become a better board member by improving your governance, fundraising, and storytelling abilities. Understand principles and practices to elevate the impact of your organization.

Link: [Board Basics Registration](#)

Tuesday, October 22nd

Communication & Teamwork

Morning Session: 9am to 11am

Join us for an in-depth workshop on trust building, internal communications, and intergenerational teamwork. Nonprofit organizations can be stymied by differing communication styles and preferences. Introduction of a myriad of technologies over the years further complicates how we relate together and how we get things done.

Link: [Communication & Teamwork Registration](#)

Find the Registration Links on the Great Falls Area Community Foundation Website:

<https://mtcf.org/local-cfs/great-falls-area-community-foundation>

COSTUME CONTEST & HOLIDAY PARTY: Event by the Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Ave. North. **Sunday, October 26th**, from **10:00 am to 11:30 am**. Intended for children/teens ages 3 to 14. Make your own costume with the supplies we provide. Please leave store-bought costumes at home! To keep the contest fair to all, only costumes you make yourself using Library-provided supplies will be included in the contest. Winners will be chosen at 11:00 and will win a free gift card from Walmart to add finishing touches to their costume! Must be present to win. Other activities will include: making spooky snow-globes, musical chairs, and coloring.

HALLOWEEN MATINEE: **Saturday, October 26th** at the Mansfield Theater

BELT MUSIC EVENT: **Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.** A Band Called Honalee at Belt Performing Arts Center.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR: Event by [Lewis and Clark Foundation at the Interpretive Center](#), 4201 Giant Springs Rd, on **Sunday, October 27th**, from **12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. The FREE community event is a fun afternoon of costumes, crafts and candy! This year we are showing Hocus Pocus in the theater as well. So, join us and let's celebrate Halloween together! Halloween Spooktacular at Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

DOWNTOWN SAFE TRICK-OR-TREAT: Join [Destination Downtown Great Falls](#), [Great Falls Public Library](#) and [NeighborWorks Great Falls](#) in Downtown Great Falls on **Thursday, October 31st** from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm** to celebrate Halloween with our annual Safe Trick-or-Treat! Look for the flyer in participating

business windows along Central Avenue, 1st Avenue N and 1st Avenue S. Be sure to add the Great Falls Public Library (301 2nd Ave N), the new Great Falls Chamber (9 3rd Street N), Great Falls Subaru (800 Central Ave), NeighborWorks Great Falls (509 1st Ave S), and The Rainbow Senior Living (20 3rd St N) to your trick-or-treating route, too.

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 \(galaxydigital.com\)](https://www.galaxydigital.com/volunteer-great-falls) for opportunities.