

# *Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter September 2024*

September brings "back to school" among other firsts in the year. The Dog Days of Summer are upon us, even though the weather report for the next two weeks shows more temperatures above 80 degrees. It's also a very intense time of campaigning for federal, state and local legislative offices. In Montana, we have every level of government on the ballot - US President/VP, US Senate, US House of Representatives and top state officials as well as local legislative reps. Please do some research to see who would be best for the job and who will uphold our US and State Constitutions and our precious Democracy. Also, be sure to VOTE. It's our right, privilege and duty to cast our ballot.

So, what's happening in Great Falls and Cascade County in September?

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

**Tuesday, September 3rd** - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

**Monday, September 9th** – 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, September 10th** – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

**Tuesday, September 17th** - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

**Monday, September 23rd** – 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, September 24th** – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

**LABOR DAY PICNIC:** Join the Montana AFL-CIO at the Great Falls Labor Temple on 7th St. South on **Monday, September 2nd** from **noon to 4:00 pm**, for free food, music and solidarity! Labor Day is a great opportunity to get out and visit with our neighbors and friends, working families and retirees. Please consider enjoying a cold beverage, hot cup of coffee and lots of picnic favorites with us.

**CHADWICK MURAL DEDICATION:** The entire community is invited to help honor the 30th anniversary of the death of Great Falls Police Department Senior Police Officer Shane Chadwick. The dedication will take place in the alley behind 721 1st Ave North, on **Saturday, September 7th**, at **8:00 am**.

Active and retired members of the Department are hosting a special ceremony to dedicate a new mural created in honor of Chadwick and his sacrifice. The short ceremony will take place in the alley where Chadwick was killed in the early morning hours of September 7, 1994, while investigating a noise complaint.

**DROOL IN THE POOL:** The City of Great Falls Park and Recreation, in partnership with the Great Falls Animal Shelter, proudly presents the return of Drool in the Pool! This paw-some event is the perfect way to let your dog cool off, have fun, and meet other pups in the community. **Saturday, September 7th**, at **11:00 am**, 100 River Dr. South.

What to Expect: Water Activities: Dogs can splash, swim, and show off their best doggy paddle. - Land-Based Fun: Enjoy paw print painting, sniffing games, and

more. Educational Booths: Learn valuable tips on pet care and welfare. Vendor Fair: Explore pet-related products, treats, and toys from local vendors.

Admission: \$6 per dog, \$3 per human. Important: All dogs must have current vaccinations, including rabies, parvo, and distemper. Proof of vaccination (paper or digital) is required at the entrance. For More Information: Joseph Parchen, Community Relations Specialist: 406-454-5768 or Erica McNamee, Operations Manager, Great Falls Park and Rec: 406-727-6099.

**HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING:** Join NeighborWorks Great Falls as the 2024-2025 students from Great Falls High and CMR break ground on the 47th High School House, on **Wednesday, September 11th at 11:00 am**, at 1305 3rd Ave South. Facebook event here: [High School House Groundbreaking | Facebook](#).

**FRESH RESCUE COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** The Grand Opening will be held on **Thursday, September 12th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**, at 513 2nd Ave. South. The non-profit organization prides itself on rescuing food throughout the community and providing healthy, nutritious meals to those in need. Facebook event here: [GRAND OPENING! | Facebook](#).

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT:** The City of Great Falls Public Works Environmental Division is partnering with Veolia North America to host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, **September 14th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The location of the event is just south of the Great Falls Police Department at 112 1st St. South.

Residents can bring in everything from antifreeze, gasoline, lighter fluid, paint thinner, road flares, shellac, fertilizer, furniture polish, insect spray, cleaners, disinfectants, hair remover, nail polish and more. Unfortunately, they will NOT be

accepting latex based paint products. If you have questions about disposal of latex based paint products, please contact Public Works Environmental at (406) 727-8390. The goal of the Household Hazardous Waste Event is to ensure the safe and compliant management and disposal of HOUSEHOLD hazardous waste. As such they will not be accepting waste from commercial businesses.

**ARTS ON FIRE:** Join the 13th Annual Arts on Fire event at the Paris Gibson Museum of Art, 1400 1st Ave. North, on **September 14th at 10:00 am**. Art activities, musical & dance performances, food trucks, gallery tours, artist alley vendor market, art demonstrations, root beer floats, pottery sale, and more! Find more information at [13th Annual Arts on Fire Festival — Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art \(the-square.org\)](https://the-square.org/13th-Annual-Arts-on-Fire-Festival-Paris-Gibson-Square-Museum-of-Art).

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S:** Join the Alzheimer's Association of Montana at Gibson Park on **Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 am**, for a day of honoring those we love and care for that have experienced the difficult journey of Alzheimer's and dementia. If you are registered before the event (encouraged), the ceremonies will begin at **11:00 am** with the Walk to follow. Feel free to arrive between 10:00 to 11:00 am to check out the vendors. Help raise awareness and fight for a cure for Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia. Register here: [2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Great Falls, MT | Walk to End Alzheimer's](https://www.alz.org/montana/2024-walk-to-end-alzheimers-great-falls-mt).

**ADULTS SUPPORTING YOUTH:** Event by Alliance for Youth, "Love and Logic: Adults Supporting Youth with Challenging Past's Class (Trauma Informed Care)." **September 23rd, at 3:00 pm** at 3220 11th Ave. South. With this new curriculum, they train foster and adoptive parents, educators, social workers, counselors, and others serving children and teens who've experienced trauma.

You will learn powerful insights into:

- How trauma affects the brain.
- Why the intense and extremely upsetting behaviors seen in these kids represent attempts to self-protect and survive.
- The science behind healthy attachment relationships and why such bonds form the foundation for emotional and neurological healing.
- How to apply Love and Logic strategies so that adults can take good care of themselves while addressing root causes... not just symptoms.
- Establishing healthy boundaries, avoiding destructive power struggles, overcoming defiance, and guiding these youth toward success.
- Many more skills and concepts applicable to kids who need hope.

This curriculum is designed to cut through the complexity of these very challenging topics and provide real solutions that can be applied immediately... rather than lots of theory or abstract ideas. Register here: [LOVE & LOGIC TIC \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com).

**MONTANA SUPREME COURT CANDIDATE FORUM:** Montana Farmers Union will be hosting a Supreme Court candidate forum at the Great Falls airport on **Wednesday, September 25th** from **11:45 am to 1:15 pm**. All four candidates have confirmed attendance. It will be taped to be replayed on TV/radio statewide. Mike Dennison will moderate. Montana Farmers Union providing lunch. Please spread the word.

**NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY:** Celebrate National Good Neighbor Day with the Great Falls Public Library on **September 28th** at **10:00 am** as we host Brock Cherry, the Planning & Community Development Director for the City of Great Falls! We strive every day to be good neighbors to this amazing community, and we encourage you to come in and learn about what the potential future for Great Falls looks like with you and our community members in mind.

Brock Cherry has been the Planning & Community Development Director for the City of Great Falls for just over a year and is a strong advocate for localism and community engagement. The program will be held in the Cordingley Room at the

Great Falls Public Library. Coffee and pastries will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

**GFPS FACULTY ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT:** On display now at Great Falls High School Dahl Gallery. The gallery will host a closing reception on **October 3rd** from **3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**; however, we hope you take an opportunity to view the show in advance. The gallery is accessible and free anytime the school is open. Huge shout out to Rikka Walters, Tess Jacobs, and Shannon Coffin for helping with installation.

**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) for opportunities.