

Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

Whether it's rain, snow or 70 degree weather, one can find it in springtime in Montana. That's NO April Fools Joke. April is the harbinger of spring, of new beginnings, rebirth, renewal and growth. It also features such holidays as Easter and Earth Day. It's a month filled with global observances and awareness days, each celebrating diverse aspects of humanity, nature and cultural history. Are you feeling stress? April is National Stress Awareness Month and National Counseling Awareness Month. See, you're not alone!

What's Coming Up?

Wednesday, April 2:

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Protest Poster Making Party for 50501 Rally happening on April 5. Event at Central Christian Church, 1025 Central Avenue, Great Falls, Montana. Bring your poster making supplies. A limited supply of materials will be provided. The event is accessible and suitable for all ages. Children under 12 years old, must be accompanied by an adult.

**Protest Poster Making
Party for Hands Off Protest
Weds. April 2, 5-7ish
Central Christian Church
1025 Central Ave.
Children Welcome**



Saturday, April 5:

NOON - Nationwide Rally on Central Ave. W. bridge. Gather at the Missouri River Court House, 125 Central Avenue West. Bring lots of friends. Join with members of the Great Falls' community to rally for our Democracy. Hands Off, sponsored by Indivisible and 50 50 1 (50 states, 50 protests, one day) Remove, Reverse, Reclaim our Democracy are hosting the Great Falls event.

The event is accessible and suitable for all ages. Children under 12 years old, must be accompanied by an adult. Billings had 1000 protesters at theirs last week. Can we beat that?



4:00 pm Mannequin Jump at Showdown.

7:30 pm Great Falls Symphony featuring Sheherezade at Mansfield Theater.

Friday, April 11:

7:30 pm Hotel California (original Eagles Tribute) at Mansfield Theater.

Saturday, April 12:

1:00 pm Language, Education and Inequality in Montana at The History Museum.

3:00 pm and **7:00 pm** The Jazz Legacy Project at Belt Performing Arts Center.

Tuesday, April 15:

Get your income tax return postmarked by midnight!

Friday, April 18:

4:00 pm until Saturday, **April 19** at **7:00 pm** Shrine Circus at 4 Seasons Arena.

Tuesday, April 22:

4:30 pm Library Board meeting.

Wednesday, April 23:

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Candidate Forum; Great Falls College-MSU, Room B101.

Friday, April 25:

7:00 pm Cascade String Quartet performs Salute at Alliance For Youth.

Sunday, April 27:

Noon 45th Annual Ice Breaker Road Race downtown.

2:00 pm Cascade String Quartet performs Salute at First Congregational Church UCC.

Tuesday, April 29:

7:00 pm The Devil Wears Prada with Erra-Metalcore at The Newberry.

Wednesday, April 30:

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Documentary about the bison: Bring Them Home, sponsored by Island Range Chapter of Wild MT at Lewis & Clark Interpretative Center.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, April 1 – City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

Tuesday, April 8 – 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, April 14 – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here: : [Agendas and Minutes \(GFPS\)](#).

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

Tuesday, April 22 – 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, April 28 – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agendas and Minutes \(GFPS\)](#).

PUBLIC VOLUNTEER EVENT – TRASH TIDYING: Event by Giant Springs State Park. Join Park staff for an evening of trash pickup! Thursday, **April 10, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Meet in Heritage Park near the kiosk (directly across the street from the main Giant Springs entrance) for a brief orientation and supplies, before heading to the project site together. Questions? Bringing a large group? Email Becca at RLuebke@mt.gov or call 406-727-1212. Facebook event [here](#).

GTRC PINT NIGHT WITH MONTANA FOOD HUB: Join Golden Triangle Resource Council for a pint night at Annie's Tap House, 112 Central Ave., Thursday, **April 10, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Featuring Montana Food Hub! Learn about GTRC and what they do in the Golden Triangle area, as well as hearing about Montana Food Hub Co-Op and where they're at! You can join the Food Hub at the event, or just learn more, while supporting GTRC and their work in our community. Facebook event [here](#).

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: The City of Great Falls' Public Works Department is partnering with Veolia North America to host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. This event is free to the public and will be held on Saturday, **April 12** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at the corner of 1st St. South and 3rd Ave. South.

The purpose of this event is to ensure the safe and compliant management and disposal of household chemicals and hazardous waste for the residents of Great Falls. Examples of acceptable waste at this event are antifreeze, gasoline, lighter fluid, paint thinner, road flares, shellac, fertilizer, pesticides, furniture polish, insect spray, disinfectants, hair color remover, nail polish, and more. Latex based paint products, mercury products, and waste from commercial businesses will not be accepted at this event. For any questions about the event, please contact the Environmental Division of Public Works at 406-727-8390.

GREAT FALLS HIRING FAIR 2025. Event by the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and Job Service Great Falls, on Wednesday, **April 23, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**, 400 3rd St. NW. Meet with business leaders face-to-face and explore career opportunities waiting for you! Facebook event [here](#).

HOMEBUYER FAIR: Event by NeighborWorks Great Falls, on Saturday, **April 26 at 9:00 am**. Are you thinking about buying a home? Join us for the fourth annual Homebuyer Fair! At this FREE event, you can learn from local experts about all the home purchase steps such as down payment and closing costs, available assistance for buyers, how to get qualified, and getting a home inspection. If you're interested in obtaining your Homebuyer Education Certificate, there will be a class held right next door, but be sure to register! Registration will open 30 days before the event and can be found here: <https://www.nwgf.org/homebuyer-education>. Share this with friends.

Visit our [Great Falls Rising YouTube Channel](#) for past gatherings. Do you have time to give to our community. Go to VolunteerGreatFalls.org and find your passion!