

# *Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter*

## *December 2025*



December is special for its prominent holidays like Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and others. It is the last month of the year and features astronomical events such as the Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and the Summer Solstice in the Southern Hemisphere. It's a time of celebration, reflection and gathering with family and friends. New Year's Eve marks the final day of the year. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.**

### **Lots going on in December:**

#### **Tuesday, December 2**

Russell Book Club at C.M. Russell Museum

Montana Grain Growers Trade Show at Montana Expo Park

#### **Wednesday, December 3**

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas at The Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts

Montana Grain Growers Trade Show at Montana Expo Park

#### **Thursday, December 4**

Rikki Held Speaks 6 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 610 2nd Ave. N. Hear the lead plaintiff in the groundbreaking “Held vs. Montana” climate case describe her journey in civic leadership and community engagement.

[Letters From Charlie: Insights from Russell's Correspondence](#) at C.M. Russell Museum

#### **Friday, December 5**

[First Friday Art Walk](#) at Downtown Great Falls

[Christmas Stroll](#) 5-9pm at Downtown Great Falls

[Swap-A-Rama Christmas Market](#) at Mansfield Convention Center

[GF Public Schools Christmas Stroll Pop up Shop](#) at 101 Central Avenue

#### **Saturday, December 6**

[Belt Christmas Stroll](#) at Downtown Belt

[Free Kids Christmas Movie](#) at Belt Performing Arts Center

#### **Sunday, December 7**

[Great Falls Symphony Presents: Brandon Horrocks](#) at The Mansfield Theater; 3 pm; Holiday Concert

[Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting](#) at Broadwater Overlook Park

**Monday, December 8** 6:30 pm Robert Reich film “The Last Class” on TV

[Click here to RSVP to join us on Monday, December 8 at 8:30 pm ET/ 5:30 pm PT to see \*The Last Class\* with us.](#)

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

5 - 6 pm [Farewell to Susie McIntyre](#) at Great Falls Public Library

#### **Thursday, December 11**

[It's A Wonderful Life Radio Play](#) 7pm at University of Providence Theatre

[Patrick & The Las Vegas Band - Rock The Trades Party](#) at Montana ExpoPark

**Friday, December 12**

The Art of Christmas at Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

Toast - The Best of Bread at The Mansfield Theater

Live Nativity & Petting Zoo at Big Sky Deli & Bakery

Trim The Tree With Santa at First Peoples Buffalo Jump

It's A Wonderful Life Radio Play 7 pm at University of Providence Theatre

**Saturday, December 13**

Christmas in Early Great Falls 1pm at The History Museum

Free Admission at C.M. Russell Museum

Candle Making Class at C.M. Russell Museum

Trim the Tree at Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

Last Chance Christmas Bazaar at Montana Expo Park

Candy Cane Lane 2025 at Jaycee Park

Breakfast with Santa at Wheels of Thunder

It's A Wonderful Life Radio Play 3 pm and 7 pm at University of Providence Theatre

**Sunday, December 14**

Steve Olson Christmas Concert 2 pm at Belt Performing Arts Center

**Friday, December 19**

Winter Ice Skating Show at Great Falls Ice Plex

**Friday, December 26**

Rock Art Pictograph/Petroglyph Hike at First Peoples Buffalo Jump

**Saturday, December 27**

Free Admission at C.M. Russell Museum

### **What else is coming up?**

**Monday, December 1** – Special City Commission Meeting, Downtown Parking Program, **4:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

**Tuesday, December 2** - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

**Tuesday, December 9** – 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, December 15** – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agendas & Meetings - Great Falls Public Schools](#).

**Tuesday, December 16** - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda [here](#); City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda [here](#).

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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Looking for meaningful ways to spend your time and help your community? Consider volunteering for the approximately 50 organizations listed on the [United Way website](#) or helping the city out by [volunteering at various departments](#).