

Great Falls Rising

Monthly Newsletter

April 2026

Well, March came in like a lion, and the lamb blossomed. We've had a very strange winter, and the rest of Montana finally found the perfect ski areas, Showdown and Silver Crest. Besides April Fool's Day, what is April known for? It's a spring month of renewal, celebrating Earth Month (Earth Day is 4/22), and religious festivals such as Easter, Passover, and Arab American Heritage Month. It is also recognized for National Poetry Month, Jazz Appreciation Month and National Humor Month. No Kings Rallies were a great success in thousands of cities and towns across the United States and the world. In Great Falls, we had close to 1000 protesters. Let's keep up the beat!

The Primary election is coming up soon. Late Registration begins on May 5th. Voter registration forms **postmarked by May 4th and received by May 7th are accepted for regular registration** per 13-2-301(3) MCA. The voter does not need to appear at the election office. **The Elections Office only collects the mail once a day as the post office only sorts and places the mail in their mailbox by 10:00 am every morning.**

During late registration, those wishing to register or change their voter information and vote in this federal election may only do so **before 5:00 pm on Friday before the election (May 29th), Saturday before the election (May 30th), or before noon on election day (June 2nd)**. To vote in the election, late registrants must obtain their ballot in person from the location designated by the county election administrator. 13-2-304 MCA and SB490. Per the law change, the election office will not be processing any late registrations on **June 1st** the day before the election. We will only be re-issuing absentee ballots that day.

The election office will be **open for registration on Saturday, May 30th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**. That is the last day to register before election day.

Always include checking the Montana Secretary of State's [Voter Registration Page](#). **Your vote counts**, and don't let anyone convince you otherwise. It's also a secret ballot whether you are in a voting booth or filling out a mail-in ballot.

So, what's happening in Great Falls in April?

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

Monday, April 13th – 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, April 14th – 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, April 21st - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**; City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**. Agendas will be posted [here](#) when the date nears.

Monday, April 27th – 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, April 28th – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

What else is happening in Great Falls?

Friday, April 3
[Local Artists Display](#) at Luna Coffee Bar

Saturday, April 4

[Easter Egg Hunt](#) at Big Sky Deli & Bakery

[Great Falls Parks & Recreation Egg Hunt](#) at Lions Park

Tuesday, April 7

[Youth Pottery](#) at Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

[Beginning Woodcarving](#) at Paris Gibson Museum of Art

[Beginning Painting](#) at Paris Gibson Museum of Art

Wednesday, April 8

[Great Falls Sports Foundation Mixer](#) at Montana Expo Park

Thursday, April 9

Partnering with a Purpose - the technical education behind a career path; sponsored by GF Public Schools and GFC-MSU In Heritage Hall; 6 p.m. A longer notice will come soon.

[Fly Tying](#) at Kellergeist

Friday, April 10

[Beginning Ceramics](#) at Paris Gibson Museum of Art

[Round Dance of America](#) at Montana Expo Park

Saturday, April 11

[The Waiting](#) at Belt Performing Arts Center

[Free Admission](#) at C.M. Russell Museum

[Hidden History of Great Falls with Ken Robison](#) at The History Museum

[Spring Fever Arts & Crafts Show](#) at Mansfield Convention Center

[Round Dance of America](#) at Montana Expo Park

Sunday, April 12

[Round Dance of America](#) at Montana Expo Park

[Sunday Sampler](#) at The History Museum

Wednesday, April 15

[Trail Mixer](#) at Lewis & Clark Foundation

Thursday, April 16

[Buzz Brass](#) at The Mansfield Theater

[Trail Mixer](#) at Lewis & Clark Foundation

[Stories From the Sun River - Tony Bynum](#) at Great Falls Public Library

Friday, April 17

[Shrine Circus](#) at Montana ExpoPark

[Trail Mixer](#) at Lewis & Clark Foundation

Saturday, April 18

[Great Falls Symphony Presents: Ian Passmore](#) at The Mansfield Theater

[Shrine Circus](#) at Montana ExpoPark

[Great Falls Electrics](#) at St. Patrick's Academy

[Trail Mixer](#) at Lewis & Clark Foundation

[Author Talk with Reena McCarty](#) at Great Falls Public Library

Sunday, April 19

[The Grocery List Show](#) at Great Falls Public Library

[Trail Mixer](#) at Lewis & Clark Foundation

Tuesday, April 21

[The Sleeping Beauty Ballet](#) at The Mansfield Theater

[Speaker Dr. Kathy Koch](#) at the Heritage Inn

[The Librarians](#) at Great Falls Public Library

Wednesday, April 23

[The Glass Menagerie](#) at UP Theater

[Author Russell Rowland](#) at Great Falls Public Library

Friday, April 24

[The Glass Menagerie](#) at UP Theater

[Rich Matoon](#) at Celtic Cowboy

Saturday, April 25

[Wedding Dress Pop Up Shop](#) at Montana ExpoPark

[The Glass Menagerie](#) at UP Theater

[Treasure State Cutting Show](#) at 406 Arena

[Big Sky Reptile Expo](#) at Great Falls High School

[Joel Corda](#) at Sip 'n Dip Lounge

Sunday, April 26

[46th Annual Ice Breaker Road Race](#) at Mansfield Center

[Treasure State Cutting Show](#) at 406 Arena

Monday, April 27

[Russell Book Club: A River Runs Through It](#) at C.M. Russell Museum

Wednesday, April 29

Are Montana courts under threat? presented by Big Sky 55+, GF Rising and Wildly Montana at 6 pm in the Darkhorse at the Celtic Cowboy. A more robust notice will be sent soon.

Friday, May 1

[Chamber Music: Quartet in Bloom](#) at The History Museum

[Wiley Gustafson](#) at Celtic Cowboy