

# *Great Falls Rising*

## *Monthly Newsletter*

### *February 2026*

February is the month of Valentines Day, a day devoted to love and kindness. Instead of telling everything February is noted for, Great Falls Rising will be concentrating on Kindness, something that our country is in the process of losing, especially in our leadership. When hate and extremism take over a country, that place loses its heart and soul. With all the deaths and dehumanizing that have been rampant lately, especially in Minneapolis, we hope you are wondering what you can do and join a group that is resisting this and helping those who are victims of this hatred. Black history month is coming up in February and black history is replete with the kind of “othering” that is taking place today. Let’s look into our heart’s mirror and ask “what we can do for our country.”

#### **What’s happening in Great Falls?**

**Tuesday, February 3** - city commission meeting

**Thursday, February 5**

[The Great Beyond Film Festival](#) at The Mansfield Theater

[Collecting the West: How the Museum Acquires Art](#) at C.M.

Russell Museum

Black history month at Great Falls Public Library 6-8 pm.

[greatfallslibrary.org](http://greatfallslibrary.org)

### **Friday, February 6**

The Great Beyond Film Festival at The Mansfield Theater

Chamber Music Beethoven in Candlelight at The History Museum

### **Saturday, February 7**

Winter Trails Day at Silver Crest Trails in the Little Belt mountains

### **Sunday, February 8**

Chamber orchestra at 2 pm at UCC church

### **Tuesday, February 10**

Tina - The Tina Turner Musical at The Mansfield Theater

### **Thursday, February 12**

Mark Fiege at Great Falls College, MSU

Armchair Traveler with Leigh Larson at The Great Falls Public Library

### **Saturday, February 14**

Great Falls Symphony Presents: Robert Kahn at The Mansfield Theater

Judy Carmichael Trio at Belt Performing Arts Center

Author Talk at C.M. Russell Museum

Declaration of Independence Presentation at The History Museum

### **Thursday, February 19**

Grease at Great Falls High School

### **Friday, February 20**

HOF3T Art Auction & Film Tour at The Newberry

Grease at Great Falls High School

Great Falls School District High Voltage Weekend - a remarkable recruitment effort to attract new teachers to Great Falls. This year's event will be February 20-22, 2026. Part of this effort to shine a light

on Great Falls - to share our vibrant downtown, our outstanding recreation opportunities, our affordable and welcoming community. This is a NO COST event for college Juniors and Seniors studying education. They are looking for donations for swag bags and coupons or vouchers. If you want to contribute items please **contact Beth** at [bethleatham@gmail.com](mailto:bethleatham@gmail.com) or 406-788-9285, to arrange for pick up by **February 14**.

### **Saturday, February 21**

44th Annual Wine and Food Festival at Heritage Inn  
Grease at Great Falls High School

### **Monday, February 23**

She Gees at Mansfield Center for Performing Arts

### **Thursday, February 26**

Dr. Mary-Ann Sontag at Great Falls College, MSU  
Grease at Great Falls High School

### **Friday, February 27**

Grease at Great Falls High School  
Back Country Film Festival; Wild Montana - Island Range Chapter; doors open at 5:30 pm; [wildmontana.org/irc/bcff](http://wildmontana.org/irc/bcff)

### **Saturday, February 28**

Americans Hockey at Great Falls Ice Plex  
Grease at Great Falls High School  
Moonlight ski at Silver Crest; [silvercresttrails.com](http://silvercresttrails.com)

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

**Tuesday, February 3** – City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agenda Center • Great Falls, MT • CivicEngage](#).

**Monday, February 9**– 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, February 10** – 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, February 17** - City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agenda Center • Great Falls, MT • CivicEngage](#).

**Monday, February 23** – 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, February 24** – 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](#).