

Issues Program List

KGVO (Missoula, MT); KMPT (East Missoula, MT);
KGGL (Missoula, MT); KZOQ (Missoula, MT); KGRZ (Missoula, MT)
KYSS-FM (Missoula MT); (KBAZ-FM, Hamilton, MT)

October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

SECTION 1. ISSUES

The above stations have identified the following as some of the more significant community issues addressed this quarter.

A. **Education.** Education can come in many forms. We spoke with several representatives from the City of Missoula about a variety of issues the public needs to know about. We also spoke with the Missoula Economic Partnership about the local economy. The Missoula Economic Partnership hosts an ECON 101 show every month.

B. **Local Government.** We covered the usual topics of government, but also focused on communication as a whole. Twice a month we have a “City Talk” show where we discuss a variety of issues. We also meet with our Missoula County Commissioners every month to discuss property taxes, budgeting, how tax dollars are spent, and more.

C. **Law Enforcement.** Crime has so many topics, and we try to check on them all. We spoke with the President of the Crime Prevention Research Center about Second Amendment rights and more. We also spoke with our Attorney General about the drug crisis. We also spoke to our newly elected Chief of Police about crime numbers in 2022.

D. **Affordable Housing.** We spoke to our City officials and mayoral candidates about the cost of housing in Missoula. We also spoke about property taxes. As a result, we also talked about the homelessness issues around Missoula and how to try and solve them.

E. **Election.** We are preparing for the upcoming election in Missoula where we will choose a new mayor. We spoke to both candidates and the newly elected mayor has agreed to join us on a regular basis.

F. **Development.** The City of Missoula is focusing a lot of its efforts on development. As a result, we introduced a new monthly program discussing that specific issue. We also talked about development with the Missoula Economic Partnership.

SECTION II. RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

“Community Viewpoint” is a locally produced program that airs weekly on each station at the following times:

Saturdays at 6 a.m. on KZOQ and 8:30 a.m. on KGVO. Sundays at 6 a.m. on KMPT, KYSS-FM, KBAZ-FM, KGGL, and KGRZ.

Each of the below segments is 28-minute in length.

DATE AIRED	DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE
10/7/23 10/8/23	Education, Local Government, Development. Our guest was Annie Gorski, Deputy Director of the Missoula Redevelopment Agency. We talked about the Workforce Housing pilot program that the Redevelopment Agency board approved last week. It allows Tax Increment Financing to be used for acquiring, building, and improving housing for working Missoulians. We also talked about how this is different from the work they usually do.
10/14/23 10/15/23	Local Government. Our guest was former Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer. He talked about the Trump Administration and what he would have done differently. He also talked about his current political affiliation and how things have changed.
10/21/23 10/22/23	Local Government, Election, Affordable Housing. Our guest was Missoula Mayoral Candidate Mike Nugent. He plans to change the budget to make houses more affordable. He also wants to try to solve the homelessness problem in Missoula. He also wants to cut programs that are costing an unnecessary amount of money.
10/28/23 10/29/23	Law Enforcement, Education. Our guest was Police Chief Mike Colyer. Our topic was the Missoula Police Department 2022 Annual Report, which Chief Colyer recently presented to the City Council. Violent crime has increased. However, after a sharp increase in aggravated assault in 2020-2021, it decreased by 10 percent last year. And we have a continuing decline in homicides, from seven in 2020 to three in 2021 to two last year. Another area of concern is an increase in traffic crashes. So it's a bit of a mixed picture.
11/4/23 11/5/23	Local Government, Election, Affordable Housing. Our guest was Missoula Mayoral candidate Andrea Davis. She answered a wide variety of questions from callers. She discussed property taxes and different ways she would trim the budget. She also talked about resources for the homeless population and changes that need to be made.
11/11/23 11/12/23	Local Government, Education, Development. Our guest was Brian Hensel. He is the deputy public works director for streets at the City of Missoula. He talked about lead pickup and the current schedule they are facing. He also talking about preparing for snow removal and the changes they are making to priority streets.
11/18/23	Local Government, Law Enforcement, Education. Our guests were Missoula County Attorney Kirsten Pabst and Martha Brooks

11/19/23	from Fight Crime Invest in Kids. Pabst is a member of Fight Crime Invest in Kids and she shared why she supports them. Brooks talked about the importance of supporting early care and education workforce.
11/25/23 11/26/23	Education, Law Enforcement. Our guest was Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen. He talked about urging congress to grant state officials more power to combat illegal immigration. He also talked about the record number of fentanyl seizures in Montana this year. He also touted the new MVD system that helps cut back on wait times.
12/2/23 12/3/23	Education, Law Enforcement. Our guest was Steve Schmidt from Drive Safe Missoula. We talked about the importance of getting a sober ride home and the punishment for DUI not being severe enough. We also talked about the importance of treatment. Seatbelt safety was also discussed.
12/9/23 12/10/23	Affordable Housing, Local Government, ECON 101. We were joined by Mary Melton from the Missoula Housing Authority to talk about housing options in Missoula including workforce and rent-capped. She talked about the requirements for accessing it, the application process, etc., particularly at Villagio, which still has availability.
12/16/23 12/17/23	Local Government, Education. Deena Mansour is the Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center. She and City Council President Gwen Jones discussed how city government puts Mansfield ethics into actions.
12/23/23 12/24/23	Local Government, Development. Our guest was Kalina Pritchard, the City's Neighborhoods Specialist. Kalina has been with the City for two years in January. She manages 18 neighborhood councils and is also an important part of the City's communications and engagement initiatives. We talked about the history of neighborhood councils, how were they originally conceived, and how have they changed.
12/30/23 12/31/23	Law Enforcement, Crime. Our guest was Dr. John Lott. He is the president of the Crime Prevention Research Center here in Missoula. He talked about mass shooting statistics. He also talked about 2 nd Amendment Rights.