

Issues Program List

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

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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 and Dr. Patrick Barkey from the University of Montana about the local economy.

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 a local lockdown that occurred at one of our High Schools. We also spoke with our Attorney General about human trafficking.

D. Affordable Housing. We spoke to our City officials and other public figures about the cost of housing in Missoula. 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 one of the individuals who had already thrown his hat in the ring, and we plan on speaking to the other candidates as well.

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 8:30 a.m. on KGVO. Sundays at 5 a.m. on KGGL, KZOQ, and KGRZ. Sundays at 6 a.m. on KMPT, KYSS-FM, and KBAZ-FM.

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

DATE AIRED	DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE
4/1/23 4/2/23	Education, Development, ECON 101. Our guests were Grant Kier, CEO of Missoula Economic Partnership and Jason Williams, CEO of Blackfoot Communications. We talked about the Lolo school system crisis during COVID lockdown. We also discussed increasing reliance on tech and internet for work, education, healthcare, and other essential services. Lack of high-speed internet can lead to disadvantages and disparities in rural and remote areas.
4/8/23 4/9/23	Education, Affordable Housing, Economy. Our guest was Patrick Barkey. He is the Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana. He discussed affordable housing in Missoula and Montana. He also talked about the economy in general.
4/15/23 4/16/23	Crime, Law Enforcement, Lockdowns. Our guest was John Lott. He is the president of the crime prevention research center in Missoula. We talked about school shooting statistics. We also talked about the most recent lockdown that occurred at a Missoula High School.
4/22/23 4/23/23	Education, Author, Documentary. Our guest was Julian Rubinstein. He is an award-winning journalist, educator, author and documentary filmmaker. His new non-fiction book, <i>The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun and the Struggle to Save an American Neighborhood</i> , was the winner of the 2022 Colorado Book Award and the 2022 High Plains Book Award and a New York Times Editors’ Choice. His documentary, also called <i>The Holly</i> , won multiple awards at film festivals in 2022 and will be released in theaters in February 2023.
4/29/23 4/30/23	City Talk, Education, Development. Our guest was Jason Duffin, Compost Facility Manager of the City of Missoula’s Garden City Compost. Here are some questions and talking points we discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2022, Garden City Compost recovered more than 15,000 tons of resources and put them to beneficial reuse. (He can describe what those uses are.) • Should we be concerned about using a compost that started as a treated biosolid? Does that compost contain heavy minerals or pharmaceuticals or anything else that goes down the drain?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden City Compost makes four products. What are they, and how do they make them? • What has Compost accomplished, and, what's next?
5/6/23 5/7/23	Law Enforcement, Crime, Human Trafficking. Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen joined us. He talked about a human trafficking bill that just passed. He talked about the fentanyl crisis in Montana and told our listeners that it is happening in Missoula as well. He also answered a wide variety of questions from callers.
5/13/23 5/14/23	Local Government, Legislature. Our guest was Montana Speaker of the House Matt Regier. He spent a full hour taking calls from our listeners and answered several questions about the 2023 Legislative Session. He talked about the Zooey Zephr situation and changes that might occur because of that. He also talked about some of the most important bills that passed and didn't pass.
5/20/23 5/21/23	City Talk, Local Government, Education, Development. Our guest was Logan McInnis, who is Deputy Director of Utilities in Public Works & Mobility at the City of Missoula. Logan's main pieces of great news are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has started reinvesting almost \$7 million in water line replacements this summer, all over town. • We have finally turned the corner on leakage and gotten ahead of it, with a net reduction of nearly 1,200 gallons per minute of leakage. We also answered these questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you do these projects without disrupting traffic? • Why is it important to replace old mains? • How do you prioritize water main projects?
5/27/23 5/28/23	Education, ECON 101, Affordable Housing. Our guest was Grant Kier. He is the CEO of the Missoula Economic Partnership. MEP discussed the housing crunch in Missoula. Specifically, how different entities are working together to drive change. Our guests will be Justin Metcalf and Chris Anderson. Justin is with Wishcamper Development Partners and has overseen \$450 million in creation or preservation of affordable housing. Chris Anderson is president and CEO of DJ&A engineering firm. They have begun offering down payment assistance loans to their employees who are first time homebuyers.
6/03/23 6/04/23	Election, Local Government, Homelessness. Our guest was Missoula City Councilor Mike Nugent. He is running for Missoula Mayor and shared his campaign. He would like to bring down property taxes and help solve the homeless issues. Phone lines were busy the entire show.
6/10/23	City Talk, Local Government, Education, Emergency Management. Our guest was Adriane Beck. She is Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, which

6/11/23	serves Missoula County, which includes the city. We talked about the renewal of the Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan. This is the every-five-years update. The plan starts with a comprehensive analysis of the natural hazards in Missoula County. Local jurisdictions need a plan to be able to qualify for federal money for mitigation of the hazards that lead to disasters. (Common formula says that every \$1 saves \$6 in addressing a disaster.) The plan will be adopted by the City and the County elected bodies. The plan is based on what the public want to see mitigated – what they see as the biggest threats.
6/17/23 6/18/23	Education, Homelessness. Our guest was Jim Hicks. He is the Executive Director of the Hope Rescue Mission here in Missoula. They are responsible for the Temporary Safe Outdoor Space for Missoula’s homeless. They also have a women’s shelter that involved an 18-month program. They also help the Poverello Center with homeless outreach on a daily basis.
6/24/23 6/25/23	Education, Immigration. With so many stories recently about immigration, both legal and illegal, KGVO’s Talk Back show welcomed Eamon Fahey, Director of the International Rescue Committee in Missoula as the guest of Bob Seidenschwarz from the Montana World Affairs Council. Fahey explained the work his organization does here in Missoula.