

### Issues Program List

KGVO (Missoula, MT); KMPT (East Missoula, MT); KAMM-FM (Frenchtown, MT)

KGGL (Missoula, MT); KZOQ (Missoula, MT); KGRZ (Missoula, MT)

KYSS-FM (Missoula MT); KENR-FM (Superior MT); (KBAZ-FM, Hamilton, MT)

January 1, 2023 – March 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 two people from the Missoula Police Department. Two University of Montana History professors started a monthly book club and discussed 'Hillbilly Elegy' with the listeners.

**B. Local Government.** We covered the usual topics of government, but also focused on communication as a whole. We also meet with our Missoula County Commissioners every month to discuss a variety of issues including property taxes, budgeting, at how tax dollars are spent. We also meet with the City of Missoula once a month.

**C. Law Enforcement.** Crime has so many topics, and we try to check on them all. We spoke with the new Public Information Officer at the Missoula Police Department. We also spoke with an MPD Lieutenant who is also the Head of our local Drug Task Force. We also spoke with the President of the Crime Prevention Research center.

**D. Drug Crisis.** Drugs are again a top law enforcement priority. Fentanyl has made its way to Missoula and the overdose numbers are staggering. We spoke to an MPD Lieutenant and Drug Task Force officer about this issue.

**E. Election.** We talked about election results with Montana's new congressman Ryan Zinke. This was Zinke's first visit to the KGVO studio since winning the election. We also spoke with former a Montana Governor about how he is no longer considered by the MTGOP to be a Republican.

**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 our Missoula County Commissioners.

## 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, KAMM-FM, KYSS-FM, KENR-FM, and KBAZ-FM. Each of the below segments is 28-minute in length.

| DATE AIRED         | DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE   |
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| 12/31/22<br>1/1/23 | <p><b>Education, Book Club, Immigration.</b> Our guests were University of Montana History Professor Dr. Mehrdad Kia and retired professor Dr. Michael Mayer. They started a monthly KGVO book club show where we discuss a variety of issues. This month’s book was Hillbilly Elegy. It is a story about migrants from Appalachian bringing their culture to the Midwest. The book was written by JD Vance.</p>   |
| 1/7/23<br>1/8/23   | <p><b>Education, Local Crime, Gun Control, Law Enforcement.</b> Our guest was Dr. John Lott. He is the president of the Crime Prevention Research Center. He recently testified before the U.S. House about gun control. Dr. Lott was only allotted five minutes to address the subcommittee which was chaired by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee, and included comments from actual serial killers on why they choose gun-free zones for their attacks. “Over 92 percent of violent crime in America has nothing to do with firearms. That percentage has remained constant for the last couple of decades. Most violent crime has nothing to do with firearms.”</p>  |
| 1/14/23<br>1/15/23 | <p><b>Local Government, Development, Education, Real Estate.</b> Our guests: Melanie Brock, executive director of the Missoula Midtown Association (not a City employee but an honorary one) and Annette Marchesseault, project manager and redevelopment specialist at the City’s Missoula Redevelopment Agency.</p> <p>The Midtown Master Plan is not a city project, but it is strongly supported by the city, and the MRA is a major funder of the effort.</p> <p>Annette will be with us to talk about why the city is so supportive of planning in Midtown Missoula. Melanie will talk about how the plan is unfolding, where it is now (draft plan concept alternatives are available online) and how people can participate.</p> |
| 1/21/23<br>1/22/23 | <p><b>Local Government, Election, Legislature.</b> Our guest was Montana Congressman Ryan Zinke. This was Zinke’s first visit to the KGVO studio since winning the election. Zinke said the only tool the House of Representatives has over the Senate at this time is the power of the purse. Zinke said the power of the purse can force Democrats in the House and the Senate to stop the practice of passing omnibus bills, meaning one massive bill that includes dozens or more pieces of legislation.</p>   |
| 1/28/23<br>1/29/23 | <p><b>Law Enforcement, Education.</b> Our guest was Whitney Bennett, the new Police Department Public Information Officer. Whitney has been on the Missoula police force just more than four years. She has spent most of her time on patrol but recently came off a stint as a school resource officer. In addition to being PIO, she also serves as crime prevention officer. Here are some questions we covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did you come into this job?</li> <li>• What does the Police Department PIO do? What are the goals of the job?</li> </ul>  |

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain how it works day-to-day.</li> <li>• How do you manage public information with the confidential? How do you inform the public without endangering the police work on a case?</li> <li>• What do you do as crime prevention officer?</li> </ul>  |
| 2/4/23<br>2/5/23   | <p><b>Law Enforcement, Drug Crisis, Education.</b> Our guest was Missoula Police Department Lieutenant Sean Manraksa. He is also head of the Missoula Drug Task Force. We talked about how dangerous fentanyl is and how prevalent it has become in our community. He also had a message for drug dealers. “We are coming for you.”</p>   |
| 2/11/23<br>2/12/23 | <p><b>Local Government, Education, Avalanche Preparedness.</b> Our guest for our urban avalanche preparedness show were Adriane Beck, director of the Office of Emergency Management, which serves the County and City, and Jeff Gicklhorn, who is the City’s Conservation Lands Program Manager. Adriane has worked at the County since 2013 and is an expert in managing all things disastrous, from flooding to Covid. Jeff has degrees in ecology and natural resource management and has been with the city for two years.</p> <p>Here are some questions we answered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are we talking about this today, in February?</li> <li>• What did we learn from the urban avalanche of 2014 and how are things different today because of that?</li> <li>• Why is Mount Jumbo the mountain to watch, not Mount Sentinel or elsewhere around the valley?</li> <li>• We’ve closed Mount Jumbo for years before we were tuned in to avalanche danger. What’s up with the elk herd?</li> </ul> |
| 2/18/23<br>2/19/23 | <p><b>Local Government, Education, Development, Infrastructure.</b> Our guests were Missoula County Commissioners Juanita Vero, Josh Slotnick, and Dave Strohmaier. We discussed Winter maintenance, how improvements on residential streets may need to be funded in the future (through Rural Special Improvement Districts, etc.), upcoming projects, preparation of preliminary plans for several bridges and roads in order to apply for federal funding, acquisition of used equipment rather than new in some cases to help balance the budget, and ARPA funding for the sewer and water systems and what improvements are planned.</p>  |
| 2/25/23<br>2/26/23 | <p><b>Local Government, Development, Education.</b> Our guest was Eran Pehan, director of Community Planning, Development and Innovation. Eran had year-end development stats. Number of homes permitted in 2022, comparisons to years past. Also: market value of construction, last year and comparisons. Also: Info on West End Homes, Missoula’s first agrihood – community garden component in housing. Here is a way to preserve agriculture AND build new housing.</p>   |
| 3/04/23<br>3/05/23 | <p><b>Election, Local Government.</b> Our guest was former Montana Governor Marc Racicot. The Montana Republican Party issued a resolution on Monday that due to recent statements and positions taken by former Montana Governor and Attorney General, that ‘Marc Racicot is not considered by the MTGOP to be a Republican; that he cannot claim with any authority to speak on behalf of Montana Republicans; that he does not have the support of the MTGOP.’ Racicot shared his thoughts on that decision.</p>   |

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| <p>3/11/23</p> <p>3/12/23</p> | <p><b>Local Government, Education, Development, Homelessness, Real Estate.</b> Our guest was Emily Harris-Shears, senior housing policy specialist at the City. Emily and staff recently presented to the City Council their 2022 Housing Displacement study. Its purpose was to document Missoula residents' housing experiences, primarily among renters, and learn where their anxieties were. They conducted community listening sessions and outreach meetings in which people expressed their stresses around costs and availability, as well as other factors. People talked about their rents increasing 30 to 50 percent annually. We learned that while the Missoula Housing Authority has the great Section 8 voucher program, there was only a 59 percent utilization rate of existing vouchers for lack of landlords participating. The study also learned about violations of Fair Housing rules. The study wraps up with recommendations that the community could implement.</p> |
| <p>3/18/23</p> <p>3/19/23</p> | <p><b>Education, Law Enforcement, Sexual Assault, Local Crime.</b> Our guest was Barb Jenkins from Jane Doe No More. Jane Doe No More is empowering survivors of sexual crimes to find their voice, advance their healing, and educate others. Jenkins is the author of Burying Jane Doe: A Journey of Courage and Strength.</p>  |
| <p>3/25/23</p> <p>3/26/23</p> | <p><b>Education, Local Government, Leaf Collection, Winter Weather.</b> Our guest was Brian Hensel. He is the Deputy Public Works Director for Streets. He has decided to start leaf collection <u>on April 3</u> and sweeping right behind it, <u>starting April 4</u>. This will require a great deal of coordination. We will be asking people to please re-rake leaves to the curbs (not in the bike lanes, please), and we will have the schedules posted on the city website. Brian also talked about how the winter went and how expensive materials cost. It is also pothole season so we discussed that as well.</p>   |