

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)

July 1, 2023 – September 30, 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 and Dr. Patrick Barkey from the University of Montana 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. 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.

D. **Affordable Housing.** We spoke to our city officials and other public figures 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 one of the individuals who had already thrown his hat in the ring, and we plan on speaking to the other candidates as well. We also spoke to a City Councilor who is running for reelection.

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
7/1/23 7/2/23	Election, Local Government, Affordable Housing, Homlessness. Our guest was mayoral candidate Mike Nugent. He talked about the homelessness issue in Missoula and what he would do to try and solve the problem. He also spoke about property taxes and how we can bring those numbers down. He also spoke about what sets him apart from his competition.
7/8/23 7/9/23	ECON 101, Education, Development. Our guests were Missoula Montana Airport Director Brian Ellestad and Air Service Consultant Greg Atkin. This was part of our monthly Missoula ECON 101 program where CEO Grant Kier from the Missoula Economic Partnership invited guests. We focused on air service in Missoula and learned that 2023 will likely be a record year.
7/15/23 7/16/23	Crime, Law Enforcement, Education. 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 Tester’s most recent vote on pistol braces.
7/22/23 7/23/23	Local Government, Economic Development. Our guest was Walter Banziger. He is Deputy Director of Community Planning, Development, and Innovation. He oversees Building Inspection, Business Licensing, Code Compliance, Zoning & Land Use Review and Permit Coordination. That means he oversees all the permits related to development in the city. Our goal is to give people a picture of what kind of development is occurring in Missoula, how much, how much it costs, and whatever else.
7/29/23 7/30/23	ECON 101, Education, Development. We had Missoula ECON 101 with the Missoula Economic Partnership’s CEO Grant Kier. We talked about manufacturing in Missoula and Montana in general. We were joined by Mallory Ottariano who is the founder and CEO of YOUer - an apparel company here in Missoula. Also, Steve Nelson of Bonner Property Development.
8/5/23 8/6/23	Local Government, Election, Affordable Housing. Our guest was current Missoula Mayor Jordan Hess. He answered a variety of questions from our callers. He spent most of the show talking about property taxes, the homelessness issue, and the upcoming election.
8/12/23 8/13/23	Education. Our guest was acclaimed writer and diplomat Michael Punke. He has more than 25 years of experience in international trade and regulatory issues. He is famous for writing the Revenant.
8/19/23 8/20/23	City Talk, Local Government, Education, Development. Our guest was Tracy Campbell, who is Stormwater Superintendent at the City of Missoula. Stormwater is a division of Public Works & Mobility. The City’s Stormwater

	<p>utility formed in 2016 and became fully operational in 2020. Tracy joined Stormwater in June of 2019. She has a graduate degree in environmental science and has worked in environmental compliance and as an editor for scientific journals.</p>
<p>8/26/23 8/27/23</p>	<p>Education, ECON 101, Affordable Housing, Property Taxes. Our guest was Dr. Patrick Barkey. He is the director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana. He was also the Missoula ECON 101 guest. The Missoula Economic Partnership’s CEO Grant Kier hosted the show. We talked about property taxes and an overall economic outlook.</p>
<p>9/2/23 9/3/23</p>	<p>Local Government, Law Enforcement, Drug Crisis. Our guest was Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen. He is one of a few guest that has filled all our phone lines. Listeners asked him questions about 2nd amendment rights, the drug crisis in Montana, and DMV confusions.</p>
<p>9/9/23 9/10/23</p>	<p>Local Government, Affordable Housing. Our guest was House District 96 Representative Jonathan Karlen. He talked about what he has been working on since the legislature ended. He was an advocate for making thefts a felony offense. He also talked about property taxes in Missoula and what can be done to lower them.</p>
<p>9/16/23 9/17/23</p>	<p>Local Government, Election, Affordable Housing. Our guest was Ward 5 Missoula City Councilor Sandy Vasecka. She is running for re-election and talked about what she would like changed in the City of Missoula. She also took several calls about property taxes, the city budget, and the homelessness issue.</p>
<p>9/23/23 9/24/23</p>	<p>Local Government, Development. Our guest was Emily Gluckin, who is a senior planner at the city and is the project manager for engagement for the Our Missoula Code Reform Project. The Code Reform Team and their consultants have finished and posted the Equity in Land Use Report. We talked about some of the interesting points in the report and more.</p>
<p>9/30/23 10/1/23</p>	<p>ECON 101, Affordable Housing, Education. Our guest for Econ 101 was Dick Barrett. The Missoula Economic Partnership Hosts Econ 101 every month and CEO Grant Kier hosts the show. Barrett is a retired economist and former member of the Montana Legislature where he served on the House and Senate committees on taxation from 2009 to 2021. They will be focusing on property taxes and all the fun that entails.</p>