

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)

October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

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 a Code Compliance Supervisor at the City of Missoula who works to promote and maintain a safe community. Our city also educated us on snow removal and street maintenance. We also were educated about Missoula's growth policy. Our Superintendent of Public Instruction also talked about 'Bridging the Communication between Schools and Families'. Two University of Montana History professors started a monthly book club and discussed their first book 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 our Montana Attorney General about a number of different topics. We also spoke with Justice of the Peace Landee Holloway. She talked about what a JP does and how the public might be misinformed about their day-to-day duties.

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 a congressional candidate about this issue as well as our Attorney General.

E. Election. The general election is rapidly approaching and Montana was recently awarded a new congressional seat. We spoke to both candidates in the race about a variety of issues. We also spoke to a Senate District candidate. We also discussed a levy that appeared on the ballot.

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.

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
10/1/22 10/2/22	<p>Law Enforcement, Drug Crisis, Gun Rights. Our guest this week was Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen. He talked about the Montana Highway Patrol advanced academy training. He also talked about the need for more MHP troopers. He said eastern Montana especially needs more troopers. He also discussed credit card companies mapping gun sales. He fears this could be weaponized into a nationwide registry of gun owners.</p>
10/8/22 10/9/22	<p>Local Government, Election, Inflation, Border Crisis, Drug Crisis. Republican Congressional candidate Ryan Zinke took his Democratic opponent Monica Tranel to task for her enthusiastic support for the recently passed ‘Inflation Reduction Act’. On the subject of the southern border, Zinke said the powerful Mexican drug cartels should be declared terrorist organizations. Zinke wrapped up his hour on Talk Back asking for votes in November.</p>
10/15/22 10/16/22	<p>Local Government, Election, Inflation. Democratic Congressional candidate Monica Tranel slammed her opponent, Ryan Zinke, accusing him of making the campaign about national issues, rather than those important to Montana. She did not appreciate what she claimed were false attack ads. She also expressed her support for the Inflation Reduction Act again and brought up the increasing costs of prescription drugs.</p>
10/22/22 10/23/22	<p>Local Government, Development, Election, Homeless Population. We talked about the Crisis Intervention Levy that will be on the ballot this November. Our guest was Rikki Henderson, who is the Housing Programs Manager at the City. Rikki is a UM graduate who has worked for various government and non-profit organizations before joining the City in May of 2021. Here are some of the questions we answered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Crisis Intervention Levy? • What would it fund? How are these programs currently funded? • How are nonprofit, business and the faith community involved in these programs? • Why are these programs important? Why should Missoula residents care about supporting them? • What will the impact of the levy be on tax bills?
10/29/22 10/30/22	<p>Local Government, Education, Development, Street maintenance. Our guest was Brian Hensel. He is the Deputy Public Works Director for Streets at the City of Missoula. Here are some of the topics we covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a very challenging summer. Availability of asphalt a big factor. Also, inflation. • We have delayed leaf collection by a week because the leaves have not fallen. • Looking ahead to winter.

<p>11/5/22</p> <p>11/6/22</p>	<p>Local Government, Election, Local taxes, Veteran Care. Our guest was Brad Tschida. He is a state legislator who is running for State Senate in District 49. He talked about the controversial Legislative Referendum 131. He also talked about how much Missoulians are being taxed and said people are doing it to themselves. He wants to stop taxing benefits for Montana Veterans as well.</p>
<p>11/12/22</p> <p>11/13/22</p>	<p>Law Enforcement, Election, DUI court. Our guest was incumbent Justice of the Peace Landee Holloway. She talked about what a JP does and how the public might be misinformed about their day-to-day duties. She also promoted her DUI court, which has been doing really well when it comes to helping people drive sober. She also talked about her future plans if she were to be re-elected.</p>
<p>11/19/22</p> <p>11/20/22</p>	<p>Local Government, Education. Our guest was Charmell Owens and she is the Code Compliance Supervisor at the City of Missoula. Code Compliance is part of Community Development, Planning and Innovation. Its staff work in partnership with the residents of Missoula and City agencies to promote and maintain a safe community. People in Missoula might wonder how their complaints are investigated and enforced. It's Charmell and her staff of two people. They responded to 738 calls for service last year. They do that all-in person. In general, their areas of responsibility include business regulations, sign codes, land use regulations, building code violations, snow regulations, hazardous vegetation regulations and specific Public Works regulations regarding rights-of-way. Their most common complaints involve snow and hazardous vegetation. They try to work with people rather than citing them. AND, it's important to remember that they don't write the ordinances, they just enforce.</p>
<p>11/26/22</p> <p>11/27/22</p>	<p>Law Enforcement, Drug Crisis, Illegal Immigration. Our guest was Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen. He brought the new 'Opioid Reversal Kit' into our studio to emphasize the seriousness of the fentanyl crisis in Montana. Knudsen explained where the funds came from to help supply these kits throughout the state. Knudsen emphasized the fact that all of the fentanyl coming into Montana comes directly through the wide-open southern border. He related an incident after being invited to Texas and witnessed Homeland Security Secretary Alexander Majorcas cancel a crackdown on illegal immigration.</p>
<p>12/03/22</p> <p>12/04/22</p>	<p>Economy, Inflation, Rail Strike. Our guest was Patrick Barkey. He is the director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana. We talked about the economic impacts of a potential rail strike and how that would impact Montana. We also talked about the high inflation rate and if any relief is expected in the near future.</p>
<p>12/10/22</p> <p>12/11/22</p>	<p>Local Government, Education, Zoning, Code Reform. Ben Brewer is a Planning Supervisor for Community, Planning, Development and innovation at the City of Missoula, and the project manager for the Our Missoula project.</p> <p>Ashley Brittner Wells is the Community Engagement Specialist for Community Planning, Development & Innovation at the City of Missoula, a new position she has held since early 2022.</p>

	<p>Here are some of the questions we answered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how Missoula’s Growth Policy and its zoning and development code work. Why do they matter? How do we see them at work on the ground in our neighborhoods? • What will public participation actually do in code reform? • Explain about the partnership with Common Good Missoula. • What’s the expected result of the project when it’s all over? • What’s the next step?
<p>12/17/22 12/18/22</p>	<p>Education, Climate Change. Dr. Kolb is the Montana State University Extension Forestry Specialist and an Associate Professor of Forest Ecology & Management, housed at the University of Montana in the Department of Forest Management. He had Peter and Nick try cookies that his wife made with real pine needles in the recipe. Peter and Nick tried five different pine needles and had to guess which one was in the cookie. Kolb also talked about an underwater volcano that is impacting climate change.</p>
<p>12/24/22 12/25/22</p>	<p>Education, Communication, Gender Studies. Montana’s Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen visited the KGVO studios to promote her appearance later that afternoon in Stevensville on the topic 'Bridging the Communication between Schools and Families', as she prepares for Montana’s 68th legislative session in January. One of the questions from the KGVO audience referred to the introduction of gender studies and sexuality, which Arntzen said doesn’t officially begin in Montana public schools until at least the sixth grade. The term ‘furries’ was also mentioned.</p>
<p>12/31/22</p>	<p>Education, Communication, Migration. 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>