

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)

January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

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. We also just started up our monthly program with the Missoula Chamber of Commerce again. We also educating our listeners about Griz football ahead of their big Championship game. We also spoke with University of Montana Professors and President Seth Bodnar about staff cuts.

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. We also spoke to Assistant Secretary Russo thanks to the Mansfield Center.

C. Law Enforcement. Crime has so many topics, and we try to check on them all. We spoke with our Attorney General about the drug crisis.

D. Affordable Housing. We spoke to our City officials and new Mayor 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
1/6/24 1/7/24	Sports Education. Our guests were Ace Sauerwine and Denny Bedard. We previewed the FCS National Champion game and shared stories about the Montana Grizzlies football team. We talked about our memories from this season and what to expect in the future.
1/13/24 1/14/24	Local Government, Affordable Housing, City Talk. Our guest was newly elected Missoula Mayor Andrea Davis. She talked about what the first 54 days have been like. She also talked about her future plans for the city, specifically when it comes to the budget and property taxes.
1/20/24 1/21/24	Mansfield Center, Local Government. Our guest was Bill Russo. Assistant Secretary Russo serves the American people by communicating U.S. foreign policy priorities and the importance of diplomacy to American communities, while engaging foreign publics to enhance their understanding of U.S. values and policies. Earlier in his career, Russo served in communications and national security roles, including at the National Security Council, the Office of the Vice President, at think tanks and on political campaigns.
1/27/24 1/28/24	Education, ECON 101, Child Care. The Missoula Economic Partnership invited Grace Decker from Zero to Five to speak about the economic impact of childcare (or lack thereof). We also learned about a new child care network that is helping child care workers on a daily basis.
2/3/24 2/4/24	Local Government, Development, County Talk. Our guests were the Missoula County Commissioners. They discussed a few road/bridge projects the County is working to secure funding for, including the Highway 200 corridor and five bridges in rural areas. County Engineer Shane Stack shared his thoughts as well.
2/10/24 2/11/24	Local Government, Education, Election. Our guest was Montana Public Service Commission President Jim Brown. He discussed some hot button issues that the PSC has had to deal with and also talked about his campaign for State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner.
2/17/24 2/18/24	Local Government, Development, City Talk. During City Talk, our guest was Maggie McCarthy. She is the Permit and Business Licensing Manager for the City. Maggie is an unsung heroine who makes it all happen. She is also a great talker and very knowledgeable about all things permits and licenses.
2/24/24	Education, Development, Chamber Talk. Our guests were from the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce. CEO Mark Losh, current board

2/25/24	chairman Zach Bashoor, and incoming board chairman John Brauer joined us. They talked about the changes being implement at the chamber under new leadership and what to expect in the future.
3/2/24 3/3/24	ECON 101, Affordable Housing. Our guests were Poverello Center Executive Director Jill Bonny and Consultant Bryce Ward. They were invited by the Missoula Economic Partnership to discuss the economic impact of homelessness in Missoula.
3/9/24 3/10/24	Law Enforcement, Drug Crisis. Our guest was Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen. He answered a wide variety of calls. We spoke about his office securing a guilty verdict for a lake county man who was responsible for the boulder fire. We also talked about the drug crisis in Montana and where they are coming from.
3/16/24 3/17/24	Local Government, Education, City Talk. For City Talk, we had assistant fire chief Brad Davis and Ward 5 City Councilor Stacy Anderson in studio talking about the \$7 million Fire Levy that just got approved to be on the ballot. Davis explained the need for the levy and why it has been hard on fire crews the past few years.
3/23/24 3/24/24	Local Government, Development, City Talk. For City Talk, our guests were Emily Gluckin, Senior Planner at the City of Missoula and Ashley Brittner Wells, Community Engagement Specialist at the City for the Our Missoula Growth Policy Update and Code Reform Project. The City of Missoula will hold three public workshops on Expanding Housing Options in Neighborhoods Feb. 27, Feb. 28 and March 6. The workshops will feature brief presentations from City staff followed by a facilitated fun and interactive small group game that will ask participants to consider how to include a wider variety of housing options in neighborhoods.
3/30/24 3/31/24	Education, Staff Cuts. Our guests were Professors Mehrdad Kia and Michael Mayer. They invited University of Montana President Seth Bodnar and provost Adrea Lawrence to discuss cuts to staff and what the future of the university looks like.