



# Park County Newsletter for October 2024



Welcome to the Park County Commissioners' monthly newsletter. Use this newsletter to stay up to date on important updates, upcoming events, and the latest developments from your local government.

This newsletter is released on the first Friday of each month. If you wish to receive this newsletter directly to your email in the future, please scan the QR code to subscribe. To view this newsletter online, follow the link on the parkcounty.org homepage.

## 2024 General Election Information

### IMPORTANT DATES

**October 7th at 5:00 p.m.** is the close of regular registration. Any updates to a voter's record (address changes or new registrants to Park County) must come IN-PERSON to the Park County Elections Office beginning October 8th.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters on the absentee list on **October 11th.**

**Election Day is November 5th- Polling Places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

### MY VOTER PORTAL

Visit: <https://prodvoterportal.mt.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

The voter portal now has:

- Voter Registration Details
- Polling Places and Election Day Voting Location
- Track My Ballot
- Sample Ballot

### POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS BY PRECINCT

Polling Place	Precincts
Shields Valley Community Center 409 Miles Ave Clyde Park, MT 59018	57A (Includes Town of Clyde Park)
Park County Fairgrounds 46 View Vista Dr Livingston, MT 59047	County: 57B, 57C, 58F, 58G City of Livingston: 58L1, 58L2, 58L3, 58L4, 58L5
Emigrant Hall 101 Story Rd Emigrant, MT 59027	57D
Gardiner School 510 Stone St Gardiner, MT 59030	57E

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Park County Elections Office:

Phone: (406) 222-4110

Email: [elections@parkcounty.org](mailto:elections@parkcounty.org)

In-person: City-County Complex, 414 E

Callendar St, Livingston

# Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendments

On Tuesday, October 1, County Commissioners signed the resolution to adopt fiscal year 2023-2024 budget amendments.

According to Park County Finance Director Erica Strickland, "Budget amendments may be submitted throughout the year. The Commission has requested that Finance runs budget amendments at the end of the fiscal year unless there's a compelling reason to run one earlier. The main reason to hold budget amendments to the end of the year is due to cases where an additional cost does not cause expenditures to exceed budgeted appropriations, so the amendment is unnecessary."

## Upcoming Community Clinics

GET YOUR 2024 FLU AND COVID VACCINES AT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CLINICS

Livingston-City/County Complex. October 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gardiner School. October 14 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wilsall School in the Red Building. October 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Shields Valley High School Gym. October 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Gardiner- Yellowstone Forever. October 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Livingston- City/County Complex. October 25 from 11 a.m. 4 p.m.

## How do I...get rid of a junk vehicle?

*"How do I...?" is a recurring feature of the newsletter that provides readers with information on navigating local government.*

The Junk Vehicle Program provides the public with free removal of junk vehicles. The Junk Vehicle Program's jurisdiction on private property is the removal of vehicles that are surrendered only by the owner of the vehicle.

### WHAT THE JUNK VEHICLE RECYCLING PROGRAM CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR YOU

The Junk Vehicle Recycling Program CAN pick up:

1. Vehicles surrendered to the state by the owner of the vehicle. You may surrender a vehicle to the state by filling out a [JUNK VEHICLE RELEASE FORM](#) - Please submit the form to the Park County Junk Vehicle Coordinator
2. Vehicles that are not owned by the property owner as long as:

- The owner of the vehicle fills out the junk vehicle release form and,

- The owner of the vehicle gets a notarized letter giving the property owner permission to have it picked up.

- Both documents are provided to the Junk Vehicle Coordinator prior to the vehicle getting picked up.

The Junk Vehicle Recycling Program CANNOT pick up:

- Vehicles that are not owned by the property owner if they cannot provide the two documents listed above.
- Vehicles with more than one set of tires.
- Vehicles with household belongings and/or trash inside.
- Abandoned vehicles
- Recreational Equipment
- Farm / Ranch Equipment
- Pop-up campers
- R.V.s
- Trailers

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call (406) 223-1306 to learn about junk vehicle removal on your property.

Pick up a Park County Junk Vehicle Program Release form at the MSU Park County Extension Office located at 119 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St in Livingston.

## Leadership 49 Announces Year 11 Participants

Montana State University Park County Extension is proud to announce Year 11 participants of Leadership 49, a nine-month leadership program designed to develop empowered and engaged citizens that will strengthen and connect the communities of Park County. Entering its eleventh year, Leadership 49 has graduated over 175 community leaders.

Comprised of monthly day-long sessions, community-based experiences, and a group project, participants develop leadership skills, increase their knowledge about challenges and opportunities, and network with community groups, leaders, businesses, elected officials, and others.

“Joining this group helped me understand Park County as it is now. To learn how diverse the county is, and the people are, is uplifting” shared Keva Ward, Park County Community Foundation Program Director and Year 10 Alumnus.

The program begins September 13 in Paradise Valley and includes monthly sessions in Clyde Park, Cooke City, Gardiner, Livingston, Paradise Valley, Tom Miner, and Wilsall.

A total of 18 participants were selected from a geographic and experience cross-section of the county. The Leadership 49 Year 11 participants are:

- Celeste Mascari, Livingston
- Chase DeForest, Livingston
- Chelsey Murphy, Livingston
- Cole Mauch, Livingston
- Cory Thornton, Livingston
- Daniel Beckmann, Livingston

- Deb Purvis, Silver Gate
- Eli Isaly, Livingston
- Emily Contreras, Livingston
- Ericka Brandal-Juvan, Livingston
- July Hardesty, Livingston
- Lara Belice, Cooke City
- Megan Brummel, Livingston
- Shy Smith, Shield’s Valley
- Mya Curtis, Livingston
- Nicole Harkness, Emigrant
- Paige Fetterhoff, Livingston
- Rhiana Peck, Gardiner
- Vanessa Kurtz, Livingston

## Park County Commissioners



Photo description: Carbella Bridge ribbon cutting on Friday September 27th. Photo taken by Carly Ahern.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

PARK COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS are held every Tuesday at 9:00am and typically take place at the City-County Building, 414 E. Callender St., Livingston, MT, in the Commissioner Chambers unless otherwise indicated.

## MEET WITH YOUR COMMISSIONERS

Visit with Commissioners Clint Tinsley and Bryan Wells:

### **1st Friday of the Month at 9:00am**

Two Doors Down Coffee Bakery in Clyde Park

Visit with Commissioner Bryan Wells at the following locations:

### **2nd Friday of Month at 9:00am**

Riverside Hardware \*upstairs conference room

107 S Main St, Livingston, MT 59047

### **4th Wednesday of Month at 9:00am**

St. John's Episcopal Church

8 Story Rd, Emigrant, MT 59027

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### **DISTRICT 1- MIKE STORY**

Term: 2023-2026

Phone: 406-223-1548

### **DISTRICT 2- BRYAN WELLS**

Term: 2023-2024

Phone: 406-223-9162

### **DISTRICT 3- CLINT TINSLEY**

Term: 2021-2024

Phone: 406-224-3376

## County Board Meetings

When county residents serve on county boards and commissions, they volunteer their service for the betterment of local communities and Park County. Citizens are encouraged to attend board and commission meetings, which are always open to the public.

Board and Commission meeting agendas are posted in the City/County Complex 48 business hours in advance.

## OPEN BOARD SEATS

Solid Waste Board – open until filled

Planning Board - open until filled

Cemetery Board – open until filled

## To apply:

- Complete the Park County Board Application form.
- Please return applications to Carly Ahern in the County Commissioners office via email at [cahern@parkcounty.org](mailto:cahern@parkcounty.org) or mail to:

Commissioners  
414 E. Callender St  
Livingston, MT 59047

## Work with Us

Join us and experience the job satisfaction that comes with knowing your work directly contributes to the betterment of Park County and its residents. Job opportunities are posted on the bulletin board outside of the Human Resource Director's office.

Visit our website at [jobs.parkcounty.org](http://jobs.parkcounty.org) for information on how to apply.

## SPOTLIGHT CAREER OPPORTUNITY

### **Join the Windrider Transit Team!**

Park County is seeking a dedicated and friendly Transit Relief Bus Driver to join our Windrider Transit team. This part-time position (10-15 hours per week) is perfect for someone who loves interacting with community members and serving the public. Responsibilities include safely operating buses, providing excellent customer service to passengers, and ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Candidates must have a valid Montana Driver's license.

This role offers a rewarding opportunity to engage with diverse community members while delivering reliable and friendly transportation services. Apply online or visit us in person at the Park County Human Resources Office at 414 E Callender St in Livingston to pick up an application. Come join us and make a positive impact in your community!

Note: This is a safety-sensitive position and is subject to drug testing, including pre-employment, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug tests. Our drug testing policy, aligned with federal regulations, includes marijuana, regardless of its legal status at the state level.

[https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs/138/Windrider-Transit-Relief-Bus-Driver#job\\_138](https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs/138/Windrider-Transit-Relief-Bus-Driver#job_138)

## Upcoming Events

### TACOS WITH SPURLINE, CHS ANIMAL NUTRITION AND MSU EXTENSION

October 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the Livingston Elks Lodge

Speakers: Sam Wyffels (MSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist), Cassie Beene and Cash Yount (CHS Animal Nutrition).

RSVP by October 4<sup>th</sup> to the Spurline 222-7712

### LAND LEASING, GRAZING, AND POLLINATORS

October 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the MSU Extension office at 119 South 3rd St in Livingston

Applies to any who own, lease, or manage land

Speakers: Hayes Goosey (Benefits of Grazing for Wildlife and Ecosystems); Panel of local ranchers (Barney Creek Livestock, Indreland Ranch, Keewaydin Ranch); Chris Mehus (Intro to Western Sustainability Exchange and Mountain West Grazing Connection)

Questions/RSVP to Michal DeChellis 512-560-0973

### "LAST CHANCE" PESTICIDE EDUCATION TOUR

October 18th from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Clyde Park Community Hall

Optional half or full day opportunity (lunch provided)

Agenda:

- 8:50 am - Introduction and County Update, Theresa Pospichal, Park County Weed District

- 8:55 am - Integrating Other Weed Management Tools with Biocontrol, Dr. Jeffrey Littlefield, MSU Entomologist
- 9:45 am - Cheatgrass and Canada Thistle Management, Dr. Tim Seipel, MSU Extension Cropland Weed Specialist
- 10:35 am - Break
- 10:50 am - Rangeland Weed Management a la Carte, Dr. Jane Mangold, MSU Extension Rangeland Weed Specialist
- 11:40 am - Lunch provided (AM Session adjourned)
- 1:00 pm - Management of Richardson Ground Squirrel, Stephen Vantassel, MDA Vertebrate Pest Specialist
- 1:50 pm - Managing Alfalfa Weevil and Insect Resistance in Montana, Dr. Hayes Goosey, MSU Extension Forage Specialist
- 2:40 pm - Break
- 2:55 pm - Pesticide Applications near Water, Dr. Cecil Sharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist
- 3:45 pm - Closing Remarks and Survey, Theresa Pospichal, Park County Weed District
- 4:00 pm - PM Session adjourned

### CHARCUTERIE CLASS

October 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Lulu's Montana Market, 5237 US Hwy 89 S, Livingston

Enjoy a night out with friends at this hands-on charcuterie class! We will learn several techniques and create a fall inspired board for you to enjoy! \$15 per person includes class materials and instruction, non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

Class size is limited- RSVP to MSU Park County Extension by October 22 to reserve your spot: [park@montana.edu](mailto:park@montana.edu) or (406) 222- 4156

## Engage with Us

City/County Complex  
414 E. Callender St.  
Livingston, MT 59047  
(406) 222-4100

## LET'S CONNECT!

We want to tell you about what we are doing. Your Park County staff is working hard to meet the needs of our community. Visit our new communications page to sign up for newsletters, email updates, social media, and emergency alerts. We welcome you to join us in our meetings, engage in the public process, and let us know how we are doing.