



Park County Newsletter for November 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

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

In-person: City-County Complex, 414 E Callender St, Livingston

Park County Elections website:

<https://www.parkcounty.org/Government/Departments/Elections>



The Park County Complex will be closed the following days in November:

November 5th – Election Day

November 11th – Veteran’s Day

November 28th – Thanksgiving Day

Residential Property Tax

Residential Property Pays the Largest Share of Property Taxes

There are 16 classes of property in Montana with tax rates that vary by class and range from 0.9% of market value to 100% of net proceeds of mines. In 2020, taxes levied on residential property accounted for 50% of the property taxes collected in the state. Taxes on commercial property and nonelectrical generating property of electric utilities each added another 15%. Residential, commercial, and agricultural property are revalued every 2 years and forest property is revalued every 6 years. All other property is valued annually.

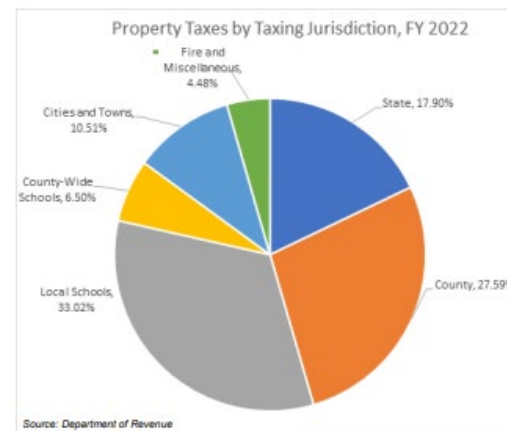
More Than Half of Montana Property Taxes Fund Schools

Of the \$1.99 billion in property tax revenue collected in FY 2022, \$1.12 billion funds K-12 education.

- Local school district property taxes totaled \$658 million, or one-third of collections.
- County-wide school levies make up another 6.5%, or \$130 million.

- Of state property tax collections, \$334 million is deposited in the general fund. Though not directly earmarked for K-12 funding, the revenue accounts for less than half of the \$881 million in general fund revenue budgeted for schools in FY 2022. The remaining 44% of property taxes are distributed as follows: 27.6% to counties, 10.5% to cities and towns, 4.5% to fire and miscellaneous districts, and 1.1% to higher education.

State Laws Limit Property Taxes



MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
Revenue Interim Committee

Cities and counties are permitted to levy mills to collect the amount of revenue raised in the prior year plus an inflation factor. The maximum mill levy is calculated using the current year's taxable value. The application of the approved mill levy to new property may result in revenue growth. The total taxable value varies based on the mix of property types, property values, and the amount of exempt property in the taxing jurisdiction. School districts use property taxes to fund multiple budgets based on school funding formulas adopted by the state and based on local preferences. The main budget for the district's general fund must meet a minimum level of required funding and is subject to a maximum budget limit.

Property Taxes

If you received a property tax reassessment from the Department of Revenue, please call that department with any questions – 406-900-1020. The Park County Treasurer cannot assist with property appraisal or value questions.

Property tax notices with billing information will be mailed out this month; payment information is also available on the Park County website at:

<https://itax.tylerapp.com/ParkMT>

Deliver in person or mail payments to:

Park County Treasurer
414 East Callender
Livingston, MT 59047
PH: (406)222-4121 or 4119

Vacation Rentals

The Compliance Office can assist any landowners who are trying to go through the process of starting a vacation rental property or who have established vacation rental property(ies). **It is required** by the State of Montana to be licensed through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Visit the Montana State website at:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/EHFS/PublicAccommodations/index>
to understand rules as well as the review form to start the process of licensing your vacation rental.

The Compliance Office is always available to assist any citizen in Park County with questions concerning regulations as they can sometimes be hard to understand and navigate.

Carbella Bridge Reopened

The historic 1918 Carbella bridge just north of the Yankee Jim Canyon was destroyed during the nationally declared flooding event of June 2022. Since that time, the Park County Public Works Director and



Director of Grants have worked with contracted engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the MT State Disaster & Emergency Services Office for funding to replace the bridge. After a little over 2 years of funder communications, design, permitting, bids and construction activities, the new two-lane, 210 foot long structure is in place.

Park County Commissioners

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Because there is closure of the Park County Complex on November 5th, the Commissioners will hold a special Commission meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.

MEET WITH YOUR COMMISSIONERS

Visit with Commissioners Clint Tinsley and Bryan Wells:

1st Friday of the Month at 9:00 a.m.
Two Doors Down Coffee Bakery in Clyde Park

Visit with Commissioner Bryan Wells at the following locations:

2nd Friday of Month at 9:00 a.m.
Riverside Hardware *upstairs conference room
107 S Main St, Livingston, MT 59047

4th Wednesday of Month at 9:00 a.m.
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

Commissioners
414 E. Callender St
Livingston, MT 59047

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 or mail to:

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 for information on how to apply.

Upcoming Events

Park County Offices Closed - November 5th – Election Day

Park County Offices Closed - November 11th – Veteran's Day

Park County Offices Closed - November 28th – Thanksgiving Day

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.