



City, County and UM Present State of the Community Event

The City of Missoula, The University of Montana and Missoula County invite all Missoula residents to a public conversation about the state of the Missoula community. Mayor John Engen, UM President Royce Engstrom and County Commissioner Bill Carey will lead this exciting new event for the Missoula community at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, in the Montana Theatre in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center on the UM campus. The event is a departure from the traditional “State of Missoula” address hosted by the Missoula Chamber of Commerce in previous years.

“We wanted to give the community the opportunity to attend an event without having to pay for a ticket at a time when they are most likely to be able to,” Carey said. “This is an important conversation about collaboration among the city, the county and the university, and it needs to be as accessible as possible for the citizens we serve.”

Engen, Engstrom and Carey look forward to talking with the public about the work Missoula does together.

“The longer I have the privilege of serving as mayor, the more I realize that there’s real opportunity in working together in important ways,” Engen said. “This meeting, this conversation, is our way of formalizing that notion among the county, the university and the city. We’re accomplishing concrete, meaningful things together, and we need to acknowledge those and discuss what’s next.”

The event will be a moderated discussion led by UM’s Broadcast Media Center Director William Marcus and will give members of the audience opportunities to ask questions of the three leaders. Please join us!

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