

From: [Patty Corroon](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: Hundreds of drug users arrested in San Francisco | KRON4
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:31:59 AM

<https://www.kron4.com/news/focus-on-fentanyl/hundreds-of-drug-users-arrested-in-san-francisco/>

Please read link. All good ideas.

From: [Patty Corroon](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: A Montana Town Faces a Homelessness Problem Similar to San Francisco and L.A. - WSJ
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:33:45 AM

<https://www.wsj.com/business/hospitality/a-montana-town-faces-a-homelessness-problem-similar-to-san-francisco-and-l-a-eba26824>

From: [Cathy Nolan](#)
To: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#)
Subject: I oppose the development at Historic Fort Missoula
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:04:50 PM

Dear City Council,

Please do not approve the proposed rezoning of Fort Missoula.

The developer wants to build 16 townhouses that are right niext to a riparian zone. This area is one of the most valuable wildlife wetland location in our Missoula Valley. Historic Fort Missoula and its river corridor is a treasure that needs protection.

Thank you,

Catherine A. Nolan
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Susan Reneau](#)
To: ["Becca MacLean"](#)
Cc: [Grp. City Council and City Web Site](#); bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Johnson Street Temporary Emergency Shelter, Open House
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023 9:43:54 PM

Thank you, Becca.

I am headed to help my son and daughter-in-law get their young daughters ready for their first day of school this week over in Dillon, so I can't come to the open house.

I hope the politicians start having mercy on the people who pay all the bills . . . the taxpayers.

Susan Campbell Reneau

From: Becca MacLean <becca@bigskypublicrelations.com>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 1:35 PM
To: Susan Reneau <bluemountain@montana.com>
Cc: Grp. City Council <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; bcc@missoulacounty.us
Subject: Re: Johnson Street Temporary Emergency Shelter, Open House

Hello, Susan,

Thank you for your email. I am confirming receipt. I appreciate the thoughtful feedback and details you have provided here as a neighbor in the Johnson Street Shelter area.

Your insight is valuable and I will be passing it directly on to additional City staff for their awareness.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Take care,
Becca

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 12:32 PM Susan Reneau <bluemountain@montana.com> wrote:

Dear Becca,

Thank you for this notice about the upcoming open house to tour the Johnson Street Homeless Shelter. My granddaughter goes to her first day of kindergarten that day so I will be in Dillon escorting her to school and taking pictures and won't be attending any open house on a homeless shelter, but I will get the word out about this to all my friends.

I hope many of my friends will attend the open house AND express their opinions in writing to you, the Missoula County Commissioners, and the Missoula City Council regarding this homeless shelter and its negative impact on the surround area plus Missoula as a whole. If they are in Missoula County, I hope they email the Missoula County Commissioners. Their emails are with your email since I know you are only an administrator. Since both political bodies approved close to \$2 million to PAY for the reopening of this homeless shelter, taxpayers of both the city and county of Missoula are negatively impacted by their decision.

I do want to strongly express my disappointment and anger that the Missoula City Council and Mayor Hess approved funding for this homeless shelter under an emergency declaration after the voters of Missoula rejected the bond that supported such funding. This was a trick that is typical of politicians to bait and switch and take taxpayer money for purposes that were not approved. Mayor Hess and the City Council know that taxpayers don't have the time or money to sue them, and probably won't but could for this bait and switch tactic that now gives this homeless shelter almost \$2 million to operate from the Missoula City and Missoula County budgets without voter approval. Nice trick.

Mayor Hess, you heard the frustration and anger from the taxpayers that attended the Franklin School meeting that was only pulled together so you could showcase your candidacy for mayor and illustrate that you "listen" to the voters. You also pulled the "public" meeting together to fulfill the legal obligations of having public impute before you, the City Council, and the Missoula County Commissioners rubber stamped the funding.

It was obvious to the voters at that meeting that your mind was already made up, as was the majority of the City Council, including another city council member who is running for mayor, Mr. Nugent. When the vote that counted came down, Mr. Nugent supported the funding. It was also obvious to the voters at that meeting that you, Mr. Hess, intent to make this shelter permanent which will destroy the surrounding businesses and homes as it has the neighborhood surrounding the glorious Poverello Center on Broadway Street.

Our ultra-liberal Missoula City Council likes to talk about their “concern” for “affordable” housing, but they keep pulling on expenses for the existing hard-working Missoulians that pay all your bills to the city and county governments and own all the property. No one in city or county government cares about the people like me who owns property, pays taxes, has worked all their lives, doesn’t poop or pee on sidewalks, takes care of their family, obeys laws, and lives honorable lives by volunteering in the community.

Only Sandra Vaseka and John Contos on Missoula City Council have consistently objected to the Johnston Street Homeless Shelter and its negative impact on the community.

You don’t even consider dumping a homeless shelter in the Rattlesnake or the University District where professors and your wealthy liberal friends live, do you, Mr. Hess and Mr. Nugent??? Nor do you consider dumping a homeless shelter on land that could be developed for swishy, tax-rich, housing developments that cost \$700,000 a pop. You place a homeless shelter in a middle class neighborhood where you assume the residents don’t have the money to financially hire a lawyer to sue you. Nice trick.

You quickly ignore zoning restrictions on Johnson Street that does not allow such a homeless shelter in a commercial and residential neighborhood and plop it there with complete disregard for all the well-established homes and businesses that have suffered since you started this homeless shelter a few years ago.

Our ultra-liberal Missoula City Council and Missoula County Commissioners only worry about the small minority of homeless people, mostly unkept men with mental issues that are drug addicts and alcoholics, who are destroying the safe and clean community that was ONCE Missoula but no more. I can’t take my two young grandchildren to most parks due to human poop and pee and drug needles. My younger friends don’t take their toddlers and babies to the once-lovely parks for the same reason. I never shop downtown because I am bombarded by homeless men and women sprawled all over the sidewalks, half naked, pretended to “sell” goods and beg for money. Going to the courthouse to pay my taxes or buy auto tags is another charming event where I am harassed by homeless drug and drunk men and women calling out disgusting words to me and others that pass by and staggering past the

Doughboy Statue.

Missoula City and County residents, 99.9% kind and generous, are being held hostage by this tiny minority of stinky homeless men that refuse to find jobs or seek medical help for their many layers of medical and mental problems. I know many are NOT from Missoula and are sent by one-way bus tickets (not an urban myth) to Missoula because we are looked upon as a soft touch by other cities in Missoula and the region.

By the City Council and County Commission's actions of approving funding for this 24/7 homeless shelter on Johnson Street that doesn't meet zoning requirements for the rest of us, these politicians say to the voters that their vote against the bonds did not count and our votes did not count.

Send these people that don't qualify to be in homeless shelters because of their drug and alcohol use to a medical facility for forced treatment and to other cities – one way. Get them out of Missoula for professional treatment but not at Montana expense. They are being certified as Montana residents quickly so they quickly qualify for Missoula's generous politicians. Stop that.

And, instead of pretending that Johnson Street Homeless Shelter was an “emergency,” be honest and just say you forced this expensive idea on the law-abiding citizens that pay for all your wild and liberal and expensive ideas (including buying the Sleepy Inn).

Just be honest. Don't play tricks.

Susan Campbell Reneau
Missoula City resident since 2017
Missoula County resident from 1992 to 2017

From: Becca MacLean <becca@bigskypublicrelations.com>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 10:26 AM
To: Becca MacLean <becca@bigskypublicrelations.com>
Subject: Johnson Street Temporary Emergency Shelter, Open House

Hello neighbors,

The City of Missoula announces the reopening of the Johnson Street Temporary Emergency Shelter at 1919 North Ave W in mid-September. The City and our partners will hold an open house on Wednesday, September 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m at the shelter. This will be a two-hour gathering with representatives from the City of Missoula, the Poverello Center and Black Knight Security Services available to visit one-on-one and answer questions. No formal presentation will be made. Please feel free to stop by at any time.

This year, the City of Missoula, Missoula County, and the Poverello Center are again partnering to provide an emergency shelter program in the same location at 1919 North Ave. W. The shelter is funded to be open from September 2023 through August 2024. The City and partners are working to determine a long-term shelter solution for the community. The plan and possible location for this has yet to be determined.

Houselessness continues to be a present issue for members of the Missoula community. Our housing crisis, combined with a short supply of shelter space and rising costs of housing, has led the City of Missoula and Missoula County to act.

As you are likely familiar, in 2020, 2021, and 2022, the City of Missoula established an expanded Emergency Winter Shelter Program at the Johnson Street Temporary Emergency Shelter with support from Missoula County. This temporary shelter served up to 165 people each night during the winter months, initially in response to the pandemic. It preserved hundreds of lives of individuals who otherwise may have frozen to death in bitter temperatures.

The City of Missoula recognizes that the center's presence brings successes and challenges for the community. The City appreciates your understanding as we continue the program for another year and move towards future permanent solutions. We encourage neighbors to reach out to City of Missoula and Poverello representatives any time with questions.

Please join us at the open house on Wednesday, September 6 to share your opinions and ask questions about the Johnson Street Shelter.

Respectfully,

Becca MacLean on behalf of the City of Missoula

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