

# Missoula County Media Release

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## **Voters Will Need to Use Temporary Elections Center Entrance the Week of Aug. 10**

Missoula County residents seeking voter services at the Elections Center, 140 N. Russell St., next week will need to follow a detour to access the facility.

Installation of a new gas line will close the eastbound lane of Wyoming Street to traffic starting Monday, Aug. 10. This will block access to the normal Elections Center entrance at Wyoming and Prince streets, so drivers will need to follow the detour along Montana and Prince streets to access the entrance at the corner of Wyoming and Russell (see attached map).

Contractor Jackson Construction expects the installation and other work to last through the week.

“We’re working hard to get all necessary improvements in place ahead of the November election,” said Elections Administrator Bradley Seaman. “Our staff are committed to providing the customer support that will ensure everyone who’s eligible to vote can cast their ballot.”

The current Elections Center opened last fall and provides all election services at the same location year-round. For about a decade prior, elections staff would routinely move from their permanent location in the Missoula County Courthouse and temporarily set up shop at the Missoula County Fairgrounds to accommodate increased demand for voter services leading up to elections.

Missoula County acquired the current property from the Western Montana Mental Health Center in October and has been working to renovate the 14,500-square-foot center, which includes the main office space and a warehouse. This spring, the county retrofitted the warehouse to more effectively provide voter services, including Election Day registration. Ongoing utility and structural improvements, including a new roof and insulation, are slated to be complete for the fall election. Future plans include a full renovation of the inside spaces and improvements to parking and site access.

In addition to housing election services, the facility will also host trainings for emergency management, law enforcement and other county staff.

The Elections Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Residents can also access the center via Mountain Line’s Route 2 BOLT bus, which offers service every 15 minutes, as well as from the Milwaukee Trail, which runs on the south side of the property.

Elections Center staff can help with all voter services, including registration, requesting an absentee ballot, address changes, retrieving undeliverable ballots and issuing replacement ballots. Voters also can access many of these services online at [www.MissoulaVotes.com](http://www.MissoulaVotes.com).

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# Elections Center detour Starting Monday, Aug. 10

