

West Valley Community Council

Frenchtown Fire Station-16875 Marion Street

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and may be attended in person or via Zoom. All meetings are now recorded and will be made publicly available.

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89119514260?pwd=hSDwSwyBRa2UgWUWhhIK1nnshzejnH.1>

County Information and updates can be found at: missoulacountyvoice.com

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

- Zoom subscription discussion

4. Communications, Reports, & Correspondence:

- County Communication
 - **Missoula County Newsletter:** "Sign up for the West Valley newsletter! Get county news and updates about your neighborhood delivered right to your inbox each month."
 - Applications to join the WVCC are now open and close May 1st at 3:00 pm. Interested parties can apply with this link <https://boards.missoulacounty.us/application/>
 - From the newsletter: Nonprofit organization Keeping Frenchtown has submitted a zoning amendment application requesting to zone approximately 567 acres located at the north end of the Frenchtown Freeway Interchange, Exit 89. The application states the proposed zoning is intended to protect the existing neighborhood character that is primarily agricultural, rural residential and commercial/light industrial. This area is currently unzoned, meaning there are no zoning restriction for how landowners can use their property. The application will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the county commissioners. If a petition signed by at least 60% of the affected property owners is confirmed, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the county commissioners may apply the proposed zoning. Residents are invited to submit public comment, as well as attend the public hearing meeting for this project at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 30.
 - FEMA recently released new floodplain maps, and Missoula County hosted open houses in impacted communities. Missed the open house? No worries. You can schedule a one-on-one appointment with the floodplain administrator and ask questions. Additional information is available in the Missoula County Monthly | West Valley & Frenchtown April 2026 newsletter.
- Correspondence
- Development Projects

5. Community Activities, Updates, and Announcements

- Frenchtown Fire - Chief Damian Frisby
- Frenchtown Community Coalition - Reagan Mecham
- Frenchtown School District - Les Meyer
- Frenchtown Senior Citizen Activities - Jim Shireley
- Frenchtown Smurfit-Stone Community Advisory Group – Jeri Delys

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – This time is reserved for the public to comment on items or issues of concern that are not on the agenda.

7. Future Meeting Agenda Items (Council and Public Input Welcome):

- Commissioner Josh Slotnick, Jason Mitchell – Public Works Chief Officer, and Tim Worley have been recommended as future speakers; will schedule in 2026 when available.

8. Old Business:

- **Town Pump Update**

9. New Business:

- **Mobile Plant Clinic**
- **Discussion on WVCC donation:** WVCC has been directed to discuss and determine how to allocate the remaining funds in the council's bank account. Options may include donating to a local organization or nonprofit that serves the Frenchtown community. This decision will require a formal motion and vote, which must be documented in the meeting minutes.
At a subsequent meeting, WVCC will vote to formally close the bank account and submit account closure documentation to Missoula County Lands and Communities. This action must also be recorded in the meeting minutes.
- **State legislative updates:** Curtis Cochran, Denley Loge

10. Adjourn

The West Valley Community Council (WVCC) serves as a liaison between the residents of Frenchtown and the Missoula Board of County Commissioners. We are not a governing body and do not have decision-making authority. Our purpose is to provide timely and relevant information to the public, gather community input, and communicate local perspectives to the County Commissioners. Council members are either elected by voters during special district elections or appointed by the County Commissioners to fill vacancies. Members are expected to remain unbiased and may not use Council meetings to promote personal beliefs or agendas. WVCC meetings offer a space for respectful discussion on issues affecting our area and help ensure that rural voices are heard in county-level decisions.