

Agenda

Bonner Milltown Community Council

Bonner School Cafeteria and Via Zoom

July 13th, 2026, at 7:00 PM

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7489963769?pwd=c1pIYVcvR3pNUFYvM0Z1YVdteDJZUT09>

Meeting ID is: 748 996 3769 Password:

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Phone In: 1(253)215-8782 US (Tacoma)

About the Bonner-Milltown Community Council: Our Role & Responsibilities

The Bonner-Milltown Community Council exists to promote the interests and welfare of the residents of our area — the neighborhoods and communities within Bonner School District #14, including Bonner, Milltown, and West Riverside.

What we do:

- We serve as a liaison between residents and the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, carrying our community's concerns, comments, and suggestions to the County.
- We provide a forum for residents to discuss local issues, concerns, and opportunities.
- We share information back to residents about issues before the Commissioners that may affect our communities.
- We offer leadership and support for community efforts to guide orderly growth and development in our area.
- We serve as a channel of communication with local, state, and federal officials on matters of concern to our community.

What's important to understand about our role:

- The Council is purely advisory. We have no power to levy taxes, approve or deny projects, or impose decisions on residents. Our role is to inform and advise — the authority to decide rests with the County Commissioners.
- Because we are advisory to the Commissioners, we cannot directly comment to tribal, state, federal, or other agencies. When our community wishes to weigh in on a project, we forward our recommendations to the Commissioners, who may then act accordingly.
- Our seven members are appointed by the Commissioners, must live within the Council Area, and serve as volunteers without compensation.
- When the Council takes a position on an issue, it does so by majority vote at a properly noticed public meeting.

Our goal is simple: to listen, to inform, and to make sure our community's voice reaches the decision-makers who represent us. We encourage every resident to participate.

Call to order: (Please put cell phones on vibrate or silent)

Roll Call:

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: June 8th, 2026

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

Bonner History Tidbit:

Announcements:

Community Announcement — Back-to-School Bash Events (Missoula Public Health & Partners)

Missoula Public Health and community partners are hosting three free Back-to-School Bash events in August offering school supplies, health services, and activities for families:

- Sunday, August 16 | 12–2 p.m. | Missoula Public Library (with Families First) — backpacks, school supplies, activities, and vaccines.
- Wednesday, August 19 | 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Missoula Food Bank & Community Center — hearing checks, supplies, lunch, vaccines, and more.
- Wednesday, August 20 | 3–7 p.m. | Butterfly House (Missoula Public Health & All Nations Health Center) — vaccines and sports physicals.

All events are free and open to families. Residents are encouraged to attend and share the information with neighbors preparing children for the upcoming school year.

Guest Speakers: None

Bouquet Period:

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

Communications:

[Missoula Aging Services](#) currently has a community survey out to help shape the future. For residents 55+ to share feedback and help influence the Area Plan on Aging. Aging Services intends to share the reports and to use what is learned to educate decision-makers at all levels about older Montanans' experience of aging in our communities.

The link to the survey is polco.us/montana2026. I've also attached a postcard with the QR code. The online survey is open until July 10th. Paper copies also (attached) must be returned by June 29, 2026.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Missoula Aging Services at 406-728-7682

Treasurer's Report: Budget submitted

Action Items:

- Introduction of new council members - election of at least the new chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer
- Reimbursement to Rick Hall for banners/signs submitted to treasurer
- Community member – Breeann Adam request to send a letter to Missoula County Commissioners on behalf of the Bonner Milltown community regarding the proposed data center at the Bonner Mill site – see formal request

Discussion Items:

1. Blackfoot Crossing – Meeting July 9th Summary
2. Missoula County AI Center Moratorium – Meeting July 9th Summary
3. Bonner Mill AI Center
 - a. Missoula County officials will be present to provide an update.
 - b. Following the update, the floor will open to questions. Each member of the public will be limited to **one question** for the County officials present, so that as many residents as possible have the opportunity to be heard.
 - c. After all questions have been addressed, the meeting will move to **public comment**.
 - d. Public comment on this topic will be limited to **three minutes per individual**.
 - e. This portion of the meeting is intended for gathering information and public input — not for debate. Please direct questions and comments to the County officials or the Council, and refrain from questioning or responding to other members of the public.
 - f. A respectful and courteous environment is expected of all attendees. Please allow others to speak without interruption and treat County officials, Council members, and fellow residents with civility, so that everyone has a fair and orderly opportunity to participate.
 - g. Reminder – Bonner Milltown Community Council is advisory only, we can't approve or stop the project.
4. City / Community Signage (add additional signs)
5. Milltown State Park – Recreational river closures this summer and next
6. Annual Community Picnic – July 29th 6-8pm! Placement of signage
7. Discuss community development steering group and past effort there
8. Summer break? August Meeting?

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

Next Meeting: TBD – August or September

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

Council Members: Council Members: Rick Hall, Chair, Jane Kipp, Vice Chair; Kaaren James, Treasurer; Emily Herndon, Secretary; John Wilke, Member, Jessica Glebke Alternate Member; email bcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

AGENDA REQUEST — COVER NOTE For submission to the Bonner Milltown Community Council ahead of the July 13 meeting

To the Bonner Milltown Community Council,

I am writing as a Bonner resident to request that the Council place an action item on the July 13th meeting agenda: a vote on whether to send the attached letter to the Missoula County Commissioners on behalf of our community, regarding the Krambu EM LLC data center proposal at the Bonner Mill site. This letter was a collaborative effort among a group of concerned citizens.

Thank you for considering this request.

Breeann Adam, Resident of Bonner, Montana

Bonner Milltown Community Council Bonner, Montana

July 2nd, 2026

Dear Missoula County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Bonner Milltown Community Council and the residents we represent, we are writing regarding the proposed Krambu EM LLC data center at the Bonner Mill site, located at 9314 Bonner Mill Road.

Bonner and Milltown residents have significant concerns about the proposed data center and its potential impacts on nearby homes, the school, public health, water resources, energy demand, property values, and the long-term character of the community. This is not an isolated industrial parcel. It is part of a lived-in community with families, children, workers, elders, nearby residences, and a school and daycare close to the proposed facility.

We understand that the application remains under review. Missoula County's June 12th letter states that Krambu's most recent Special Exception application was still incomplete and requested additional clarifying information on major issues, including conflicting statements, cooling-system chemistry, water use, discharge scenarios, and backup evaporative cooling.

The burden remains on the applicant to demonstrate that this project meets the applicable Special Exception criteria and protects the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community.

Our community's specific concerns include:

- Proximity to residents and the school. The proposed data center is near homes and the Bonner school. The people most likely to experience noise, traffic, heat, lighting, vapor, safety, or property-value impacts are residents, families, and children who live, learn, and work nearby.
- Noise and vibration. The facility would operate continuously. Krambu's application states that once brought online, the servers and cooling systems are never turned off. Residents are concerned that standard dBA measurements may not fully capture continuous, low-frequency mechanical noise, especially at night.
- Heat island effects. Residents remain concerned about waste heat, outdoor cooling equipment, and localized heat impacts. Krambu's own materials describe recoverable waste heat as "a significant byproduct" of continuous GPU compute operation, while heat-reuse ideas such as greenhouses, aquaponics, or district

heating are described as possible future concepts, not part of the current proposal.

- Public health risk from Legionella. The application materials have discussed evaporative cooling components and an evaporative backstop. Residents are concerned that any evaporative component, backup unit, pad-wetting system, or water aerosolization pathway be fully evaluated under real-world operating and maintenance conditions.
- Water use and the Blackfoot River. The application materials have changed over time regarding cooling design and water use. Residents need clear, consistent information about how much water would be used, when peak use would occur, what chemicals would be added, where spent fluids would go, and how the Blackfoot and Clark Fork river systems would be protected. The County has specifically requested clarification on cooling-loop chemistry, discharge scenarios, blowdown, flushing, disposal methods, and water-quality mitigations.
- Unresolved backup power and hazardous materials plans. Residents remain concerned about backup power, fuel storage, emissions, fire risk, coolant chemistry, biocides, corrosion inhibitors, glycol mixtures, and disposal procedures. The exact cooling-loop chemistry has been identified by the County as one of the biggest remaining information gaps.
- Property values. Residents have expressed serious concern about the impact of a large-scale industrial data center on neighboring home values. This concern is not abstract. At public meetings, residents have described fear and distress about what this project could mean for their homes and their ability to remain in Bonner. For many residents, a home is their largest financial asset and the foundation of family stability.

Given the number of fundamental questions that remain unresolved, Bonner and Milltown residents remain deeply concerned about whether this proposed data center is compatible with the surrounding community.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

The Bonner Milltown Community Council on behalf of the Bonner and Milltown communities