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The question for us is: are we going to allow a future where corporations and billionaires control nearly every aspect of our system and bend it to benefit their interests, or are we going to ensure that the system benefits all of us and our children? If the answer is us and our children, we need to organize. Bringing cake can only get us so far.

Here's what you can do:

- **Host a watch party** of Alex's presentation. Access the video here: bigskyfiftyfive.org/social-security
- **Ask your senior center** to host a watch party.
- **Have conversations** with your friends, your neighbors, even folks you don't agree with.

Because here's the truth: Most people, no matter where they live or how they vote, **love Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, weekends, and the 40-hour workweek**. The people who don't love these things are the people who fought against them in the first place...people who want to exploit us and those beneficial programs.

Celebrate, yes - but also act.

For now, take a moment to celebrate the monumental accomplishments of the New Dealers. **In another 90 years, someone will look back on this moment.** Will they celebrate what we built? Will they say Montanans once again led the way? I believe they will — if we act together, across fences and differences, the way we always have. Older adults have superpowers. Let's use them. Use them to organize, to protect, and to elect champions who will fight for a future worthy of our children and grandchildren.



Are You VOTE READY?

- 1 Are you registered at your **correct address**? Check out My Voter Page online at: prodvoterportal.mt.gov
- 2 **Watch the mail** for your ballot! 2025 municipal election ballots will mail to voters October 15-20. If your ballot doesn't arrive in your mail by October 25, reach out to your county elections office.
- 3 Know how to contact your **county elections office**. They can help you learn:
 - ✓ Where to register to vote
 - ✓ Election dates in your area
 - ✓ Where to drop off your mail ballot.
- 4 **Return your ballot.** Ballots can be returned in person at the elections office or by mail. **New this year:** the voter's birth year must be entered on a red line below the voter's signature.

For more resources on voting in Montana, please visit www.voteinmt.org

Having a hard time with your computer or cell phone? We are here to help you! Call: 406-542-VOTE (8683) Email: info@bigsky55.org

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**THE VOTE IS PRECIOUS.
IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL NON-VIOLENT
TOOL WE HAVE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY,
AND WE MUST USE IT.**

- JOHN LEWIS

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

The candidates below have demonstrated a significant alignment with our platform, and they support policies that benefit our membership. We will continue to evaluate additional candidates and new endorsements will be posted to our website: bigskyfiftyfive.org/2025-municipal-election-endorsements

BILLINGS

Mike Nelson, Mayor
Mark Nicholson, Ward 1
Amy Aguirre, Ward 3
Andrew Lindley, Ward 4

GREAT FALLS

Jasmine Taylor, Mayor
Matt Pipinich, City Commission
Casey Schreiner, City Commission

HELENA

The Helena school bond measures, which Big Sky 55+ endorsed, **both passed!** Thank you to all who helped with the effort and especially, **thank you to all who voted yes** for Helena Schools!

WHITEFISH

Nathan Dugan, City Council

KALISPELL

Ryan Hunter, Mayor
Kyle Waterman, Ward 3

What a year it's been. We rallied, we celebrated, we sounded the alarm, we fought the Big Ugly Boondoggle, and stood strong through every day of the Legislature. Wherever we could, we followed the first rule of politics: Show up.

Together, we protected our courts, we secured a critical cost adjustment for nursing providers to help keep them afloat, and lowered residential property taxes. We are proud of the work we have accomplished, but there's still much more work to do for the rest of this year and next.

And yes, it takes resources to keep showing up and doing good work.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE

Big Sky 55+ has set up a new online option to facilitate recurring donations directly from a bank account rather than a credit card. Donating monthly **allows us to budget for the future** and contributing directly from your bank account helps us **avoid credit card processing fees**.

We hope you will consider joining the growing number of people who are collectively making a huge impact by contributing small amounts monthly.



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