

Billings City Administration Weekly Report

September 20, 2019

- 1) **Fuel spill** - The fuel spill into the City/County Drain has been investigated and we have determined the source of the contamination.

Monday morning BLM called Public Works (PW) to report seeing and smelling petroleum in the City/County Drain. PW Environmental Services responded to the site to investigate. Visual inspection indicated the sheen on the water was diesel fuel. We contacted CHS Refinery because they have a high pressure diesel fuel line that parallels the ditch in the area. CHS working with PW staff installed four (4) containment booms in the City/County Drain and CHS staff operated the booms Monday night to make sure they were working. Street Maintenance Supervisor and I were on site Monday to coordinate with CHS and the Yellowstone County DES. CHS shut down their diesel pipeline and began pressure testing it. PW assisted CHS in providing temporary traffic control so they could check their pipeline. Tuesday PW began checking the storm drain system for fuel in our pipes. Wednesday morning a diesel fuel spill was located in the alley at Juneau/Plainview. The soil was tested and containment was installed at the storm drain inlets to stop any more fuel leaking into the storm water. On Thursday morning approximately six (6) yards of contaminated soil was removed and placed in the Landfill. New soil was placed in the hole and compacted. I spoke with Casey at DES and he notified MDEQ the contaminated material has been properly disposed of and the work is completed. CHS staff was very helpful and a pleasure to work with throughout the situation. They provided the assistance of their hazardous team to help PW in the containment of the spill. Dave Mumford is happy to answer any questions.

- 2) **Billings Chamber** - John Brewer and I finally had a chance to meet one on one. Most of our discussions revolved around public safety and next week's Annual Chamber meeting. I appreciate the Chamber's willingness to help lead our community's discussions around public safety.
- 3) **News Talk 730 KYA** – On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, Scott Fredrick has me on his morning Wake-Up Report for about 20 minutes. We highlight the topics he is interested in from the previous month's city council meetings and we usually touch on public safety. In addition to the normal slot in October, Scott has a group of us coming October 8th to cover the prior night's public safety discussion.
- 4) **Rose Park Pool** – A big - Thank You! to Barbara Garrett for adding even more fun to the children's splash pad area. I met Barbara at the Picnic during the Coulson Park event and we started talking about public art. "Thank you for reminding me that art doesn't always have to be serious and I appreciate the staff that struggled with the epoxy paint to turn the image into a reality. You all were great folks to work with." - Barbara Garrett



1) **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces/Presentations etc.**

- a. Heights Task Force, Tuesday, September 24th, 7:00 pm, Oasis, 543 Aronson
- b. Southwest Corridor Task Force, Thursday, September 26th, 7:00 pm, Amend Park Community Room, 5101 King Avenue East

Have a great weekend!