

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

December 9, 2022

1. **Public Safety Mill Levy Communications** – Chief St John presented our progress to a packed downtown Rotary group on Monday at noon. Q2 interviewed me for a story they are working on to air in the upcoming weeks. Victoria is setting us up for a Channel 7 PSML conversation and also a few podcasts. Once completed we will share them with Council and the public through multiple media feeds.
2. **Budget & Finance Meeting** – The Budget and Finance Committee worked through a series of recommendations and brain storming ideas to reduce costs and shift priorities to keep the new Law & Justice Center/City Hall project moving forward. A clear set of recommendations will be presented to the full Council December 19th.
3. **Diversity Equity Inclusion** – A DEI panel discussion was held Wednesday at Rock 31. We (Rupsis, Purinton, Shaw, Stanton, Zoeller & Kukulski) will wrap up the program in January with one more class and panel discussion.
4. **Thorn Run** – Members of the City Hall Project Team met with Thorn Run to share ideas and review possible federal funds to help close our project budget gap. The most probable opportunities appear to be tax credit programs directly for government energy upgrades in wind, solar and geo-thermal. These opportunities don't fit this project but may be great opportunities for other city facilities.
5. **Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
 - a. Aviation and Transit Director Interviews
 - b. Leadership Billings Presentation, 8:30 am Wednesday, December 14th at Hampton Inn & Suites
 - c. CoC Annual Meeting, 11:00 am Wednesday, December 14th at UWYC Office, 2173 Overland Avenue
 - d. Council Legislative Committee, 4:00 pm Wednesday, December 14th in the City Hall Conference Room
 - e. Southside Task Force, 6:30 pm Thursday, December 15th at Hope Center, 425 S. 28th Street
 - f. Terry Park Task Force, 7:00 pm Thursday, December 15th at Topline Hair, 1331 Central

6. From the PIO Desk:

More changes ahead for accessing departing flights at Billings airport

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2412>

Billings becomes first LEED certified city in Montana, scoring Gold

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2411>

A few things to know about snow

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2413>

City of Billings moves to new online job application software beginning January 1st

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2415>

City of Billings in the news

LEED for Cities Gold

Billings becomes first city in Montana to earn LEED Gold certification

<https://dailymontanain.com/2022/12/01/billings-becomes-first-city-in-montana-to-earn-leed-gold-certification/>

Billings receives LEED certification for green initiatives

<https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2022-12-01/billings-receives-leed-certification-for-green-initiatives>

Billings receives prestigious recognition for engineering and environmental design

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-receives-prestigious-recognition-for-engineering-and-environmental-design>

Billings becomes first city in Montana to earn national certification for energy efficient operations

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-becomes-first-city-in-montana-to-earn-national-certification-for-energy-efficient-operations/article_983b209c-7272-11ed-8ac3-979ec536bdec.html#tncms-source=login

BPL

Billings Library Director Gavin Woltjer introduces Holocaust survivor Peter Metzelaar

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-library-director-gavin-woltjer-introduces-holocaust-survivor-peter-metzelaar/video_99bb93db-400e-558a-a20d-624f24156233.html#tncms-source=login

Holocaust survivor Peter Metzelaar speaks Monday at Billings Public Library

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/holocaust-survivor-peter-metzelaar-speaks-monday-at-billings-public-library/video_0ba7a110-193c-5582-bd49-5d433157fba8.html#tncms-source=login

Billings library packed with kids events this holiday season

<https://kmhk.com/billings-library-packed-with-kids-events-this-holiday-season/>

In other news...

What to know about snow removal in Billings

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/local-news-2/what-to-know-about-the-snow-in-billings/>

Billings program helping those with snow shoveling needs suspended over lack of help

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-program-helping-those-with-snow-shoveling-needs-suspended-over-lack-of-help>

County's public health oversight committee gets its first look from Billings city officials
https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/countys-public-health-oversight-committee-gets-its-first-look-from-billings-city-officials/article_ab4d6c8e-74e9-11ed-9010-8fc74cadbaff.html#tncms-source=login

Fire

13 sober living residents displaced after overnight house fire in Billings
<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/13-sober-living-residents-displaced-after-overnight-house-fire-in-billings>

Billings sober living home destroyed by explosion early Friday morning
https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-sober-living-home-destroyed-by-explosion-early-friday-morning/article_aa36cf84-7287-11ed-b343-3f54a1eb215e.html#tncms-source=login

Public Works

City is offering daily extras garbage collection week after Christmas
https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/city-is-offering-daily-extras-garbage-collection-week-after-christmas/article_7bf2b88c-757e-11ed-9b0d-ab59218152fe.html#tncms-source=login

Extra garbage pickup in Billings after Christmas
<https://www.yourbigsky.com/local-news-2/extra-garbage-pickups-in-billings-after-christmas/>

BPD

Billings PD Communication Conversation
https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/bpd-communication-conversation/video_56f9240d-7f70-5822-b905-b2c30ee6b6b7.html

Victim of fatal shooting in 4000 block of 2nd Ave S ID'd
https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/victim-of-fatal-shooting-in-4000-block-of-2nd-ave-s-idd/article_bd3b6520-6d73-5ef9-85df-0a284e980858.html

Billings Crime and Prevention Center trying to prevent porch pirate thefts
<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-crime-and-prevention-center-trying-to-prevent-porch-pirate-thefts>

Billings West High sees 1,300 no-shows following shooting threats
https://billingsgazette.com/news/billings-west-high-sees-1-300-no-shows-following-shooting-threats/article_3d6b8c64-7683-11ed-a37f-c38a621e5381.html#tncms-source=login

Woman charged with killing Billings man at his South Side home
https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/woman-charged-with-killing-billings-man-at-his-south-side-home/article_1bf54b3e-768c-11ed-997c-a3ff3026902f.html#tncms-source=login

Billings police ID suspect in South Side homicide

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/billings-police-id-suspect-in-south-side-homicide>

Court docs: Patron at Billings restaurant pointing gun at man when he was shot

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/court-docs-patron-at-billings-restaurant-pointing-gun-at-man-when-he-was-shot>

Billings man charged with felony after being shot at Montana Club

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-man-charged-with-a-felony-after-being-shot-at-montana-club/article_f69d963e-767c-11ed-844e-2b38f4e53a0a.html#tncms-source=login

2 teens detained, one arrested near Orchard Elementary School

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/2-teens-detained-one-arrested-near-orchard-elementary-school/article_773c2422-71c3-11ed-8220-3bfd61d511e6.html#tncms-source=login

City Council

Billings West End housing and retail development stalled by City Council

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-west-end-housing-and-retail-development-stalled-by-city-council/article_2012b4de-70fd-11ed-80e5-2b37a447ad03.html