

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

June 3, 2023

1. **Parks and Recreation** – Summer recreation programs begin on Monday. Four (4) camps and tennis lessons kick off the summer season. Over 150 participants have signed up for the first week's camps. The swimming pool at Rose Park will open on Wednesday at 12:00. Pool hours are 12 pm – 7 pm, Sunday – Thursday and 12 pm -8 pm, Friday and Saturday, weather depending. South Park pool will also open on Wednesday, June 7th at 12 pm. Hours of operation at South are 12 pm - 6 pm daily. Splash pads are open from 10 am – 8 pm daily. Wading pools are scheduled to open on June 12th. Summer is on at Parks and Recreation!!
2. **Storm Water Flooding** – Our crews have been working around the clock to minimize localized flooding caused by all the rain impacting the stormwater system. Significant investments over the past several years have had a significant positive impact. The Yellowstone River is not a concern at this point. Our greatest risks are likely tied to the BBWA ditch being impacted by movement of the hillside below the rims. We will continue to monitor movement and be in communication with the BBWA.
3. **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces**
 - a. North Park Task Force, Wednesday, June 7th 7:00 pm, North Park Community Center
 - b. Kevin and I will be at the Great Open Spaces City Management Association meeting Wednesday – Friday in Williston, ND.
4. **From the PIO Desk:**

Billings Chamber of Commerce hosts candidate school for potential City Council contenders
<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2487>

PCSD

Billings to kick off annual Commuter Challenge in June

https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-to-kick-off-annual-commuter-challenge-in-june/article_34498a1e-0003-11ee-b61f-1bdb39e788f3.html

Billings Commuter Challenge starts tomorrow, June 1 at Rose Park

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/billings-commuter-challenge-starts-tomorrow-june-1-at-rose-park/>

BPAC

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee will host meetings on non-motorized transportation concerns in the Magic City

https://www.kulr8.com/news/bicycle-pedestrian-advisory-committee-will-host-meetings-on-non-motorized-transportation-concerns-in-the-magic/article_505f3650-0007-11ee-8f26-c7eb3b893192.html

BPL

Personal Care – Libraries distribute free hygiene kits

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2023/06/01/personal-care/>

BFD

Photo: Fire department on scene of South Side house fire

https://billingsgazette.com/news/photo-fire-department-on-scene-of-south-side-house-fire/article_a db980ea-0065-11ee-9a89-9fba5071bbf6.html

'Means a lot': St. Vincent Healthcare honors first responders with barbeque for National EMS Week

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/positively-montana/means-a-lot-st-vincent-healthcare-honors-first-responders-with-barbeque-for-national-ems-week>

City Council

Billings to allow concealed guns in City buildings to comply with state law

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-to-allow-concealed-guns-in-city-buildings-to-comply-with-state-law/article_beb56500-fb1d-11ed-8122-77f350cfe0e5.html

Yellowstone County commissioners decide against jail needs assessment with City of Billings

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/yellowstone-county-commissioners-decide-against-jail-needs-assessment-with-city-of-billings>

Billings Charter coming up for consideration

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Facilities

Build-out for new \$41.5 million Billings City Hall to start in June

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/build-out-for-new-41-5-million-billings-city-hall-to-start-in-june/article_fdf4d5b4-faca-11ed-9672-8f04bf4eafe3.html

Billings' hottest piece of real estate? City Hall hits the market

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-hottest-piece-of-real-estate-city-hall-hits-the-market>

PW

Billings Public Works opens facilities to public

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/billings-public-works-open-facilities-to-public/article_9d2bed3a-1088-552b-b693-a819f5428a2e.html

Water main break in Billings leaves many without water

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/water-main-break-in-billings-leaves-many-without-water>

BIL

Live fire training for Billings Logan Airport Rescue Firefighters

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/live-fire-training-for-billings-logan-airport-rescue-firefighters/article_18b08b8c-1e09-5744-8df1-cb91323a8412.html

BPD

Crime down at Billings bars after owners meet with police

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/crime-down-at-billings-bars-after-owners-meet-with-police>

BPD receives numerous calls regarding suspicious contracted workers

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/bpd-receives-numerous-calls-regarding-suspicious-contracted-workers/article_5ef26497-3986-5b4e-9a96-bc80bc3c0ad2.html

In other news...

EPA spends \$7.5M on Montana brownfield sites

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/epa-spends-5-7m-on-montana-brownfield-sites/article_16f1dd9e-fc17-11ed-bd2f-737bf70a4c75.html

Yellowstone County commissioners struggling to improve rural ambulance service

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/yellowstone-county-commissioners-struggling-to-improve-rural-ambulance-service>

Yellowstone County judges concerned about lack of mental health services

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/montana-news/yellowstone-county-judges-concerned-about-lack-of-mental-health-services>

Family Service welcomes new Development Director

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/family-service-welcomes-new-development-director/article_e2188557-0fc4-55b0-88df-3db81e0acd97.html