

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

July 21, 2023

- 1. Park and Recreation News** – The Community Center is receiving a facelift. After the last two (2) hailstorms and a couple wind storms the siding was falling off the building and the roof had started to leak. Thanks to John Caterino with Facilities for managing this project.

June was one of the wettest months on record. Billings received over 6.3 inches of rain and had 20 days with some precipitation. People don't like to go to the pool when it is raining and cold; therefore, pool attendance was down 40% from normal along with total revenue. This will be difficult to make up even if the remainder of the summer has extreme heat. Recreational program attendance remained strong, and the Parks Division saved thousands of gallons of water by not have to irrigate. (Please see the attached Parks projects/status report.)



- 2. New City Hall Update** - This week at the new city hall project the wall framing on the 5th floor continued and is coming along very well. Layout for door openings and column framing is near complete on the 4th floor. Layout for new duct work on the 4th floor is being done as well as getting hangers for the new duct installed. HVAC work continues on the 5th floor. Electrical wall rough in continues to follow the framing around the 5th floor. More plumbing demo was completed this week along with getting some holes core drilled through the 5th floor for new pipe. Made four (4) concrete patches where pipe bollards were removed. Started patching the soffit back in on the east side of the building.





3. Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces

- a. Heights Task Force, Tuesday, July 25th, 7:00 PM, Oasis, 543 Aronson.

4. From the PIO Desk:

Special Olympics athletes star in video for upcoming Billings PD vs. Fire softball game
VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/mEWa0GfgX7g>

Billings Fire Department bookends weekend with two lifesaving rescues

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2503>

City of Billings in the news

Building Division

Under construction: New Billings City Hall a quarter of the way complete

<https://www.ktvq.com/under-construction-new-billings-city-hall-a-quarter-of-the-way-complete>

BPD

Billings PD participates in Tip a Cop event for Special Olympics Montana

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/tip-a-cop-full/video_21eeca92-c123-55cc-9932-d482e35f05c5.html

Friday death is 4th motorcyclist killed this year in Billings

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/crime-courts/friday-death-is-4th-motorcyclist-killed-this-year-in-billings/article_cebb075a-226b-11ee-8b6a-7745b05eccac.html

PW

Engineer for City of Billings says construction for the Inner Belt Loop and Skyline Trail are going according to plan

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/the-engineer-for-the-city-of-billings-says-construction-for-the-inner-belt-loop-and/article_4de57242-3e51-50a1-a309-b544d71d6304.html

BFD

Billings Fire Department has 2 life saving rescues in one weekend

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/billings-fire-department-has-2-life-saving-rescues-in-1-weekend/>

In other news....















CEO says Rimrock Foundation abandoning expansion plan in north Billings

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/ceo-says-rimrock-foundation-abandoning-expansion-plan-in-north-billings>

Foster Waterfowl Refuge opens at ZooMontana

https://billingsgazette.com/foster-waterfowl-refuge-opens-at-zoomontana/article_85781208-2672-11ee-9c81-979e17ccce87.html

July 21, 2023 progress report

Park	Progress	Project	Status
	Started ----->	Completed	
Arrowhead playground replacement			Site work completed, waiting on delivery of play equipment
Castle Rock playground addition			Playground open, waiting on delivery of final pieces to complete
Castle Rock parking lot & restroom			Design work with consultant underway
Central tennis courts replacement			Final punch list by contractor in progress, nearing project completion
Comanche playground replacement			Site work complete and playground installed, waiting on EWF fall protection delivery
Gorham irrigation automation			Sealed bids opened, contract awarded to Good Earth Works, starting in Summer
Grandview irrigation automation			Advertised twice, no bids both times, rebid at a later date
Highland playground replacement			Playground equipment on order, installer under contract for Fall completion
Millice irrigation automation			Sealed bids opened, project over budget, rebid at a later date
North Park adult exercise & shelter			Adult exercise equipment delivered, shelter in production, installer under contract for later Summer completion
North Park playground replacement			GameTime designed and quoted a complete playground install under NASPO state contract, late Fall completion
North Park restroom replacement			CXT pre-fabbed concrete restroom in production, late Summer delivery date, under contract for site work
Ponderosa irrigation automation			Irrigation system installed, waiting for power from NWE to test system
Skypoint sail replacement			Contract signed by install contractor, on Council consent agenda 7/24 for approval to proceed