

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

July 28, 2023

1. **Parks News** - July's higher temperatures have kept staff busy with irrigation repairs, re-programming irrigation controllers, and sprayground repairs. Multiple special events included Shakespeare in the Parks at Pioneer and the annual Balloon Rally at Amend Park.

New vehicles and equipment were delivered as part of the City's ERP FY22 and FY23 plans. Two ½ pickups, one ¾ ton service truck, and one tractor.

Projects - Please see the attached report.



2. **New City Hall Update** - This week at the city hall project, framing started on the 4th floor and is coming along very well. Layout for door openings started on 2nd floor. Mechanical ductwork continues to be installed on the 5th floor with hopes of VAVs arriving next week. Electrical wall rough-in is continuing on the 5th floor. Plumbing wall rough-in started on 5th floor. The exterior soffit repair is almost finished on the east side of the building.

#### 4th Floor Framing



## 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Plumbing Rough In



## Exterior Soffit Repair



### 3. Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces

- a. North Park Risk Force, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm, North Park Community Center, 716 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- b. City/County/Schools Meeting, Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 pm, Lincoln Center Board Room.
- c. City Council Operations Committee, Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm, City Hall Conference Room.

### 4. From the PIO Desk:

#### Deck Collapse

Briarwood deck collapse injures 25

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/briarwood-deck-collapse-injures-25>

Deck collapse at country club injures at least 30

<https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-07-24/deck-collapse-at-country-club-injuries-at-least-30>

Country club deck collapses in Billings, 25 sent to hospital, none killed

<https://dailymontanan.com/briefs/country-club-deck-collapses-in-billings-25-sent-to-the-hospital-none-killed/>

Deck at Briarwood Golf Course collapses, sending 25 to hospital

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## **Fire**

'Once in a career': Billings first responders recount Briarwood deck collapse

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/once-in-a-career-billings-first-responders-recount-briarwood-deck-collapse>

Fire reported at Billings auto repair shop

[https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/fire-at-billings-auto-repair-shop/article\\_0254e338-f6fc-589e-9968-b864e0d7eca8.html](https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/fire-at-billings-auto-repair-shop/article_0254e338-f6fc-589e-9968-b864e0d7eca8.html)

## **PW**

Billings garbage pick-up will change in the Fall

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-garbage-pick-up-will-change-in-the-fall>

## **Parks and Rec**

Billings Parks and Recreation saw 40% decline in pool revenue in June

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-parks-and-recreation-saw-40-decline-in-pool-revenue-in-june>

## **Mayor & Council**

'We're here': Billings disability resource group celebrates anniversary of ADA signing

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/were-here-billings-disability-resource-group-celebrates-anniversary-of-ada-signing>

Noose spotted in Billings under investigation

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/noose-spotted-in-billings-under-investigation>

Mayor Bill Cole makes public statement after pictures circulate of noose hanging from light pole in downtown Billings

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/mayor-bill-cole-makes-public-statement-after-pictures-circulate-of-noose-hanging-from-a-light-pole-in-downtown-billings/>

Police investigating noose hanging from a utility pole in downtown Billings as possible hate crime

<https://dailymontan.com/briefs/police-investigating-noose-hanging-from-a-utility-pole-in-downtown-billings-as-a-possible-hate-crime/>

Billings Mayor Bill Cole statement on noose in downtown Sunday

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/billings-mayor-bill-cole-statement-on-noose-in-downtown-sunday/>

## **PD**

Hot Dogs: Billings police cars prepared to protect K9s in extreme heat

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/hot-dogs-billings-police-cars-prepared-to-protect-k9s-in-extreme-heat>

## **Guns & Hoses charity softball game**

Billings' Guns N Hoses softball game for Special Olympics on Aug 5

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/628/p/billings-guns-n-hoses-softball-special-olympics/>

Sgt. West & Eng. Newman talk about upcoming game and run on Montana this Morning

<https://youtu.be/CwQmVknHwRg>

Beat the Heat 5K and Guns & Hoses! Be there

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/beat-the-heat-5k-and-guns-hoses-be-there/>

**L RTP**

Local planners set transportation plans – 416 projects at cost of \$934 million

<http://bigskybusinessjournal.com/2023/07/26/local-planners-set-transportation-plans-416-projects-at-cost-of-934-million/>

**In other news...**
















Don Jones' Departing Advice: 'Challenge the Status Quo'

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Water District Rejects Rate Study and Proposed Budget

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July 28, 2023 progress report

Park	Progress	Project	Status
	Started ----->	Completed	<b>*updated information for this week</b>
<b>*Arrowhead playground replacement</b>			<b>*Play equipment was delivered and ready to be installed by contractor</b>
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
<b>*Comanche playground replacement</b>			<b>*Engineered Wood Fiber fall protection started arriving on site for contractor to install</b>
<b>*Cottonwood Park masterplan</b>			<b>*Second public comment and review scheduled with landscape architect on August 10th</b>
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
<b>*Ponderosa irrigation automation</b>			<b>*North West Energy installed power to new pump station so testing can begin</b>
<b>*Skypoint sail replacement</b>			<b>*Council consent agenda item on 7/24 received approval to proceed with contract</b>