

June 2024 Update

Upcoming 2024 RNTF Meetings:

July 17 - RNTF Picnic, 5:30-ish, Veterans Park

**Next regular meetings
are 7pm Sept 18 & Nov 20
Mayflower Church (Rehberg & Poly)**



RNTF Neighbors Picnic - Veteran's Park (13th & Poly) - 5:30, July 17

Get to know more of your neighbors at our July 17 RNTF Picnic!

- Bring the kids ~ Bring the neighbors
- BYOB (bring your own beverage)
- Bring a lawn chair
- Walking Tacos - food provided
- Open to all residents within the RNTF area

We will be accepting food or cash donations for "The Munch Machine" which will be on-site!



Recommended Items to Donate: Bring to RNTF July 17 Picnic – Please no glass or expired items

- Peanut butter (small jars)
- Jelly (squeezable small jars)
- Tuna/chicken packs with crackers (not cans)
- Cereal boxes both large and small
- Protein Shakes (Premier or other brands)
- Breakfast Bars/Granola Bars
- Individual Trail Mix Packs
- Easy Mac and Cheese individual cups
- Hormel shelf stable entrees
- Fruit cups
- Individual pretzel packs
- Dried Fruit
- Quaker instant oatmeal bowls (individual packs)
- GoGo SqueeZ Fruit and VeggieZ
- GoGo SqueeZ Yogurtz

For more info: <https://www.ebps.org/food-insecurity-programs.html>



From the Desk of Howard Evans, RNTF Chair

Hi neighbors,

Board vacancy: We elected Leslie Cooke as Vice Chair at our last meeting, and she is serving as Acting Secretary for the time being. Leslie has effectively been serving in the Vice Chair capacity since I became Chair, but it is past time to have a full Board as we take on advocacy for projects which affect our neighborhoods. As Vice Chair, Leslie will maintain responsibility for the newsletter and social media posts. The newly elected Secretary will be responsible for duties specified in our by-laws, mainly writing and distributing minutes. We are seeking nominations for the position of Secretary and will keep it open until the position is filled.

Rimrock Rd: Safety issues along Rimrock Rd continue to be a major concern. We have a unique opportunity to provide input in the development of a city-wide transportation plan. Concern has heightened with approval of "The Trestles" zoning request which will add more traffic on Rimrock Rd. We are in the process of analyzing the data gathered from our recent Turkey and Traffic survey. We will provide a summary at our September meeting. We appreciate your responses to the survey and are always open to suggestions and observations. When doing so, please send to rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com and include your phone number.

Turkeys: Issues continue with no resolution in sight. Since our last meeting I have learned that there are turkeys throughout our Task Force area including sightings at the airport roundabout and on top of the Rims. As of this writing the issue remains unresolved with neither FWP nor the City willing to get involved. FWP reminded us that feeding wild turkeys is against the law, MCA 87-6-216 - Unlawful supplemental feeding. KTVQ aired a piece about the issue and can be found at:

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/rimrock-road-neighbors-demand-city-do-something-about-wild-turkeys-in-billings>

Graffiti: Rims graffiti remains a hot topic. Code Enforcement has courageously pursued the issue, but it appears to be futile unless citizens get involved to identify the miscreant artists.

Rimtop safety: We continue to monitor development on top of the Rims and along Hwy 3. Traffic impacts from the Inner Belt Loop will be conducted. Lora Mattox (City), in an email expressed the following:

"Inner Belt Loop Land Use Study: It is still scheduled to begin later this summer/fall. We are keeping an eye out on the potential MDT project of evaluating the Highway 3 Corridor. We would like those studies to work together."

We agree with this plan and will strive to make meaningful input in the process.

July Picnic: Plans are actively being pursued to provide an opportunity to meet neighbors at our next scheduled meeting, July 17. Hope to see you there and get to know you. Please note we will meet at Veterans Park rather than Mayflower Church, and begin around 5:30pm. We are appreciative of the help provided by Brenda Berns, City of Billings Planning Clerk, in obtaining funding from the City.

Sincerely, Howard Evans, RNTF Chair

Community Non-Profit Corner

Adaptive Performance Center



Walk the Bridge

In order to successfully reintegrate into our community, veterans should have access to an enjoyable activity. Self-esteem, positivity, energy & motivation all flow from there. Having holistic support helps prevent death by suicide in the veteran community.

In Billings, the Adaptive Performance Center (APC) operates a veterans-only fitness facility. Over 1,200 veterans have enrolled as members. While based around an accessible-to-all gym, APC is a fully encompassing wellness center. In addition to classes & trainers, APC offers occupational therapy, massage/acupuncture, mentorship, veteran advocacy & a food bank.

Listen to what these veteran members have said about their experience with APC:

- 58-year-old T.K: “APC has changed my life! I have more confidence in myself & am able to put my mental health first now.”
- 47-year-old M.G: “APC has given me the connection I lost when I left the military. It is truly a safe space for all veterans... without a doubt APC saved my life...”
- 41-year-old J.F: “I feel like I always have somewhere to go, which is rare to find as a veteran.”

Billings area residents are encouraged to refer their veteran friends to the APC

For those who are able to, consider supporting APC financially.

APC invites you to walk the bridge on the 22nd of every month in honor of Saving 22 - Coming together to prevent veteran suicide. <https://www.adaptiveperformancecenter.org/>

We are attaching additional info about APC in the email that is bringing you this June newsletter.



Code Enforcement Corner

Signs in Boulevards and Garage Sales



There has been a recent increase in signs being placed in city boulevards & rights of way. Any sign, whether it is political, advertising a service, or announcing an event (like a garage sale or vintage market) cannot be placed in the boulevard per city code BMCC 22-404.

Placing garage sale signs is included in city code BMCC 22-404 as explained above.

Garage sales can only last 3 days & are allowed semi-annually as defined in city code BMCC 13-421.

Please help keep our boulevards & rights of way clear of signs that can distract drivers.

Help a Neighbor



Be thinking about Rimrock area neighbors who may need one-time help for code enforcement issues like weed removal, graffiti removal, snow shoveling, etc.

**Adults, youth, and families are all welcome to participate
Text or call Kevin at 406-690-1718 for help, or if you'd like to volunteer.**



JUNE CYBER SECURITY TIP:

Brought to you by Anastasia Edwards

with Big Sky Quantum SHIELD

[Link to Nextdoor Group for Big Sky Quantum SHIELD](#)

“PIG BUTCHERING!” It's a thing!

“Pig butchering” (cryptocurrency scam) is on the rise. Stay informed to avoid falling victim.

- **Recognize Red Flags:** Fraudsters in pig butchering scams befriend victims, pushing them to invest in cryptocurrency. Be wary of individuals who quickly become overly friendly, especially if they start promoting cryptocurrency investments in your interaction.
- **Stay Vigilant:** If someone you've met online refuses video call requests or tries to rush you into investing, it could be a scam. Don't hesitate to step back if something feels off.
- **Protect Yourself:** If you suspect you're being targeted, take action. Block the scammer, report their profile, & change your passwords. If you've shared financial info, monitor funds closely to prevent unauthorized transactions.

By staying vigilant & knowing the signs of pig butchering scams, you can protect yourself from falling victim to online fraud. Don't let scammers take advantage of your trust – stay informed and stay safe.



MONTHLY DRUG CORNER:

Alcohol

Make sure that you, your loved ones, friends & acquaintances don't become grim statistics.

Summer is a time for outdoor gatherings, celebrating special times & the birth of our nation in July. While use of alcohol is common, be aware of these facts from the Forbes website:

- Montana ranks highest for drunk driving in the nation.
- Over two-fifths of Montana traffic deaths are caused by drunk drivers, highest in the nation.
- Montana has the worst rate of under-age drunk drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- Big Sky Country has the 11th highest per capita of DUI arrests.

REMEMBER: "Alcohol makes it harder for brain areas controlling balance, memory, speech & judgment to do their jobs, resulting in a higher likelihood of injuries & other negative outcomes.

<https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/alcohol-and-brain-overview>





City Council Corner -

Our Task Force area includes parts of both Ward 4 & Ward 1.

To determine your Ward, see the Ward Map on the City's website:

<https://mt-billings3.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/49070/Ward-Map-4-2022>

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Upcoming City Council meetings are posted on the City website:

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/calendar.aspx>

Information on past meetings can be found at: <https://billingsmt.gov/117/Agendas-Minutes>



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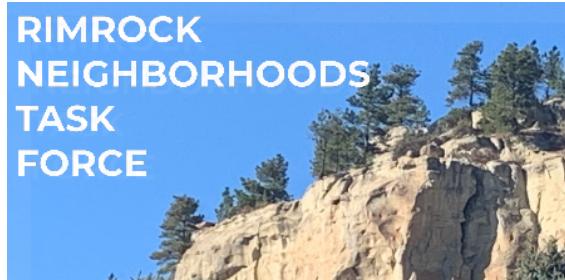


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Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force does not politically endorse any current office holder or candidate.

We extend an open invitation for attendance and participation in our task force meetings to all elected officials and candidates.

We appreciate all those who attend and help escalate neighborhood issues.



In addition to Task Force meetings, you can connect with Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force through email and social media:



- Follow Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/BillingsRNTF>
- Connect to ***Rimrock Taskforce*** on the Next Door app on your smartphone
- EMAIL the task force board: RimrockTaskforce@gmail.com
Be sure to include your phone # when emailing the board, in case we need to call you!
- City website: <https://www.billingsmt.gov/1730/Rimrock-Neighborhoods-Task-Force>

Links should be click-able, but if your browser doesn't support a direct link, just highlight the website address, then copy and paste into your browser's search bar.