



Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force

August 2024 Update

Upcoming meetings: Wednesdays, Sept 18 & Nov 20, 7pm

Mayflower Church (Rehberg & Poly)

September 18 Meeting

At our September meeting, we will accept non-perishable food items for the Mayflower Church food collection. The Mayflower congregation has graciously allowed us to use their meeting room, at no cost, for our membership meetings. So as a thank you, let's support the work they are doing for less fortunate members of our community.

From the Desk of Howard Evans, RNTF Chair

Hi neighbors,

Picnic I would like to begin by thanking all those who attended our first annual(?) picnic. It is a true pleasure to meet neighbors and share experiences and concerns. I appreciate the help that Brenda Berns, City Planning Clerk provided. I would also like to thank the other three Board Members, Leslie, Tom and particularly Kevin who did all of the purchases and preparation for the event. Your feedback would be appreciated and considered when considering any future events..

Board Vacancy The Board is currently short one member, the Secretary. Leslie has maintained that position while performing duties as Vice Chair and would like to have more time to address some of the issues affecting our area, mainly traffic and safety. I would expect that, as an acceptable minimum, the Secretary would record and have general meeting minutes posted on the City website (done by a City employee). Preparing minutes of the monthly Board meeting would also fall within the scope of the position. And the Secretary will participate in Board decisions and direction and is welcome to assume other responsibilities as able or interested. Leslie will continue publishing the monthly newsletter, and updated social media. Please help your neighbors out and consider running for this office.

Billings Limited Army Aviation Support Facility Dick Anderson Construction is providing me with a weekly progress update and the next week's planned work. I have forwarded the information to Rim Top residents to keep them informed of construction activities which may be of interest to them. If you have not received these reports and would like to receive them please send an email to rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com, and ask to be added to the Rim Top mailing list. Cut and fill operations have been mainly completed and rammed

gravel columns have been constructed to provide building support. Concrete installation is scheduled to begin at the end of August.

Division of Board Member responsibilities. With the many issues facing our RNTF area we have decided to form two committees to address the challenges along the Rimrock Rd corridor, and the MT Highway 3 corridor. Other matters, as they arise, will be handled as before.

- **Road Safety Improvement Committee** Leslie, assisted by Tom, will chair the volunteer committee with the goal of improving safety (pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles) on Rimrock Rd. She will be contacting committee volunteers soon to begin planning and next steps.
- **RimTop Committee** I will continue to monitor and participate in developments with the LAASF, Hwy 3 studies, and land use planning studies which affect RNTF members. Kevin will assist the effort and volunteers will be needed as studies progress.

Giving. We, the RNTF Board, believe that, as a community, we should encourage giving to our neighbors in need as part of our civic responsibility. Response to the requests for food donations to benefit community members has been a success thus far, and is wholeheartedly appreciated. We will collect donations to support Mayflower Church's Food collection. Their generosity in lending us meeting space is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Howard Evans, RNTF Chair



State of Montana - Property Tax Rebate

Filing Opens August 15

Up to \$675 per household (1 per household)

Home owners can find the official letter from the state regarding the rebate at:

<https://mtrevenue.gov/taxes/property-tax-rebate-house-bill-222/>

To qualify, you must be a Montana taxpayer who was billed and paid property taxes on your principal residence, and have done the following:

- Owned a Montana residence for at least seven months in 2023
- Lived in this Montana residence for at least seven months in 2023
- Were billed for property taxes, including special assessments and other fees, on this residence
- Paid property taxes on this residence



CITY OFFICES MOVING:

Offices which have been located in the Miller Building (2825 3rd Ave. North) have moved to different locations.

These teams will move to a more permanent location in the Stillwater Building (316 N 26th St.) once renovations to that space are completed.

The date of the move to the Stillwater Building is not yet available.

City offices in the Miller Building are now CLOSED to the public as of Friday Aug 9. Then starting Aug 12, they will be located as follows:

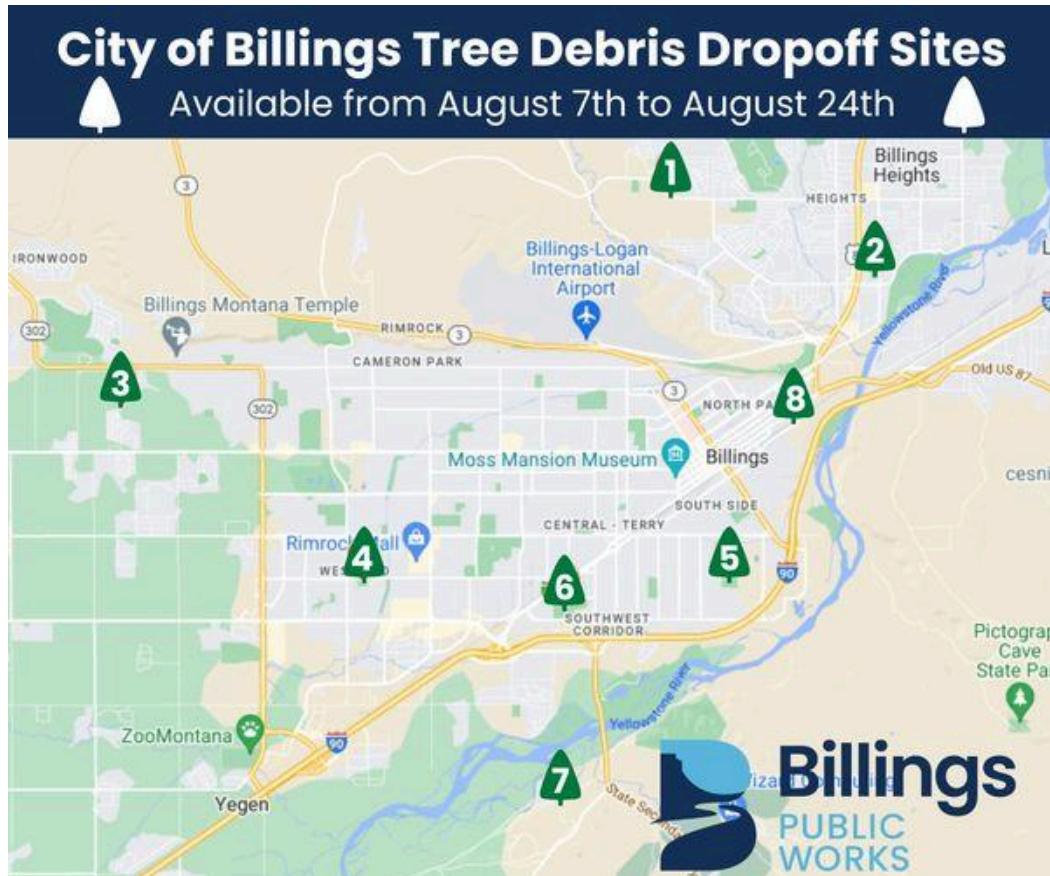
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| <p><u>Building Division:</u></p> <p>406-657-8270 inspections@billingsmt.gov permits@billingsmt.gov  Billings Public Library - 2nd Floor Computer Classroom 510 N Broadway.  9:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p> | <p><u>Code Enforcement:</u></p> <p>406-237-6146 adamst@billingsmt.gov  Billings Crime Prevention Center 2910 Third Ave N.  8:00 AM - 4:30 PM</p> |
| <p><u>City/County Planning Division:</u></p> <p>406-657-8247 plnonline@billingsmt.gov  Billings City Hall - Finance Department 210 N 27th St.  8:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p> | <p><u>Community Development:</u></p> <p>406-657-8281</p> |

City Code Enforcement Corner

Reminder from Code Enforcement: temporary signage for things like garage sales or political candidates are not to be placed in the public boulevards, on light poles, on traffic signs, etc. Residents can place them in their yard.



If you are dealing with storm debris from August 6:



Did you know?

Our City of Billings Public Works Department produces a monthly newsletter!

Check out the August edition to learn more about what our Public Works teams are up to.

<https://www.billingsmtppublicworks.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=68>

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.**

MONTHLY DRUG CORNER

Misuse of Prescription Drugs

Misuse of prescription drugs is taking a medication in a manner or dose other than prescribed; taking someone else's prescription, even for a legitimate medical complaint; or taking a drug to feel euphoria (i.e., to get high). The 3 classes of medication most commonly misused are:

- Opioids—usually prescribed to treat pain
- Central nervous system depressants (tranquilizers, sedatives, hypnotics)—used to treat anxiety or sleep disorders
- Stimulants— often prescribed to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
<https://nida.nih.gov/publications/research-reports/misuse-prescription-drugs/overview>

Misuse also can occur when people mix medicine with alcohol or other drugs.

<https://familydoctor.org/condition/prescription-drug-abuse-in-the-elderly/>

It is a concern when watching prescription medicine ads on TV and the long litany of side effects which may be caused by the advertised medicine. Occasionally there is mention of dangers presented when taking other drugs. Incompatible drugs can cause loss of efficacy, possible organ damage as well as allergic reactions which can be life threatening.

Your physician and pharmacist will check drug interactions for prescribed medications but the patient needs to check for possible interactions with a health care provider when adding the use of new over-the-counter drugs. Online drug interaction checklists are available but should be consulted cautiously.



AUGUST CYBER SECURITY TIP:
Brought to you by Anastasia Edwards
with Big Sky Quantum SHIELD
Link to Nextdoor Group for Big Sky Quantum SHIELD



As political campaigns heat up, our email, text messages, and phones are urging us to support various causes.

Here's how to tell if these communications are genuine or from bad actors.

Check the Sender's Email Address: Legitimate emails come from official domains (e.g., "info@campaignname.org"), not generic addresses like "campaignname1234@gmail.com"

Look for Personalization: Authentic messages use your name and reference your previous support. Generic greetings like "Dear Supporter" can be a **red** flag.

Verify Links Before Clicking: Hover over links to check the URL. Legitimate links lead to official websites or recognized platforms.

Be Cautious with Attachments: Avoid opening attachments which can contain malware.

Handling Suspicious Text Messages

- **Do Not Respond:** Responding confirms your number is active.
- **Block and Report:** Use options provided by your mobile carrier.

Dealing with Suspicious Phone Calls

- **Hang Up Immediately:** If pressured for personal info or donations, hang up.
- **Verify the Caller:** Ask for a callback number and check it through the official campaign contact info.
- **Use Caller ID:** Be wary of unknown numbers or local numbers that seem suspicious.

Stay Cyber Safe This Political Season!





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-billing3.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/49070/Ward-Map-4-2022>

City Council Contact Information: EMAIL: Council@billingsmt.gov

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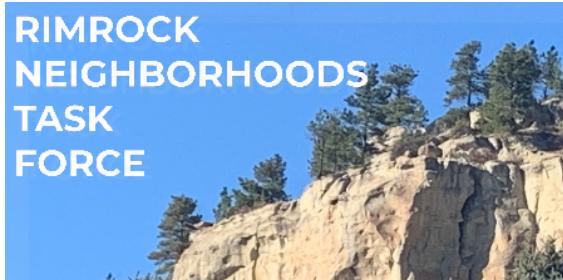
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Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force does not politically endorse any current office holder or candidate.

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.

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**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](mailto: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.