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## New City Websites Launching in June



The City of Billings will be launching newly refreshed websites in June.

Key staff members throughout the City have been working with CivicPlus, a website development firm, to create dynamic new websites designed with features and functions focused on improving users' overall on-line experience.

The new look and feel includes all City websites including some new, customized areas for MET Transit and Police, and new sites for the Airport and Billings Public Library.

The City website will offer a new slideshow highlighting the community, improved access to frequently visited areas such as Agenda & Minutes, Job Opportunities, Municipal Court, Library, Transportation (Airport/MET Bus), On-line Payments, Police, Council Meetings and more. Citizens will have easy access to familiar

features such as Submit a Request, Stay Informed, Calendar, Events, Bids, How Do I..., and Explore Billings.

The new Airport website includes an exciting, full-function, real-time "Flight Information" tab located directly on the home page, along with colorful buttons for easy access to the most requested information. New Airport photos are included throughout the new site.

The Library site highlights a new "My BPL" section for easy-access account information, a linked carousel on the home page featuring new arrivals and four calendars for your favorite events and schedules: Main, Children's, Teens and Bookmobiles.

Visit the new sites at [www.ci.billings.mt.us](http://www.ci.billings.mt.us), [www.flybillings.com](http://www.flybillings.com), and [www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org) to see what all of the excitement is about!

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Visit the City's website: <http://www.ci.billings.mt.us>

## Treatment Court Participants Prep Community Garden



It's 9 a.m. on April 27th... 36 degrees, overcast with occasional rain sprinkles. Not ideal conditions for gardening in most parts of the country. But in Billings, Montana, 25 treatment court participants converge on the City of Billings' Amend Park Community Garden to serve the community and think spring.

Billings Municipal Court currently has three treatment courts: Drug, DUI and Co-Occurring for individuals with mental illness and chemical dependency disorders.

Treatment court is alternative sentencing for offenders who are committed to a rigorous program that includes months of chemical dependency treatment, court-ordered classes, self-help group attendance, probation oversight, and drug/alcohol testing.

Research shows that those who complete the 12-16 month program are less likely to reoffend and will report positive outcomes that impact their careers, quality of life and family connections.

On most Wednesdays, treatment court participants meet individually before Judge Sheila Kolar who presides over treatment court.

Typically once per quarter, participants take time away from the courtroom to perform a service project to give back to the community. The group has done clean-up for Family Promise, helped get the Heights disc golf course up and running, cleaned out 60 years' worth of dirt and stone in the pump room of the South

Park swimming pool, among other projects.

Chris Waite, Billings Parks and Recreation volunteer coordinator, and AmeriCorps Vista, Christian Keeve oversaw the Amend project and kept everyone engaged with various garden prep activities. In one day, participants mended fence, rototilled garden plots, picked weeds, hauled stone and wood, cleaned out compost bins, helped build raised garden beds, and added recycled tree bark to the garden pathways.

The project successfully concluded and snow fell the following morning.

The Amend Park Community Garden, Billings' first city-owned community gardening project, is entering its third year. And, this is actually the third year that Billings Adult Municipal Treatment Courts has helped with the prep.

Part of a joint venture between the Parks Department and the Billings Metro VISTA Project, the project has focused on building environmentally sustainable, locally-sourced solutions to food insecurity in Billings. The garden received a citation of merit award from the Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks Association for Agency Excellence in 2015.

For more information about the Amend Park Community Garden, visit <http://www.billingsparks.org/community-gardens/>. For more information about the Vista program, email [prvista1@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto:prvista1@ci.billings.mt.us) or call (406) 657-8308.

## City Honors 139 Employees During Service Awards Ceremony

The City of Billings honored 139 staff members who reached service milestones of five or more years in 2015. The Service Awards Ceremony was held Thursday, April 7, at the Billings Community Center.

Staff would like to thank all of the long-time employees of Billings and especially honor those who have spent three or four decades with the City serving their community. Listed below are the 26 people who have served the City of Billings for 30-plus years:

<b>Anne Kindness</b>	911	30 years
<b>Diane Guy</b>	911	30 years
<b>Brian McDermott</b>	Fire	30 years
<b>Edward Regele</b>	Fire	30 years
<b>Kathy Gibson</b>	Fire	30 years
<b>Leslie Solheim</b>	Fire	30 years
<b>Sandy Rogers</b>	Fire	30 years
<b>William "Tom" Harvey</b>	Fire	30 years
<b>Don Pulver</b>	Parks	30 years
<b>Jana McRae</b>	Planning - Building	30 years
<b>Joel Slade</b>	Police	30 years
<b>Calvin Krum</b>	Public Works Distribution & Collection	30 years
<b>Mark Holmes</b>	Public Works Distribution & Collection	30 years
<b>Mark Mace</b>	Public Works - Engineering	30 years
<b>Robin Miller</b>	Public Works - Engineering	30 years
<b>Timothy Grant</b>	Public Works - Engineering	30 years
<b>Joey Nedens</b>	Public Works - Solid Waste	30 years

<b>Curtis Jordan</b>	MET Transit	35 years
<b>Barbara Boss</b>	Public Works - Fiscal Services	35 years
<b>Thomas Lauwers</b>	Public Works - Solid Waste	35 years
<b>John Slaugh</b>	Public Works - Water	35 years
<b>Thomas Ross</b>	Public Works - Water	35 years

<b>Rhea Grandahl</b>	Police	40 years
<b>Kent Lustig</b>	Public Works Distribution & Collection	40 years
<b>Jeanne Haupt</b>	Public Works - Water	40 years
<b>Robin Grinsteiner</b>	Recreation	40 years

# News from the Parks, Recreation & Public Lands Department



## Recreation Programs

Get outside this summer and enjoy one of the many programs that Parks and Recreation has to offer!

Youth day camps are a great way to keep your child active, with programs such as the award-winning Adventure Camp, Magic City Camp, Pioneer Playhouse, and much more. Parks and Recreation programs offer something for everyone.

Looking for something for adults or the whole family? Try one of the many outdoor programs such as white water rafting trips, paddle board yoga, or rock-climbing. Let's not forget the famous Dog Day at the pool.



Be sure to check out [www.BillingsParks.org](http://www.BillingsParks.org), or see the summer brochure for a list of all the exciting programs. Summer in Billings is a great time to get out and enjoy one or many of these great activities! Participation in Parks and Recreation programs are a great way to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and make lifelong friendships.



Rose and South Park pools are scheduled to open June 8. Make sure to get your season pool passes from the Parks and Recreation main office. Youth swimming lessons are offered this year along with parent/child, and tailored swim lessons. To register for these American Red Cross swimming lessons, register online at [www.BillingsParks.org](http://www.BillingsParks.org) or stop by the Parks and Recreation office. Swimming lessons begin on June 20 and will run until August 12.

Looking for an Ace? Summer tennis lessons will be held at four locations throughout the summer and are now available for registration. The Parks and Recreation tennis program follows USTA 10 and under guidelines and has certified instructors. Lessons are available at Castle Rock Park, Rose Park, and Pioneer Park in the morning, afternoon or evening. Advanced tennis lessons are offered at Central Park.

Ever wanted to play tennis under the lights? Evening lessons will be offered this summer on the new courts at Pioneer Park! Tennis lessons are available for youth, adults, and families. Come learn the game and play together!



## Parks Department Receives Award from the Arbor Day Foundation

On April 30, the Arbor Day Foundation honored the City of Billings with the National Arbor Day Celebration Award. During the 2016 Arbor Day Awards Weekend at Lied Lodge, the home of Arbor Day, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. The award is in honor of the city's efforts to engage students in learning about trees and the environment and the importance of everything working in unison for a healthier, greener planet.

In 2015 more than 500 school children gathered at Riverside Park in Billings to celebrate Arbor Day. Students from a dozen elementary schools experienced hands-on learning through environmental education stations. The education stations allowed the children to learn about trees, insects, and water quality. In addition to the hundreds of students learning about the environment, more than 180 adult volunteers planted and pruned trees.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, "Billings annual Arbor Day program represent the true spirit of the tree planter's holiday."

The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the inspiring and life-changing work of leading environmental stewards and tree planters through the Annual Arbor Day Awards. Former award winners include the late Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and the United States Forest Service.

Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters, and valued partners. During the last 44 years, more than 250 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests throughout the world.



## Volunteers Offer Valuable Service to the Parks Department

Each spring the parks are abuzz with preparations for the warm weather ahead. During this spruce up period, a special group of citizens give their time to lend a hand making these shared public spaces better for all. This year, a diverse mix of over 70 volunteers came throughout the month of April to clean up the natural areas along the Rims. Their efforts included sandblasting, grinding and scraping graffiti off the sandstone as well as removing litter from the trails. These visible contributions have a lasting impact on the parks.

Every year around 2,000 volunteers give their time to help make the parks better. This service provides

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# Parks and Recreation Dept

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immeasurable benefits to the City and its residents. The Park Department appreciates all those who share their time and skills.

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in this generous community as evidenced by the accomplishments of Billings' Parks volunteers.

With summer currently underway, there are a variety of opportunities to volunteer at Billings Parks. There are projects ranging from shelter painting to trail cleanups.

The Parks Department has something for everyone with experiences tailored towards individuals and groups both young and old. If you are ready to be a part of making Billings a great city to live in, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Chris Waite at (406) 657-8308 or [watiec@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto:watiec@ci.billings.mt.us).



## We Want to Hear From You

Please provide us with input for our next newsletter.

What did you like most about the newsletter?

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What would you like to see in upcoming newsletters?

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**Mail or e-mail your comments to us at:**

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## Fire Prevention and Safety Reminders

With summer around the corner, the Billings Fire Department would like to send out some fire safety reminders to area residents.

Soon, the summer heat will dry out vegetation in the area. Please be extra cautious with smoking materials and make sure they are completely extinguished and appropriately discarded.

The Fourth of July should be a fun and safe time of the year but can also be dangerous. Remember, the use and possession of fireworks inside the City limits is prohibited.

Please be sure to check your smoke alarms to make sure they are in good working condition and remember to replace the batteries annually. Having a working smoke detector in each bedroom and common area

outside of bedrooms in your house is highly recommended.

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and deadly gas that is undetectable by human senses. This deadly gas is a byproduct of fuel burned in vehicles, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. Having a carbon monoxide alarm in your residence is very important.

Use safe barbequing methods and proper handling of propane. For information on outdoor fireplaces and open burning, visit <http://ci.billings.mt.us/index.aspx?NID=1684>.

On behalf of the Billings Fire Department, have a wonderful and safe summer!

## Finance GFOA Award



(Left to Right) Accountant Donna Hjelm, Finance Director Pat Weber, Accounting Manager Andy Zoeller and Accountant Jim Hauck

The City of Billings has received the 30th consecutive Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The City complies with Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards for governmental accounting and financial reporting and GFOA financial reporting.

# From Our Readers

## Comments and questions:

I live in the Heights just around the corner from a diesel repair shop on Main Street that specializes in hot rodding diesel engines. These hot rod engines produce what enthusiasts call "rolling coal" when they hit the throttle so much raw fuel and exhaust is belched out the oversize tailpipes that a major intersection like Main and Wicks can be obliterated by dense black smoke for up to a minute. I don't want to ever see California-type emission testing here, but I do believe we need an ordinance outlawing this practice. Classify it as a public nuisance or reckless driving, something needs to be done.

Next we need to get the landfill back open on Sundays like it used to be. Some of us work 6-7 days a week and Sunday is the only chance to get to the landfill. Even a half day like 10 a.m.-2 p.m. would be a big help. With all the extra money the City says they are making from the methane collection, paying a half days wages to a few personnel shouldn't be a problem.

## Answer:

According to the Police Department, the first situation described above is illegal and citations have been issued for these types of violations. Montana Code 61-9-403. Mufflers -- prevention of noise. (1) Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke, and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device upon a motor vehicle on a highway. (2) The engine and power mechanism of every motor vehicle shall be so equipped and adjusted as to prevent the escape of excessive fumes or smoke.

Sunday closure of the Landfill is to allow for equipment and site maintenance. We apologize for the inconvenience, but it must be done, and this causes the least interference with commercial operations. Additionally, it is important to note that the methane gas revenues from the landfill go to the General Fund and are not available for Solid Waste operations.

## Comments and questions:

I frequently walk the bike paths through Lillis, Descro, Stuart and Millice Parks. Sometimes people in 4-wheeler type vehicles drive up and down the bike paths, making walkers like me step aside. One time, some teenaged girls drove across the pedestrian bridge behind Meadowlark School, through the school playground and onto the other street. The police say they can't do anything about it unless we get the license plate numbers from these vehicles, but they go by so fast, that isn't possible. And, some of them don't have identifying plates. What else do you advise?

## Answer:

Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the bike paths and it is a citable offense. The only way the Police Department can issue a citation is to witness the offense or have a witness who can identify the driver. A license plate will provide the registered owner and officers can go from there. If no plate is available, the best description possible is helpful. Also, call the non-emergency number (657-8200) to report what is going on. Many times, an officer is in the area and may be able to identify and catch someone. A note has been made to ask officers to pay attention to bike path ingresses/egresses as much as possible and to ask Police volunteers, who sometimes patrol on bike, to be on the lookout.

## Comments and questions:

I like the ease of reading the CityLink. The articles are nicely displayed, information is brief and to the point, there is appropriate "white space," with some color and good font. I especially like the "From Our Readers" section. Could you add to it? It's good to know that people are wondering about the same things I'm wondering about.

Can you deliver some copies to area grocery stores, etc. like they do with other publications that are displayed in the cart area in the front of the stores?

How can someone offer the Recreation Department teaching expertise in some field for youngsters in the summer?

When is the next "old chemical" and "old medication" roundup?

## Answer:

To offer your services to the City's Recreation Program, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at (406) 657-8371.

The Billings Solid Waste Division is no longer sponsoring an annual Toxic Trash Round-Up. However, residents living within Yellowstone, Carbon, Treasure, Musselshell and Stillwater counties, as well as residents of the towns of Pryor and Big Timber, can bring household hazardous waste directly to the Billings Regional Landfill, 5240 Jellison Road, where it will be sorted, bulked and shipped to appropriate disposal sites.

As with the Toxic Trash Round-Up, acceptable wastes include latex and oil-based paint, garden chemicals, household cleaners and used oil and antifreeze.

The landfill does not accept business-generated hazardous waste at this time. Businesses in need of hazardous waste disposal can contact Beartooth Environmental at (406) 373-2220 or Mountain States Environmental Services at (406) 248-4777, for local assistance.

The Billings Police Department has five medication drop-off sites for over-the-counter and prescription medications (NO liquids or needles) at the following locations:

- Billings Operations Center, 4848 Midland Road – (406) 247-8621
- Billings Police Department, City Hall, 220 North 27th Street – (406) 657-8460
- Military Reserve Center, 2671 Gabel Road – (406) 324-5404
- Crime Prevention Center, 2910 3rd Avenue North – (406) 247-8590
- Montana Fish and Game, 2300 Lake Elmo – (406) 247-2940

For more information, please contact the City's Environmental Compliance Coordinator at (406) 247-8633.

Staff will take your suggestions into consideration for CityLink distribution and future issues. Thank you!

## Comments and questions:

We have a sidewalk and curb problem. Sidewalks and curbs in the 2500-2600 blocks of Burlington Avenue continue to sink. The City comes out and paints a blue mark on the curb. The sink area lines up with where the water line enters the front door of the homes. Several people have said there is a water leak. Every year it gets worse. How long before the City fixes the problem?

## Answer:

Unfortunately, when certain subdivisions were constructed many years ago, the compaction of the water service lines was not as good as it should have been. This resulted in settlement of the curb, gutter and sidewalk on top of the services. The location of the settlement makes it difficult to say for certain whether they are resulting from a leak or poor compaction. A number of the settlements in that area that have been due to water service leaks, but there others have been checked and no leaks have been found.

If the settlement has been there for a long time and is not changing, it is probably due to compaction. If it is just developing, or if you are seeing changes, please contact Public Works – Utilities at (406) 657-8305, and they can come out and check for a leak.

Subdivisions and homes today have a much greater level of inspection and compaction testing than they did back when the homes in this area were constructed. While the requirements have not changed as far as how the work should be done, the increase in inspection and testing has resulted in significantly fewer settlement issues and generally improved construction.

**Thanks for reading the CityLink and for sending in your great questions, suggestions and comments!**

# Downtown Summer Events and Parking

There are a large number of exciting events planned in Downtown Billings this summer. Here are some pointers regarding where to park your vehicle during these events:

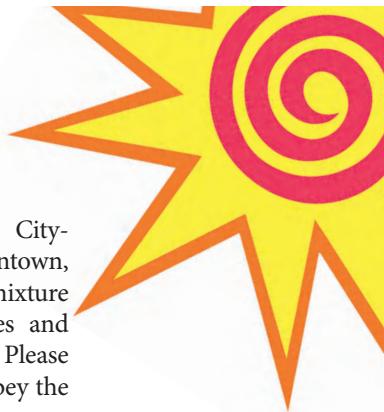
## Parking Garages:

- Park 1 is located at 2912 Third Avenue North (down the street from the Alberta Bair Theater). Park 1 provides parking for cardholders-only weekdays from 5:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., but is free after 6:30 p.m. and on weekends.
- Park 2 is located at 2651 First Avenue North (next to Wells Fargo Bank and across the street from the Crowne Plaza Hotel). An attendant is on duty and there is a fee to park Monday – Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 11p.m.. Park 2 is open and free on Sundays.
- Park 3 is located at 210 Second Avenue North (next to City Hall). An attendant is on duty weekdays from 10p.m. – 6a.m. The garage is open and free at all other times.
- The City's newest parking structure, the Empire Parking Garage, is located at 11 North Broadway (next to the Northern Hotel). This garage is fully-automated and there is a fee to park at all times. The free-standing pay stations are designed to smooth flow of traffic when exiting the garage. However, it is recommended that you pay on-foot at the pay station prior to getting into your vehicle and exiting the garage to help avoid waiting in line in your vehicle.



## Parking Lots:

- There are three City-owned lots in downtown, which contain a mixture of reserved spaces and customer spaces. Please be mindful and obey the signage in each.



## On-Street Parking:

- The parking meters in downtown are free of charge after 5 p.m. on weekdays and at all times on weekends.

## Miscellaneous Tips:

- Handicapped parking spaces may be enforced at any time and by a variety of agencies. Please leave these spaces for patrons bearing the correct stickers, license plates or tags. Fire zones may be enforced at any time, as well.
- Pay attention to the event signs placed on the posts of the parking meters. These signs notify patrons of street closures, and failure to comply may result in your vehicle receiving a citation or, worse yet, getting towed to an impound lot at your expense.

If you have any questions or would like further information about downtown parking, please visit <http://ci.billings.mt.us/index.aspx?nid=105> or contact the Parking Division at (406) 657-8412. To learn more about the events offered in downtown, visit: <http://downtownbillings.com/>.

Have a fun, safe and "event"-ful summer!

# Code Enforcement and Political Signs



There are 4 basic rules to remember when placing political signs within the City limits:

- Multiple political signs may be placed on any one property, so long as the total size of all political signs added together do not exceed 32 square feet. The area should be computed based solely on the size of the sign, not the fact there may be writing on each side of the sign.
- Signs may not be placed on a boulevard, in a City right-of-way, on a utility pole, or on the roof of a structure.
  - Signs placed in City rights-of-way will be removed by City Code Enforcement Officers.
  - Officers will contact candidates so signs may be retrieved.
- Signs over 30 inches in height must be outside of clear vision areas, at street intersections, where driveways enter streets, and at alley entrances. Information regarding clear vision areas and alley entrances may be found on the City's website at <http://mt-billings.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=636>. Signs may not be over six feet in height from the grade.
- Permission of the property owner is required prior to placement of a political sign.

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# Metropolitan Transit System (MET) NEWS

On Monday, May 23, 2016, the Billings City Council approved the following service changes and a four-year, phased-in bus fare adjustment plan for MET Transit. This action will help improve transit services for the community and help MET Transit to continue working within budget constraints:

## Route Changes:

- **Routes 2P-Rimrock, 4P-Parkhill, 6P-Lewis and 8P-Miles** will be eliminated due to low ridership.
- **Route 5 Grand** – Realigned service to Shiloh Road. **NOTE:** New service to begin after construction has been completed along Grand Avenue – mid August 2016.
- **Route 7 Broadwater** – realigned service to Shiloh Road via Broadwater Avenue and Monad Road. Departing the Downtown Transit Center, travel on 1st Ave. N. instead of 3rd Ave. N.
- **Route 10 Southside** – Realigned and extending service by an hour in the midday as well as adding earlier service to align with MET's other day routes. On the outbound route, travel on King Ave. onto 20th St. W., left on Lampman Drive (to better serve COR and other businesses along Lampman Drive), right on Rosebud Drive to regular route.

## Fare Adjustments:

New Fares				
<u>Cash Fares:</u>	<u><b>FY17</b></u>	<u><b>FY18</b></u>	<u><b>FY19</b></u>	<u><b>FY20</b></u>
Adult	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25
Youth	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00
Elderly/Disabled	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.50
MET Plus*	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$4.50

## Monthly Pass Fares:

Adult	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$32.00
Youth (6-18)	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00
Elderly/Disabled	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00
MET Plus ADA*	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
10-Ride	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$20.00	\$22.50
One Ride Ticket	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25
(New) One-Day	\$4.00	TBD	TBS	TBD

\*MET Plus is the ADA Paratransit complementary bus service. This service is for riders who are unable to use the regular MET Transit service due to a disability and provides curb-to-curb service for persons certified as eligible. To obtain an eligibility form or to schedule rides, call (406) 248-8805.

# DID YOU KNOW?

- Billings was incorporated April 10, 1885, and began electing a mayor and six aldermen to one-year terms. Billings' first Mayor was John Tully, from April to July in 1885. Through the years the terms were extended and an appointed executive position, the City Administrator, was created in 1976 with the adoption of the City Charter.
- The first "airport" in Billings was built in 1927, and the Billings "Municipal" Airport opened in 1928. The Airport was renamed "Billings Logan International Airport" in 1971 and there has been no City tax support of the Airport since 1975.
- The Code Enforcement Division has employed two residential code officers since 1991. In 1991, the Code Enforcement Division responded to 409 complaints. In 2015, the Code Enforcement Division responded to 4,517 complaints (3,637 residential property complaints and 880 commercial property complaints). In 2015, the Code Enforcement Division responded to 748 complaints about parking RVs and trailers and over 1,000 complaints about overgrown lawns and vacant lots.
- According to [www.billingstrailnet.com](http://www.billingstrailnet.com), Billings now has 22 miles of on-street bike lanes, 22 miles of multi-use trails and 21 miles of neighborhood connectors.
- The City's Animal Control officers respond to over 5,000 calls for service each year; including but not limited to noisy animals, small animals at large, dangerous animals, animal bites, wildlife loose in the city, and cruelty to animals which includes neglected or abandoned animals.
- Mountview Cemetery, together with the adjacent Billings Cemetery, is the largest and oldest continually operated cemetery in the region. Billings Cemetery was started in approximately 1882 by the O'Donnell family and operated by them until the City bought it in 1926. Edward O'Donnell was the first superintendent of the cemetery followed by James O'Donnell, his son, when he returned from WWI. It has a history that is visually represented by the historical stones dating back to the early 1880's.

# 2016 Service Directory

## AIRPORT-BILLINGS LOGAN INTERNATIONAL

Airport Information .....	247-8609
Airport Administration .....	657-8495
Airport Police .....	657-8498
Airport Operations .....	657-8496
Edwards Jet Center .....	252-0508
Parking – SP Plus .....	259-8545
Gateway Restaurant & Lounge ..	256-8446
TSA-24/7 Customer Service.....	877-846-5737

## ANIMAL CONTROL.....657-8226

## ANIMAL LICENSING.....657-8226

## ANIMAL SHELTER

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter.....	294-7387
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Noon – 7 pm	
Saturdays: Noon – 6 pm	
Sundays: Noon – 6 pm	
Lost Pet Hotline .....	294-1138

## BUILDING DIVISION

Building Permits .....	657-8270
Building & Plumbing Inspections .....	657-8277
Plan Review .....	657-8271
Business Licenses .....	657-8364

## CEMETERY DIVISION.....657-8299

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR.....657-8430

Assistant City Administrator .....	657-8222
City Clerk .....	657-8210

## CITY ATTORNEY .....

## CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION.....657-8433

## CODE ENFORCEMENT – ZONING & WEED COMPLAINTS.....237-6146

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.....657-8281

Community Development Manager .....	657-8286
Home Repair Program .....	657-8284
First Time Homebuyer Program.....	657-3045

## COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER.....657-3050

## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT.....237-6294

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Accounts Payable .....	657-8224
Business Tax Information .....	657-8364
City Tax Information – SID's .....	657-8223
Municipal Bonds.....	657-8363
Purchasing .....	657-8216
Other Finance Services .....	657-8207

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergencies Only.....	911
Non-Emergency	
8 am to 5 pm weekdays:	
Fire Department	
Administration.....	657-8423
Fire Prevention Bureau .....	657-8423

## FLEET SERVICES.....657-8407

## GARBAGE (SOLID WASTE)

657-8260

## GIS SERVICES.....247-8512

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

123 S. 27th .....

## HUMAN RESOURCES ...237-6210

## JAIL .....

256-6881

## LANDFILL .....

657-8260

## LIBRARY (BILLINGS PUBLIC)

Information Services .....	657-8258
Children's Services .....	657-8256
Bookmobile .....	657-3091
Senior-Homebound .....	657-8255
Hours .....	657-8259

Website: [www.billings.lib.mt.us](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)

## MAYOR .....

657-8296

## MET TRANSIT

Information & Schedules .....	657-8218
MET Special Transit Reservation .....	248-8805

## MOUNTVIEW CEMETERY

657-8299

## MUNICIPAL COURT

(City Hall Second Floor)	
Bond & Traffic Citation Info.....	657-8490
Juror Information (24 Hrs) .....	247-8653

## PARKING DIVISION

Enforcement, Parking Tickets & Meter Repair .....	657-8412
Park One Garage .....	657-8212
Park Two Garage .....	657-8279
Park Three Garage .....	657-8212
Empire Garage.....	657-8412

## PARKS-RECREATION & PUBLIC LANDS

Administration .....	657-8371
Community & Senior Center.....	657-3050
Forester/Natural Resources .....	237-6227
Mountview Cemetery .....	657-8299
Parks Division.....	657-8372
Recreation Division .....	657-8371
Fax .....	247-8641
Website .....	<a href="http://www.BillingsParks.org">www.BillingsParks.org</a>

## PLANNING & ZONING .....

247-8676

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergencies Only.....	911
Non-Emergencies .....	657-8200
PD Records .....	657-8460
(Open 8am-6pm weekdays & 10 am - Noon Saturday)	

Detective Division .....	657-8473
Public Relations .....	657-8464

Crime Prevention Center .....	247-8590
(Open 9 am to 4 pm weekdays)	

Fingerprinting	
- Call Crime Prevention Center	

Montana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) .....	839-9070
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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Administration .....	657-8230
Engineering Division .....	657-8231
Right-of-Way Permits & Inspections.....	657-8307
Traffic Engineer .....	657-8231
Environmental Affairs .....	247-8517
Meter Shop .....	657-8331
Solid Waste Division & Landfill .....	657-8260
Street/Traffic Division .....	657-8250
Storm Drain & Street Light Maintenance .....	657-8250
Traffic Signals .....	657-8250
Water Bills - On/Off Orders – Payments (Open 8 am to 5 pm weekdays) .....	657-8315

Water Emergencies (8 am to 5 pm weekdays) .....	657-8305
Water Emergencies (After 5 pm, weekends & holidays) .....	657-8353

Wastewater Treatment Plant .....	657-8356
Water Treatment Plant .....	657-8353

## PURCHASING DIVISION .....

657-8216

## TAXES

City Taxes .....

## ZONING .....

657-8246