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GET SMART ABOUT YOUR WATER - GET WATERSMART!

Water Conservation is a key to managing your water utility costs. Want to learn ways you can save water and dollars? Use your

City of Billings water utility account number to register at WaterSmart (billingsmt.watersmart.com) today!



Your water comes with a list of ingredients... Learn more by reading the 2020 Consumer Confidence and Water Quality Report (CCR), find it at billingsmtpublicworks.gov

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BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES SUMMER

BILLINGS
PUBLIC
LIBRARY
Imagine... Inform... Inspire

The last six months have been exciting and encouraging for the Billings Public Library. We have reopened almost all our services to the community, started the 2021 Summer Reading Program, and are excited to achieve new goals.

We also reflected on what the library team has been able to accomplish over the last year. The BPL checked out 391,105 items. 173,446 of those items were offered through our curbside service. The library space was utilized for COVID vaccine clinics, as a daycare for first responders, and as temporary chambers for City Council meetings. The BPL hosted 469 virtual programs, had 268,654 downloads and views from the library website and other online resources, and racked up over one

million impressions on our social media. Our latest project, the Wi-Fi hotspots, checked out 296 times, and provided almost 100,000 hours of internet time to our patrons all over Yellowstone County.

To add to our technology offerings, the Billings Public Library will be adding an outdoor pickup kiosk in late summer of 2021. Located in front of the south entrance of the library, the kiosk will provide an extension of our popular curbside pickup service and be available for use 24/7!

This project would not be possible without generous support from the Billings Public Library Foundation.

With 2020 behind us and a host of exciting projects ahead, we look forward to what the next six months will bring. Thank you to our city partners, community supporters, and our patrons for your help getting the BPL back to "normal" and beyond.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS IS...

NOW HIRING

Offering a variety of skilled and entry level positions in a professional environment, an exceptional benefit package that just gets better as your experience grows, it's obvious the City is the place to be!

Vacancies are updated every Friday at 5PM online at billingsmt.gov, or visit us at City Hall.

Billings Police Support Specialists are civilian police department employees. They work closely with officers and assist with their paperwork. They also provide officers information on wanted people, stolen items and missing persons from state and national crime databases. Hiring is currently open for these positions, apply online or call Becky at 406-657-8453 for more information.



QUESTION FROM THE COMMUNITY:

WHAT TO DO ABOUT BARKING DOGS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

First you need to report. You must know the address the dog or dogs live at. If this is the first complaint a letter will be sent to the owner of the dogs as well as the complainant to explain Noisy Animal ordinance. If the barking persists, we will provide an Annoyance log to the complainant. When the log has enough documentation to justify the infraction, a citation will be issued. A citation will be issued for each subsequent infraction until the noise stops (BMCC 4-404 Noisy Animal).

https://library.municode.com/mt/billings/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CICO_CH4AN_ART4-400DOCAS-MAN_DIV1GE_S4-404NOAN



DOG ETIQUETTE IN OUR PARKS

Keep your dog on a leash at all times
(Unless at a designated dog park)

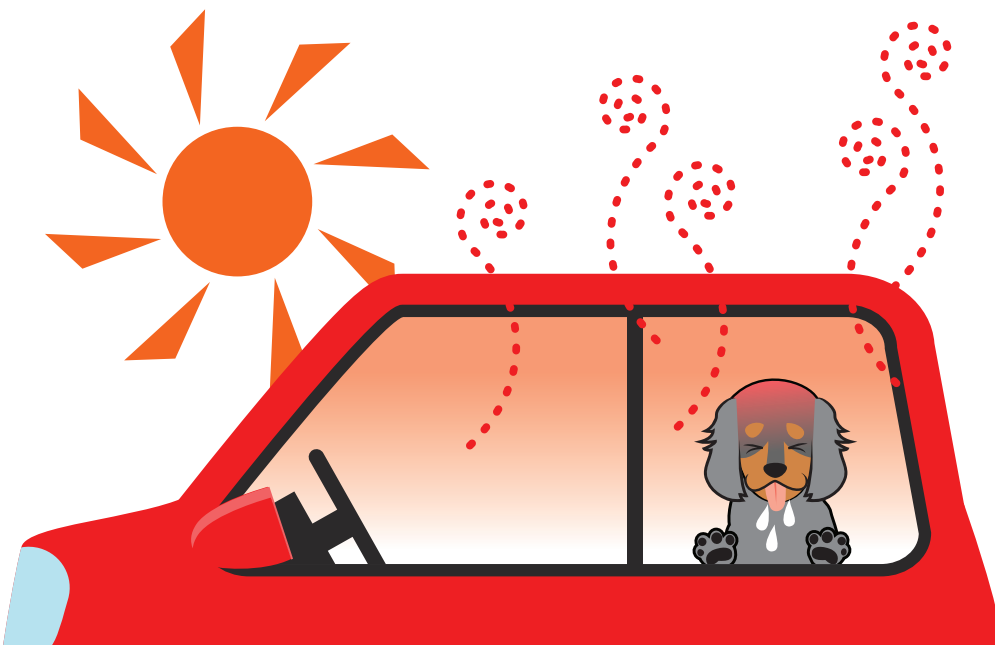
Always pick up after your dog

No dogs in sports field areas
(baseball fields, soccer fields, etc.)

Billings
PARKS AND RECREATION

W BillingsParks.org
P 406.657.8371
A 390 N 23rd St
Billings, MT 59101

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE & COOL THIS SUMMER!



Summer is a time when more of us get outside and enjoy our beautiful city and amenities. If you are bringing a pet along on your adventures around town, please remember it is not safe for them to be left alone in a vehicle. Even on a relatively cool day, the temperature inside an enclosed space, like a parked car, can spike to life-threatening levels in as little as 10-30 minutes.

Animal Control Responded to 229 animals left in hot cars during 2020. That's 229 close calls that could have been avoided, if you see an animal in distress, call for help at (406) 657-8227.

Remember, it isn't just to keep your pet safe, it's the law.

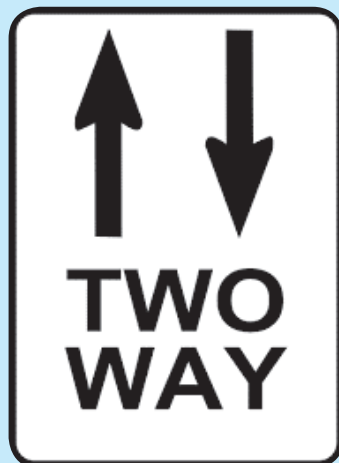
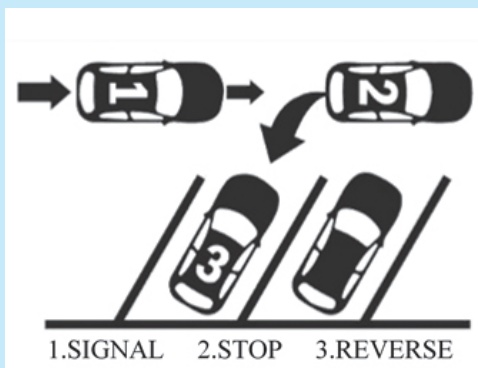
No person shall leave any animal(s) in any trailer, RV, or vehicle under extreme temperature conditions or in a manner that endangers the animal's health or safety. Any animal control or law enforcement officer is authorized to take all steps reasonably necessary,

but not limited to breaking into the vehicle, including the breaking of a window, to remove an animal(s) whenever it appears the animal's immediate health or safety is endangered. Said neglected or endangered animal(s) may be brought to a veterinarian for emergency care or impounded. If the owner/custodian of the animal(s) cannot be located, the officer removing the animal(s) shall place a written notice in/on the vehicle, bearing their name, contact information and where the animal(s) may be reclaimed. The animal's owner/custodian shall be responsible for all expenses incurred during the removal of the animal(s) and its/their subsequent care and impoundment. The owner/custodian in custody of the animal(s) may be charged with the offense of cruelty to animals and subject to penalties as specified in MCA 45-8-211.

COMING SUMMER 2021

- TWO-WAY TRAFFIC MOVEMENT
- BACK-IN ANGLE PARKING
- SHARED LANE MARKINGS

If you have been downtown lately, you have probably noticed a lot of construction activity. Among the projects taking place are several locations that will see updated traffic modes. These changes include conversions on select streets from one-way to two-way traffic, conversion from head-in to back-in angle parking and the additional of shared lane (Sharrow) markings.

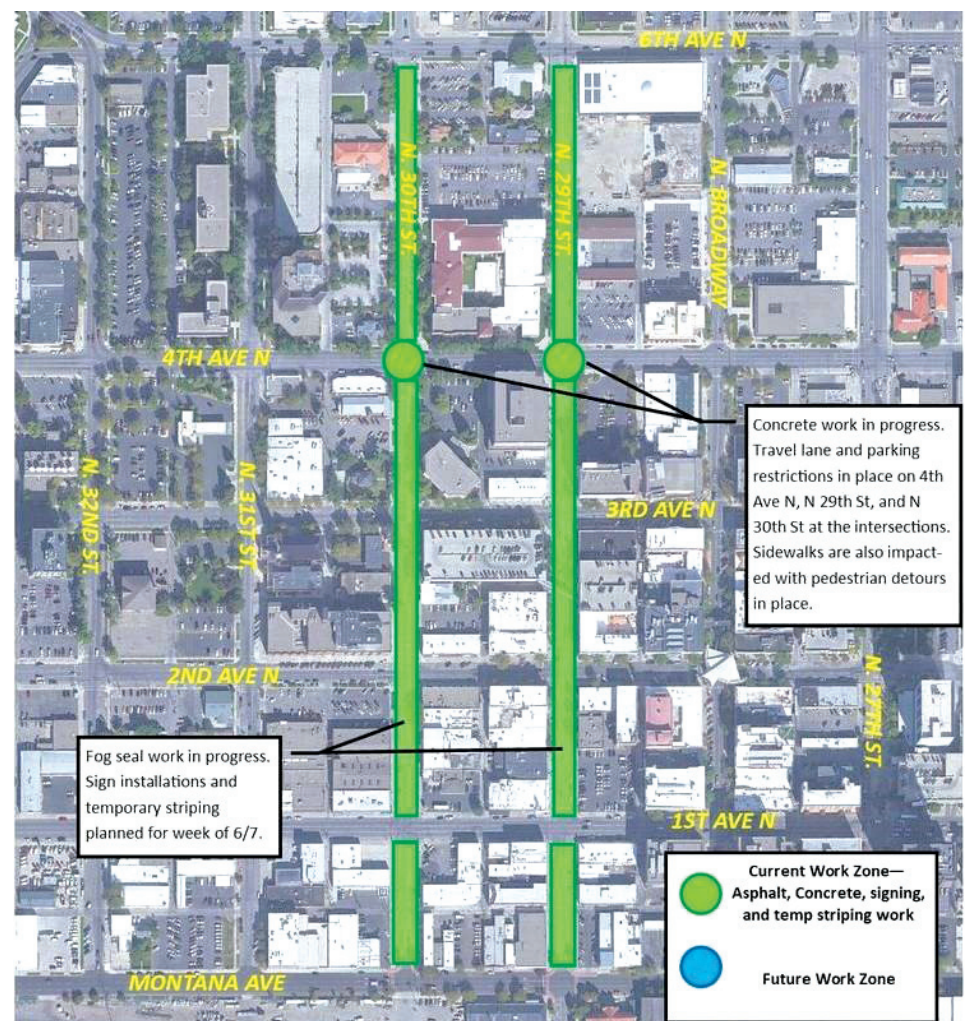


NORTH 30TH (BETWEEN MONTANA AVE & 6TH)

- Two-way Traffic Conversion
- Back-in Angle Parking Conversion
- Addition of Sharrows

NORTH 29TH (BETWEEN MONTANA AVE & 6TH)

- Two-way Traffic Conversion
- Back-in Angle Parking Conversion



BILLINGS LANDFILL'S NEW DROP-OFF BUILDING IS OPEN

The new Drop-Off Building at the Billings Landfill is a fully enclosed, 60,000 sq ft building with large overhead doors, for commercial and residential customers to enter and unload garbage and typical household waste—without having to access other areas of the landfill.

Upon entering the Landfill, customers will drive up the hill, cross the scales, and follow signs to the Drop-Off Building. Solid Waste staff will give directions to a designated area inside the building where waste can be unloaded directly onto the concrete “tipping” floor, then workers will push the waste through openings of the floor into large transfer trailers in the tunnel below. When filled, staff will haul the trailers to the active face for landfilling. This will greatly reduce the amount of potential blowing trash outside, reduce impact to neighboring properties and enhance the overall customer service experience.

There are also dedicated areas outside the building where recyclables, construction debris, branches, large bulky items, and household hazardous waste can be dropped off. The facility began operation March 16, 2021 and provides a safer environment for both workers and customers.



Always bag your garbage! Keeping waste contained helps reduce blowing debris at the Landfill, environmental impact, maintenance expenses, and makes us all better neighbors to our community.



HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

HOLIDAY	DATE	TRASH COLLECTION	LANDFILL
Independence Day	Monday, July 5 (observed)	On Schedule	Open
Labor Day	Monday, September 6	Delayed one day	Closed
Veteran's Day	Thursday, November 11	On Schedule	Open
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 25	Delayed one day	Closed
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 26	Delayed one day	Open
Christmas	Friday, December 24 (observed)	On Schedule	Closed (Sat., Dec. 25)
New Year's Day	Friday, December 31 (observed)	On Schedule	Closed (Sat., Dec. 25)

2021 SERVICE DIRECTORY

ADMINISTRATION

City Administrator 657-8222
Assistant City Admin. 657-8478
City Clerk 657-8210

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 SHELTER & LICENSING

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

CITY ATTORNEY 657-8205

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION 657-8433

CODE ENFORCEMENT – ZONING & WEED COMPLAINTS 237-6146

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 657-8281
AmeriCorps VISTA..... 247-8675
Home Repair Program 657-8284
First Time Homebuyer
Program 657-3045

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT 237-6294

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Accounts Payable 657-8224
Business Tax Information 657-8364
City Tax Information–SID’s657-8223
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

GIS SERVICES 247-8512

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 123 S. 27th 247-3200

HUMAN RESOURCES 210 N. 27th 237-6210

JAIL 256-6881

LIBRARY (BILLINGS PUBLIC)
Information Services..... 657-8258
Children’s Services..... 657-8256
Bookmobile 657-3091
Senior-Homebound 657-8255
Hours..... 657-8259
Website: www.billingslibrary.org

MAYOR 657-8296

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

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

PARKING DIVISION (cont’d)
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
Cemetery Division..... 657-8299
Forester/Natural
Resources 237-6227
Fax..... 247-8641
Website..... www.BillingsParks.org

PLANNING 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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Public Works
Administration 657-8230
Engineering Division..... 657-8231
Right-of-Way Permits &
Inspections
Environmental Affairs 247-8517
Meter Shop..... 657-8331
Solid Waste Division
& Landfill 657-8260
Street/Traffic Division..... 657-8250
Utility Billing Office –
Payments
(Open 8am-5pm weekdays)..... 657-8315
Utility Emergencies
(Open 8am-5pm weekdays)..... 657-8305
Utility Emergencies
(After 5pm, weekends & holidays) 657-8353
Wastewater Reclamation
Facility 657-8356
Water Treatment Plant.... 657-8353

ZONING 657-8246

We Want to Hear From You

*Please provide us with input
for our next newsletter.*

➤ **What did you like most
about the newsletter?**

➤ **What would you like to see
in upcoming newsletters?**

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