

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

October 14, 2022

1. **Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC)** - this month's meeting focused on defendant/client management. Daily, dozens of defendants either don't show up or show up in the wrong court for their cases. CJCC is working with private partners and technology to improve this significant inefficiency.
2. **Crime Prevention** – This afternoon RiverStone hosted a meeting with community partners who work with kids and families. In attendance were RiverStone, Best Beginnings, Head Start, The Family Tree, United Way, Substance Abuse Connect, Continuum of Care, and the City (I hope I didn't miss anyone). Thanks to Eric Owen for getting us together to set a unified vision to support thriving youth and families in Billings. The group agreed that this effort is worthy of our time so that "we" collectively focus on community success around prevention. In, part this discussion has grown out of our Family Nurse Partnership dialogue.
3. **DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusion)** – yesterday was session II of IV focused on equity. Council members, Rupsis, Purinton & Shaw attended along with Karla and I.
4. **Communications Plan** – We're not ready for prime time yet but Victoria shared her DRAFT Communications Plan with the directors for input this week. Victoria will be training employees on effective communications during next month's strategy meeting. We will follow this up with a training for elected officials.

5. From the PIO Desk:

Billings Fire Department to host open houses for Fire Prevention Week

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2390>

Billings in the news –

Blighted apartments in downtown Billings gets new owners, TIF money for improvements

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/blighted-apartments-in-downtown-billings-get-new-owners-tif-money-for-improvements/article_95b48d20-48d5-11ed-8190-a35d56a633b3.html#tncms-source=login

Billings group receives City money for homeless shelter

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-group-receives-city-money-for-homeless-shelter>

Billings Public Library hosts child and family resource fair

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-public-library-hosts-child-and-family-resource-fair/article_0606870a-4a3d-11ed-b1e1-7bc9f4bf2413.html

2022 High Plains book awards announced

https://billingsgazette.com/entertainment/2022-high-plains-book-awards-announced/article_3c56d7aa-468d-11ed-bdde-8786d2d60777.html

Billings Fire Department host station tours for 100th annual Fire Prevention Week

https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-fire-department-host-station-tours-for-100th-annual-fire-prevention-week/article_e0cde6f8-49c0-11ed-b2cb-1f8e712ef172.html

Wide open stations: Billings Fire puts on open houses in person

<https://realnewsmontana.com/wide-open-stations-billings-fire-puts-on-open-houses-in-person/>

Billings Fire Department to host open houses for Fire Prevention Week

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-fire-department-to-host-open-houses-for-fire-prevention-week>

Meet local firefighting superheroes

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/meet-local-firefighting-superheroes/>