

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

December 17, 2022

1. **Leadership Billings** – Mayor Cole and I kicked off Government Day for Leadership Billings. The City's adopted strategies set the foundation for our discussions.
2. **Council Legislative Committee** – Big Sky Economic Development and the Realtors Association shared their legislative priorities. The group also approved a draft resolution for the City's legislative priorities to be presented to the Council January 9.
3. **Workforce Housing** – Billings Realtors Association hosted a roundtable that included building, real estate, DEQ, state legislators, county, city, and representatives.
4. **CDBG, HOME, AmeriCorps VISTA, and HOME-ARP Info Session** - On Friday, City staff presented information on allocation and application processes for CDBG, HOME, AmeriCorps VISTA, and HOME-ARP. Materials are [available for download here](#).
5. **Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
 - a. Local Affairs Committee meeting, 4:30 pm Monday, December 19th at City Hall.
 - b. West End Task Force, 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 20th at Connections Church, 56th Street West and Grand Avenue.
6. **From the PIO Desk:**

Community encouraged to cheer on children as they depart to 'Shop with a Cop'
<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2416>

From Public Works: City of Billings to offer daily "extras" garbage collection week after Christmas Holiday
<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2417>

City of Billings in the news

Billings becomes first LEED certified city in Montana
NorthWestern Energy BRIGHT magazine – pgs. 28 & 29
- https://issuu.com/northwesternenergy/docs/bright_environment_2022_final_12-06-22_pages

Public Works/Snow

City of Billings plans to break ground on West End Reservoir in spring or early summer 2023
https://www.montanarightnow.com/news/city-of-billings-plans-to-break-ground-on-west-end-reservoir-in-spring-or-early/article_7b8acffa-2770-513b-9765-46ccfafac80e.html

Billings snowplow drivers hard at work, even as worst of storm misses
<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-snowplow-drivers-hard-at-work-even-as-worst-of-storm-misses-town>

New Billings group created to help those unable to shovel sidewalks

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/first-look-snow-buddies-replacement-in-billings>

Billings city engineers draft traffic plan for Chick-fil-A opening, anticipating lines of cars

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-city-engineers-draft-traffic-plan-for-chik-fil-a-opening-anticipating-lines-of-cars>

Mayor & Council

Billings Citizens Urged to Voice Ideas Ahead of Charter Review

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Reversing decision, Billings City Council will look again at Zimmerman Trail development question

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/reversing-decision-billings-city-council-will-look-again-at-zimmerman-trail-development-question/article_db5e80ce-7a76-11ed-96e3-4389a756d07f.html

Annual vigil for Billings' homeless set for Dec. 21

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/annual-vigil-for-billings-homeless-set-for-dec-21/article_a1e249ca-7b1b-11ed-a944-a319bd07342e.html

Billings PD

Billings kids get a chance to 'Shop with a cop' this Saturday

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-kids-get-a-chance-to-shop-with-a-cop-this-saturday/article_ce8d9c84-7bc7-11ed-ac87-375a8a59338d.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

Don't panic, Billings. Lights and sirens on Saturday are Xmas cheer

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/628/p/dont-panic-billings-lights-and-sirens-on-saturday-are-xmas-cheer/>

Billings Police add Community Service Officers to force

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/bpd-cso/video_2d5d37c4-825b-533f-a3fe-128879634b47.html

"We're seeing an increase:" Assaults with a weapon in Billings up from 2020

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/were-seeing-an-increase-assaults-with-a-weapon-in-billings-up-from-2020/video_d27eae4f-34c8-5cbe-8863-20b48688615a.html

"We take each one seriously" – BPD Lt. Lennick on school threats

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/another-threat-at-senior-high-one-student-arrested-and-charged/>

Shots fired in Billings alley; BPD has video

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/shots-fired-in-billings-alley-bpd-has-video/>

Man Shot by Officer in August Still Unidentified

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Robbery at Maverick Casino on 14th St W in Billings

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/breaking-robbery-at-maverick-casino-on-14th-st-w-in-billings/>

Two Billings homicide victims identified; one suspect in custody

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/two-billings-homicide-victims-identified-one-suspect-in-custody/article_1c4c6fb6-7738-11ed-b586-13e34968f763.html

Woman claims Billings man murdered as part of satanic "initiation"

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/woman-claims-billings-man-murdered-as-part-of-satanic-initiation>

Billings Senior High student arrested for shooting threat

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-senior-high-student-arrested-for-shooting-threat/article_480b529c-7b0d-11ed-9fc5-9f7f754dde76.html#tncms-source=login

Billings Senior High student arrested following shooting threat

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-senior-high-student-arrested-following-shooting-threat>

Billings Senior High student arrested over social media threat

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/billings-senior-high-student-arrested-over-social-media-threat/>

Shooting threat forces lockdown at Billings West High School

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-shooting-threat-forces-lockdown-at-billings-west-high-school>

West High one of several Montana schools threatened Friday

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/west-high-one-of-several-montana-schools-threatened-friday/article_ca0dbace-77e2-11ed-845e-b304688ac0ea.html

Lockdown at West High after shooting threat

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/lockdown-at-west-high-after-shooting-threat/>

School shooting threat at Billings West High School

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/breaking-school-shooting-threat-at-billings-west-high-school/>

Billings woman found after being taken by ex-boyfriend at gun point

<https://www.ktvq.com/homepage-showcase/billings-woman-found-after-being-taken-by-ex-boyfriend-at-gun-point>

BPD searching for woman taken in domestic violence

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/bpd-searching-for-woman-taken-in-domestic-violence/>

BPL

Billings celebrity displays sugar art in Dec. at Billings Library

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/billings-celebrity-displays-sugar-art-in-dec-at-billings-library/>

Parks and Rec

Photo: Veterans Park hockey

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-veterans-park-hockey/article_7f583cda-798f-11ed-a5f9-979d083f86bd.html

Airport

Staffing Shortage Still Causing Long Wait Times at Billings Airport

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