

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

December 23, 2022

1. **Local Affairs Committee** – held its first meeting Monday afternoon. Indications are that the MOU between Billings, Laurel and Yellowstone County for Riverstone Health Governance Board are on track. We will confirm after the holidays.
2. **Housing Strategy** – HomeFront hosted a small group meeting to continue advancing the housing strategy. HomeFront, Realtors Assoc., BSED and the City were present.
3. **Montana Infrastructure Coalition** – I participated in Tuesday's board meeting. We will have our hands full educating legislators and the governor's office on how we fund infrastructure at the local level. Many don't understand that infrastructure investments are at the front end of development/redevelopment, therefore without system development charges or grants from the state or feds, rate/taxpayers or developers must pay to front investments. MIC is well prepared to help us in the upcoming legislative session.
4. **Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
 - a. **CLOSED** December 26, 2022
 - b. Heights Task Force, 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 27th at Oasis Conference Room, 543 Aronson.
 - c. Kevin and I will be out of the office, but in town if needed.

5. From the PIO Desk:

City of Billings selects Jeff Roach to lead aviation and transit department as current director prepares to retire

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2419>

Photos: Shop with a Cop

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofBillings/posts/pfbid02Unga451ANqEigWGtAk3ebin65gQyHedTjxs4RuELFTuC59Knx7zsPEZZnfVCj27Fl>

A message to BIL airline customers

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2418>

Aviation and Transit

City of Billings selects Jeff Roach to lead aviation and transit department as current director prepares to retire

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/city-of-billings-selects-jeff-roach-to-lead-aviation-and-transit-department-as-current-director/article_100203e9-7bed-52b7-b062-9dba70c5b0da.html

Billings hires new airport and transit director

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-hires-new-airport-and-transit-director/article_b6a90402-822d-11ed-8bb3-2752712832fa.html

Parks and Rec

Veterans Park opens its seasonal rink for ice skating

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/veterans-park-opens-its-seasonal-rink-for-ice-skating/article_6876168f-81e1-5c66-a2e4-55dd0e2d2728.html

Mayor & Council

Life threatening cold temps slam plains – CNN interview with Mayor Cole

<https://www.facebook.com/billcoleformayor/videos/1568093263612190>

Menorahs mean more this Hanukkah amid rising antisemitism: ‘The fear is real’ (Includes quote from Mayor Cole)

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/2022/12/18/hanukkah-2022-menorahs-windows-antisemitism/10865152002/>

Mayor Bill Cole proclaims December 21st as Homeless Persons Memorial Day

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/mayor-bill-cole-proclaims-december-21st-as-homeless-persons-memorial-day/video_fce049c3-39f9-5291-8f9a-b0d27bfa5b4b.html

Billings opts for no new debt as it tackles a ballooning budget for building out the Stillwater

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-opts-for-no-new-debt-as-it-tackles-a-ballooning-budget-for-building-out/article_15766a98-7fe4-11ed-a6f0-a7367fb69162.html

LEED for Cities and Communities Certification Recognition event – featuring Mayor Bill Cole @1:09:39 (Link is cued up to Mayor Cole)

<https://youtu.be/rwpuwmmPTWY?t=4180>

PD investigations & more

Billings Police Department's Shop with a Cop event serves 50 kids this Christmas season

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-police-departments-shop-with-a-cop-event-serves-over-50-kids-this-christmas-season>

Holiday wishes do come true; Shop with a Cop

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/holiday-wishes-do-come-true-shop-with-a-cop/>

Christmas cheer comes to children with annual Shop with a Cop in Billings

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/christmas-cheer-comes-to-children-with-annual-shop-with-a-cop-in-billings/video_56b2302b-32b9-5d36-a643-38bda47eeb65.html

Billings police investigating fatal shooting at Colonial Apartments

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/billings-police-investigating-fatal-shooting-at-colonial-apartments>

Man dies at hospital after shooting on South Side of Billings

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/man-dies-at-hospital-after-shooting-on-south-side-of-billings/video_c8b76dbd-2624-58ae-83eb-1e342a29b93e.html

Police respond to shooting in Billings Heights

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/police-respond-to-shooting-in-billings-heights/article_e218941a-8195-11ed-a955-5f0195ce9de4.html

‘Something needs to change’: Data shows 2022 Billings crime climb, one family waits for answers

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/something-needs-to-change-data-shows-2022-billings-crime-climb-families-left-waiting-for-answers-in-open-cases>

Billings man allegedly robbed two businesses with BB gun

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-man-allegedly-robbed-two-businesses-with-bb-gun/article_c801f37c-80b0-11ed-8c5a-87105710fd9d.html

Bond set at \$100K for man accused of Billings armed robberies

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/bond-set-at-100k-for-man-accused-of-billings-armed-robberies>

Billings armed robber arrested after shocking Sinclair surveillance footage surfaces

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/billings-armed-robber-arrested-after-shocking-sinclair-surveillance-footage-surfaces>

As vandalism rises in Billings, crime victims take steps to protect themselves

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/as-vandalism-rises-in-billings-crime-victims-take-steps-to-protect-themselves>

Public Works

Extra garbage collections in Billings after Christmas

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/local-news-2/extra-garbage-collections-in-billings-after-christmas/>

Water main break causes some flooding by Canyon and Wheatstone in Billings

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/water-main-break-causes-some-flooding-by-canyon-and-wheatstone-in-billings/video_e7c6a124-c414-51c6-9d44-79871f02a0a6.html

Construction of Billings Inner Belt Loop to start Spring 2023

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/construction-of-billings-inner-belt-loop-to-start-spring-2023/video_3839ed62-aeef-5ff8-a7f2-8deb99e897ec.html

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As bitter cold snap looms, Billings gets low barrier shelter set up

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/as-bitter-cold-snap-looms-billings-gets-low-barrier-shelter-set-up/article_a43c48aa-7d88-11ed-8760-97240d3e6952.html

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas!