

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

January 7, 2023

1. City looks for public input on updating ward boundary lines at open house.

Where: Billings Public Library Community Room, 510 N. Broadway

When: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Why: The City per its Charter must maintain its Election Wards and ensure there is fair and balanced representation. After every Decennial Census, the City reviews and updates its Ward Boundaries per population growth. City staff is working with the Mayor and City Council to make Ward Boundary adjustments prior to the 2023 election process for City Council elections.

Who: This session is for any interested members of the public in Billings who want to learn about the Ward Boundary Amendment process and specifically if where they live may be moved from one Council Ward to another one during this process.

What will be presented: We will have a brief PowerPoint with information on the process, access to an interactive web map of the draft Ward Boundary Amendments, and some static maps displayed of the specific areas that are changing, so residents can see what Ward they are going into in the six areas of town where we are making boundary adjustments. City Legal staff and City GIS staff will also be there for support and to help answer questions.

What happens after this meeting: Staff will take any comments and input from the public back to the City Council at a regular meeting in February so the Council can review the draft map a final time and take action on amendments. The amendments must be in place no later than March 2023, so the wards are updated prior to the election cycle.

Please see the updated map for Ward Boundary Redistricting at the below link to the web map:

<https://billings.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=505865e0c49a4abb88217e2f130a4c18>

2. 68th Montana Legislature - DV Prosecutor Ben Halverson testified in opposition to SB 12 on Thursday. The bill seeks to require local governments to pay for public defense for individuals being prosecuted through the enforcement of local ordinances. In prep for Ben's testimony, we held a conference call with Aimee Grmoljez and Steve Turkiewicz (our Helena lobbying team).

I participated in the Infrastructure Coalitions weekly zoom (Thursday's at 12:15). Next week we will begin weekly zooms with Aimee and Steve.

3. DEI Training – Tuesday I participated in the 4th session for DEI. The program wraps up with a network event on January 18th.

4. CIP – Andy and I met with the Public Works and Parks & Rec teams to prepare to bring these sections of the CIP back to the Council on February 6th.

5. Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces

- a. Local Affairs Committee, 4:30 pm Monday, January 9th in the City Hall Conference Room.
- b. Budget & Finance Committee, 9:00 am Wednesday, January 11th in the City Hall Conference Room.
- c. Legislative Committee, 4:00 pm Wednesday, January 11th in the City Hall Conference Room.

6. From the PIO Desk:

Community 7 Public Safety updates

Fire Department - <https://youtu.be/4p3WkQjg29E>

Police Department - <https://youtu.be/OEqcPZ2nBDc>

Code Enforcement - <https://youtu.be/v2vTY5MHQpE>

City Attorney & City Administrator – segment to be recorded on 1/12

The segments will air on Community 7 starting Monday.

Fire is first in the line up and will air:

Monday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 p.m.

The following week, the week of the 16th, Code Enforcement's segments will air during those same days and times.

Police will air the week of the 23rd, and City Attorney/City Administrator will air the week of the 30th.

I am in the process of sharing these on our website and will schedule social media posts.

Winter/Spring City Link

Content has been submitted and the insert will appear in the Billings Gazette in print & digital access on Sunday, Jan. 22. I will also upload the PDF version to our website and share through social media.

City of Billings in the news

Fire

Multiple animals killed in Billings West End house fire

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/multiple-animals-killed-in-billings-west-end-house-fire>

Several pets killed in Billings house fire

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/several-pets-killed-in-billings-house-fire/article_f9bd3ac0-8c5e-11ed-842e-279ace1dfecc.html

Stop, drop, roll; stay fire safe

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/stop-drop-roll-stay-fire-safe/>

Photos: House fire on Jefferson Street

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photos-house-fire-on-jefferson-street/article_bf045b6e-8bed-11ed-baf5-cbabc0aa5df2.html

No one killed in massive Billings house fire; pets lost

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/no-one-killed-in-massive-billings-house-fire-pets-lost/>

Photos: Firefighters battle Boulder Avenue house fire

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photos-firefighters-battle-boulder-avenue-house-fire/article_dabc2926-8ac2-11ed-84f4-1b632eda86ff.html

Library

Billings library welcomes you in for first movie night of 2023

<https://realnewsmontana.com/ixp/124/p/billings-library-welcomes-you-in-for-first-movie-night-of-2023/>

Police

Troubleshooting violence in Billings in 2023

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/troubleshooting-violence-in-billings-on-2023/>

Juvenile stabbed at Rimrock Mall in Billings

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/juvenile-stabbed-at-rimrock-mall-in-billings>

Happy New Year!