

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

April 27, 2023

1. **Meeting with County** – Tuesday morning Kevin Iffland, Bill Cole and I met with Commissioners John Ostlund and Mark Morse, and Kevan Bryan to discuss the legislative session, budgets and the jail.
2. **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Review and Adoption** - the Budget & Finance Committee have reviewed most of the public safety and public works budgets. They will continue working through the budget on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. City Council Budget Work Sessions begin Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and continue Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. For the breakdown of each work session see the attached schedule.
3. **Legislative Committee** – with only 8 days left in the legislative session, work is winding down. Their next meeting will be May 10. We continue to keep our eyes on legislation affecting land use, elections, tax increment financing and the budget. In the final days most of the decisions are being made in meetings or on the floor without direct access by the public. Therefore, we need to rely on conversations by phone, texts, emails and in the hallways.
4. **Eagle Seeker Grand Opening** – Please see that attached invitation and flyer and plan to attend the grand opening of the Eagle Seeker Community Center on May 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> at 1125 Broadwater Ave.
5. **Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
  - a. Council Operations Committee, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm City Hall Conference Room
  - b. North Park Task Force, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm North Park Community Center
6. **From the PIO Desk:**

Important notice: Houser v. The City of Billings settlement

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2472>

Billings Fire & Public Works highlight City's STEM careers at Lewis & Clark Middle School

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofBillings/posts/pfbid0qS2Ssjk8w8u1rKBdPP5rZSxEjFymkijwZ4qq8zd597krG6ty9mqKvZjoC3BK9UV93I>

### Franchise Fee

Billings Utility Payers Can Get Rebates

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Notification error forces costly do-over in Billings utility fee lawsuit settlement

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/notification-error-forces-costly-do-over-in-billings-utility-fee-lawsuit-settlement/article\\_86fda0b8-e471-11ed-bba4-dba0d7d23d9e.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/notification-error-forces-costly-do-over-in-billings-utility-fee-lawsuit-settlement/article_86fda0b8-e471-11ed-bba4-dba0d7d23d9e.html)

### BIL

Billings Logan opens food court, second concourse set to open in 2024

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-logan-opens-food-court-second-terminal-set-to-open-in-2024>

## **Council**

Billings City Council to vote on action plan for affordable housing federal grant dollars

[https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-city-council-to-vote-on-action-plan-for-affordable-housing-federal-grant-dollars/article\\_76e04dce-e292-11ed-94af-8b2ba130f842.html](https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-city-council-to-vote-on-action-plan-for-affordable-housing-federal-grant-dollars/article_76e04dce-e292-11ed-94af-8b2ba130f842.html)

Billings City Council wants to study jail issue with commissioners

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-city-council-wants-to-study-jail-issue-with-commissioners>

Better Off In Billings panel: Obstacles to bettering the city

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/local-news-2/better-off-in-billings-panel-obstacles-to-bettering-the-city/>

## **BPD**

Billings police chief addresses increase in certain crimes

<https://www.ypradio.org/crime-courts/2023-04-21/billings-police-chief-addresses-increase-in-certain-crimes>

Federal charges follow fentanyl seized at Billings short-term rentals

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/federal-charges-follow-fentanyl-seized-at-billings-short-term-rentals/article\\_48c2a746-e145-11ed-bb28-d365e6f23d9d.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/federal-charges-follow-fentanyl-seized-at-billings-short-term-rentals/article_48c2a746-e145-11ed-bb28-d365e6f23d9d.html)

Billings real estate agent startled by squatter encounter

[https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-real-estate-agent-startled-by-a-squatter-encounter/article\\_fba54382-e3c5-11ed-8710-c372ba4a3d32.html](https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-real-estate-agent-startled-by-a-squatter-encounter/article_fba54382-e3c5-11ed-8710-c372ba4a3d32.html)

## **BFD**

New Billings Emergency Response Teams save lives, resources and money

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/new-billings-emergency-response-teams-save-lives-resources-and-money/article\\_289094fc-e059-11ed-a44e-477726149c5a.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/new-billings-emergency-response-teams-save-lives-resources-and-money/article_289094fc-e059-11ed-a44e-477726149c5a.html)

## **In other news...**

Eleven suspects charged, one dead after major drug trafficking bust

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## **FY24 Budget Work Session Schedule**

### **May 1, 2023 – WORK SESSION – BUDGET ONLY**

1. BBWA Agreement (Debi)
2. Budget Overview (Andy)
3. General Fund Budget Overview (Andy)
4. Tax Increment Districts:
  - a. East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD)
  - b. South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District (SBBURD)
  - c. Downtown TIF District
5. Downtown Billings Improvement District (BID)
6. Legislative Sessions Update
7. Council Discussion
8. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

### **May 9, 2023, TUESDAY – (*SPECIAL WORK SESSION*) – BUDGET ONLY**

1. Budget Presentations – Public Safety
  - a. Police
  - b. Fire
  - c. Legal
  - d. Municipal Court
2. Legislative Sessions Update
3. Council Discussion
4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

### **May 15, 2023 – WORK SESSION – BUDGET ONLY**

1. Non-General Fund Budget Presentations
  - a. Facilities
  - b. Aviation/Transit
  - c. Public Works
2. Solid Waste Rates
3. Council Discussion
4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

### **May 16, 2023, TUESDAY – (*SPECIAL WORK SESSION*) - BUDGET ONLY**

1. Parks, Recreation and Public Lands
2. Building
3. Planning / Code Enforcement / Community Development
4. Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID)
5. Council Discussion
6. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda



# EAGLE SEEKER COMMUNITY CENTER



**Saturday,  
May 6th**

*All My Relations*  
**5K Run & 1-Mile Walk**

9:00am

@ Swords Park  
Billings, MT

## GRAND OPENING *and* BUILDING DEDICATION

Join us for the grand opening and dedication of the Eagle Seeker Community Center, named in honor of NADC CEO Leonard Smith Jr. Together, we will celebrate NADC's 25 years of service, and share our vision for becoming Billings' first full-service Urban Indian health, wellness and community development campus.



1125 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT 59102

### Friday, May 12th

- 9:00am Grand Opening Ceremonies
- Food Trucks
- 12:30pm Youth Dance Exhibition
- 1:00pm-5:00pm Health Fair
- 6:00pm TBA Evening Entertainment

### Saturday, May 13th

- 10:00am Triia Art Market
- 4:30pm Community Feed
- 6:00pm Round Dance featuring ALLSZN & Guests

Join us to celebrate

*All My Relations*

Contact us:

[adminsupport@nadc-nabn.org](mailto:adminsupport@nadc-nabn.org)





April 2023

With great excitement, we are announcing the grand opening of the Eagle Seeker Community Center on May 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings, MT 59102.

To commemorate this occasion, we have organized a two-day grand opening celebration at the community center location. All the guests are invited to join us for a community health fair and a performance by ALLSZN following the grand opening ceremonies.

We would like to invite you to continue the celebration on May 13, 2023, at 10:00 am for the Triia Art Market, followed by a community feed and concluding the celebrations with a Community Round Dance to share our success, stories, and happiness.

Agenda:

Friday, May 12, 2023		Saturday, May 13, 2023	
8:00a	Red Sand Project - Filling Sidewalk Cracks with Sand	10:00a - 4:00p	Triia Art Market
9:00a	Grand Opening Ceremonies & Speeches	4:30p	Community Feed
12:30p	Food Trucks & Youth Dance Exhibition		
1:00p - 5:00p	Health Fair & Covid Testing/Vaccines	6:00p	Round Dance featuring ALLSZNS
6:00p - 8:00p	Evening Entertainment		

(Due to conflict with the Montana Women's Run on May 13<sup>th</sup>, the All My Relations 5K will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00a Race Registration <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Billings/AllMyRelations5KRun1MileWalk>)

Details:

Venue: 1125 Broadwater Avenue

Dates: May 12-13, 2023

Your presence and good wishes will encourage us to continually strive for success as we work to provide an inspiring and welcoming space for the community.

Sincerely,

Leonard Smith Jr.

Chief Executive Officer

Native American Development Corporation