

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

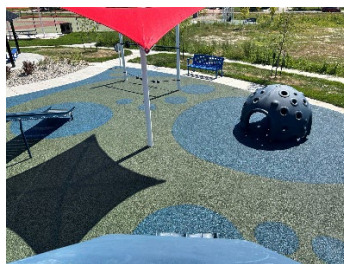
July 18, 2025

- 1. Wilson Park** – We are pivoting our approach to meet the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) conversion requirements by using property owned by the City's Water Department. Specifically, we are evaluating several acres near the west end reservoir, adjacent to the Shiloh Conservation Area, which we believe satisfy LWCF's criteria. Our next steps include confirming this proposed substitution with LWCF and ensuring the land values are equivalent. The LWCF restrictions on Wilson Park cannot be lifted until a replacement parcel of equal value is formally encumbered for outdoor recreational use.
- 2. Wholesale Water Rates** – We had a productive meeting with Phillips 66 and PAR Montana, during which we reached a conceptual agreement on our rate approach moving forward. A rate recommendation for FY26 will be presented to the City Council in August, with an effective date of July 1, 2025. The FY27 wholesale rates will be based on data currently being collected and analyzed over the coming months, and those rates will be set during calendar year 2026. We have also answered all requests for information and have a follow-up meeting with Lockwood scheduled for 7/31.
- 3. County Attorney** – County Attorney Twito and I met to discuss a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that would authorize City code enforcement officers to assist in enforcing public health violations. We also discussed collaboration on issues related to the Northern Lights Family Justice Center, the jail, and the short-term hold facility.
- 4. Parks** – PRPL was highlighted in a recent episode of Community7's Our Montana program. Jake Milliron, Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator, covered a range of PRPL programs and services to give the community more insight into the department. The discussion covers the department's presence across Billings and the range of programming across all ages and program types. There is also a highlight of summer programs and events, including Rec2U.

<https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/comm7tv/video/6866c4591b8239a8811d8ece?page=HOME> – link to interview (attached are the information slides)

Amend Recreation Center - Weekly Update attached.

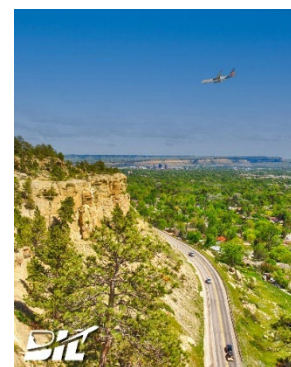
Fall Protection was installed at Poly Vista Park.



North Park courts resurfacing project is complete. Fence work starts the week of July 21st.



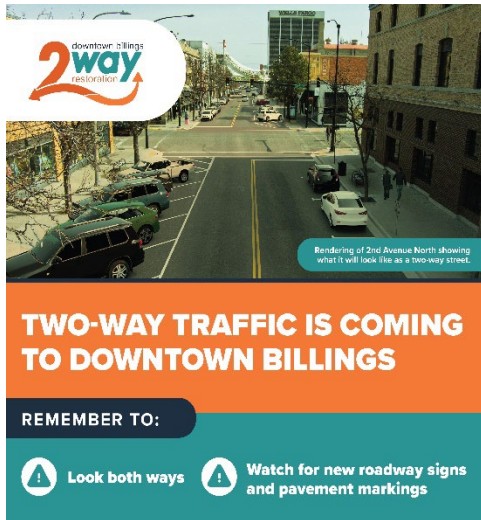
5. **Airport News** - Billings Logan International Airport Soars to No. 7 for Stress-Free Travel – Billings, MT – Move over, big city airports BIL just proved that less chaos and more charm is the way to fly! According to Travel + Leisure’s 2025 World’s Best Awards, BIL has been crowned the No. 7 domestic airport in the U.S. for delivering a stress-free experience that travelers look forward to when they fly. (See attached press release.)



6. **Library News** – Innovative Fix from the CO+LAB Saves Library \$500. When a plastic thermostat cover at the library broke recently, we discovered that the specific piece is no longer in production. The only option was to purchase an entire refurbished unit at a cost of over \$500. Instead, our CO+LAB summer staff member, Ethan, used his skills in 3D design and the makerspace’s fabrication tools to recreate the exact part using one of CO+LAB’s 3D printers. His custom-made solution restored the thermostat, avoided costly replacement, and provided a sustainable model for similar repairs in the future. (See attached Big Machine Petting Zoo Press Release.)



7. Public Works News – Downtown 2-way Project Construction Update



- What's done - Chip seal was placed and swept on 2nd Avenue North, 3rd Avenue North, North Broadway, North 29th Street, North 30th Street and is progressing on the remaining North-South Streets this week. Park 1 is open for free parking while areas are being sealed.
- What's left - Fog seal (the black coating) will be placed over the chip seal this weekend and should be completed early next week, allowing on-street parking.
- All streets continue to operate historically until the week of July 28, where streets will be converted to two-way over about a week.
- Media notices and press releases continue with the Gazette, radio, social media, and direct business contact.

8. **2025 Council Meeting Schedule** – Please review the attached draft agendas and provide any feedback regarding the order of business, modification of agenda items, or other changes to the consent or regular agendas. City code requires a specific order of business as it relates to certain items on meeting agendas, e.g., placement of public hearings first on the regular agenda, so your feedback will be incorporated with those code requirements in mind. ([BMCC 2-214](#)) Work session agendas are more flexible and can also easily be modified by the mayor with the consensus of Council during those informal meetings.

9. Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces

- a. Heights Task Force, Tuesday, July 22nd 7:00 PM, Oasis Water Park, 943 Aronson.



Parks, Recreation & Public Lands

Jake Milliron

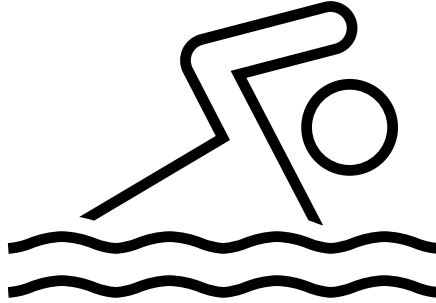
**Community Outreach &
Engagement Coordinator**

Billings
PARKS
AND RECREATION

Parks, Recreation & Public Lands



- **100+ parks**
- **40 playgrounds**
- **23 buildings & shelters**
- **29 restrooms**



- **2 outdoor pools**
- **2 wading pools**
- **5 spray grounds**



- **46 miles of paved trails, add'l soft trails**
- **10,000+ trees**
- **Mountview Cemetery**
- **Skate Park**
- **Community garden**



What's New?

Sacajawea Playground



Centennial
Dog Park



Skyline Trail



Recreation Programs

- Youth Sports
 - Youth Camps
 - Special Interest
 - Adaptive Recreation
- Adult Sports
 - Adult Educational
 - Adult Fitness Classes



Rec2U

- **FREE Program for all ages**
- **Every corner of the City:**
 - Monday – Heights
 - Tuesday – Southside
 - Wednesday – Midtown
 - Thursday – West End
 - Friday – Pioneer (10-12)

10-11:30 AM

1-2:30 PM

Through August 22nd

- **Sports**
- **Games**
- **Activities & Crafts**



Regular Summer Events

- Symphony in the Park – 6/29
- Shakespeare in the Park – 7/8 & 7/9
- Movies in the Park
- Parade of Gardens – 8/2
- Dog Days of Summer – 8/31



Community Gardens

Magic City Community Gardens

- *Amend – Southside*
- *St. Andrew – West End*
- *Songbird – Josephine Crossing*
- *People's Garden – MetraPark*



Parade of Gardens – 8/2

Gardener's Market – Thursdays



Volunteer Programs

- **Public Programs**
 - Arbor Day
 - Refresh the Rims
 - Saluting Branches
- **Recreation Programs**
- **Senior Center**
- **Mountview Cemetery**
- **Interest Groups**
- **Youth Volunteer Corps**



3,564 Volunteer Hours in 2024

Approximately 1.7 FTE



New Program – Adoption

- Adopt a park or trail with your group/organization
- Quarterly cleanup events
- Maintenance projects
- Communication w/ our staff



- Early adopters: Disc Golf Billings, Phillips 66, Pedal United, Scout Troop 27, Friends of Boothill Cemetery, Billings Skate Park Committee, West High – Unique Bears



New Program for Youth

- Service-learning for ages 11-18
- Supporting our recreation programs
- Future growth opportunities
- Supported by AmeriCorps Member



Contact us!



Billings Parks & Recreation



BillingsParksRec



www.BillingsParks.org



Amend Recreation Center: Weekly Update

7/18/2025

VP-Eastern District:	Jason Hubbard	jhub@langlas.com
Project Manager:	Rachel Guisti	rachelb@langlas.com
SR. Project Superintendent:	Lane Huffman	lhuffman@langlas.com
Field Engineer:	Si Ryan	sir@langlas.com

Progress Summary: Week of July 14th

- Langlas:
 - Layout of Footings & Walls for Rebar Placement
 - Schedule: 1st part of the building arrives on August 11th.
 - Quality Control & City/Special Inspections
- Billings Concrete:
 - Forming Footings- Administration Area
 - Tie Rebar- Special Inspections for Rebar & Ufer Ground
 - Pour- Administration Area Footings
 - Strip Footings & Layout for Walls



Terracon:

Special Inspections of Rebar, Ufer Ground & Concrete Testing

2685 Gabel Road Billings, MT 59102 P 406.656.0629 F 406.656.1088
4555 Valley Commons Drive Bozeman, MT 59718 P 406.585.3420 F 406.585.4110
4852 Kendrick Place Missoula MT, 59808.P 406.215.1356 F 406.926.2005
101 E. Park Street Butte, MT 59701 P 406.490.2824

Schedule: Upcoming week of July 21st

- Langlas:
 - Rebar Delivery-July 22nd for the West Side of the Gym Area
 - Footing-Layout
 - Foundation- Layout
 - Block outs- Plumbing & Electrical in the Foundation Walls
 - City/Special Inspections
 - Concrete Footing & Foundation Pours
- Billings Concrete:
 - Forming Footings
 - Forming Foundation Walls
 - Tieing Rebar
 - Pour Concrete



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 14, 2025

Billings Logan International Airport Soars to No. 7 for Stress-Free Travel

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Why BIL Is Flying High

Let's face it — nobody dreams of sprinting through endless terminals or deciphering cryptic signage. At BIL, we focus on keeping things simple, user friendly, and — dare we say — enjoyable. Here's what sets us apart:

- **Short lines** – Our security lines are so short, you'll barely have time to finish your coffee.
- **Easy navigation** – You won't need a map, a compass, or a sherpa to find your gate.
- **Montana hospitality** – Our staff is genuinely warm and welcoming.
- **Scenic views** – We have stunning airport art plus you've got the Beartooth Mountains out the window!
- **Stress-free parking** – No circling the lot for hours.
- **Local flavors and shopping** – Grab a gourmet burger at Stacked, A Montana Grill, a hearty breakfast at Logan's Diner, or a classic Cinnabon for your sweet tooth. Enjoy Montana craft brews at Skyward Brews, and browse local gifts that let you take a piece of Big Sky Country with you.

A Word from Our Director

Jeff Roach, our Director of Aviation and Transit, couldn't be prouder of the team that makes BIL soar, *"I am very proud of the hard work that the BIL Team does to provide an outstanding passenger experience every day. Their professionalism ensures our customers and stakeholders enjoy a safe, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing airport environment."*



The Secret's Out

Travelers have spoken, Billings Logan International is the place to be if you want your journey to start and end on a high note. Whether you're a frequent flyer or just passing through, we're here to make sure your airport experience is the least stressful part of your trip – as it should be! We look forward to hosting you at BIL soon.

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Travel + Leisure original article, "World's Best Awards 2025: Domestic Airports" -
www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best-awards-2025-domestic-airports-11751676



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BIG MACHINE PETTING ZOO COMES TO BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY PARKING LOT

Billings, MT – July 11, 2025

510 N Broadway
Billings, MT 59101
P 406.657.8258

Get ready to experience a unique and exciting event at the Billings Public Library parking lot on Saturday, July 19th from 10am to Noon. Our 3rd annual Big Machine Petting Zoo is coming to town, giving attendees the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of heavy machinery.

This one-of-a-kind petting zoo is not your typical animal-filled attraction. Instead, it features emergency, construction, and city vehicles for visitors to touch and view. From fire trucks to tow trucks, attendees will have the chance to learn about these impressive machines from their operators.

The event is open to all ages and is sure to be a hit with both young and old. The Library parking lot will be closed for parking from 6pm Friday July 18th onwards to make room for the trucks. On street parking is free on Saturdays but may be impacted by downtown road construction.

Don't miss out on this exciting and educational event. This is a free event and no tickets are required. So bring your family and friends and get ready to explore the world of heavy machinery like never before. See you there!

For more information, please call Billings Public Library at 406-657-8256.

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UPCOMING DRAFT AGENDAS FOR COUNCIL / LEADERSHIP

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Thank you for your feedback!

July 21, 2025– WORK SESSION

1. Montana's 69th Legislative Session Wrap-Up Presentation (Jessica Fust/Amy and Brad)
2. Urban Renewal District Legislative and Operational Modifications

July 28, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. BID AWARD: Big Ditch Trail Extension
2. BID AWARD: WO 26-03: Contract 1, City Overlay
3. 2025 -2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police (not submitted)
4. Purchase of John Deere Excavator
5. Prof. Services Contract for W.O. 25-24 Safe Streets for All 2023
6. Final Plat, Nalkuk Sub.
7. Resolution of Intent to Create Downtown Business Improvement District 1
8. Second/Final Rdg ORD amending Section 24-601, BMCC parking of bicycle
9. Second/Final Rdg ORD amending Section 22-408, BMCC right-of-way obstructions

REGULAR:

2. EBURD TIF Assistance - 1617 1st Avenue North - Montana Tire

August 4, 2025– WORK SESSION

1. Big Sky Senior Services – Adult Resource Alliance (Erika Purington)
2. SBBURD Expansion Analysis Update???
3. Disaster Policy/Update - Derek Yeager
4. Kennedy's initiative - Litter on South Billings Blvd. and Frontage Road

August 11, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Boards and Commissions
2. Bid Award: W.O. 25-07, Landfill Gas Collection System Lift Two
3. Donation for Skyline Shade Structure

REGULAR:

August 18, 2025– WORK SESSION

1. Public Art Policy

August 25, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- 1.

REGULAR:

2. PH and RES Setting Annual Levies for Fiscal Year 2025
3. PH and RES Setting PMD Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026
4. PH and RES Road Maintenance District No. 6

September 2, 2025 (Tues.) – WORK SESSION

September 8, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Airport Consultant Selection - RFP

REGULAR:

September 15, 2025– WORK SESSION

Executive Session 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

1. Snow Plowing Update

September 22, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- 1.

REGULAR:

1. Resolution to renew Citizens Police Advisory Committee (Regular Agenda Item)

October 6, 2025– WORK SESSION

October 13, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

2. RES Establishing a Procedure for the Disposition of Unclaimed Property (Not submitted into routing in AQ)

3.

October 20, 2025– WORK SESSION

October 27, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. [*Council Meeting Schedule for December](#)

REGULAR:

November 3, 2025– WORK SESSION

November 10, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Beartooth RC&D MOU

REGULAR:

November 17, 2025– WORK SESSION

November 24, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

December 1, 2025– WORK SESSION

Executive Session 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

December 8, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

December 15, 2025– WORK SESSION

December 22, 2025 **REGULAR BUSINESS**

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

DRAFT

CLERK'S NOTES

*Annual Items shown in Blue

January (First Work Session) after an election: Swearing in of new Councilmembers and Nominations and Elections of Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore

January: Amend Park Development Council Proposed Budget

January: Beartooth RC&D MOU

February or March: Legislative Updates (ODD years only)

March: Budget Calendar

March: Council Priorities

September: City Administrator's Annual Review

October: TRP, ERP and CIP

October: Council Holiday Schedule for December

November (First Regular Business Meeting) after an election: Nominations and Elections of Deputy Mayor