

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

October 31, 2025

- 1. ICMA Conference** – Kevin and I attended the International City/County Managers Association Conference this week. I participated in the following:
  - a. Building High Performance Board-Manager Relations. (1/2 day)
  - b. The top 5 Tenets of Building High Performance Government (1/2 day)
  - c. We've Got to Stop Meeting Like This! Keys to Revitalizing Your Official Public Meetings (1/2 day)
  - d. Keynote – Arthur Brooks, Love Your Enemies
  - e. One City, One Mission: Advancing Homeless Solutions Through Unity
  - f. Designing Effective Orientation & Onboarding for Newly Elected and Appointed Officials.
  - g. Speed to Response – A Story of Public, Private & Philanthropic Partnership in Supporting Detroit Residential Infrastructure
  - h. Community Leaders in Christ
  - i. Building Collaborative Solutions: Leveraging Municipal Leadership to Tackle Complex Community Challenges
  - j. Strategic Local Leadership – New Zealand author Alicia McKay, Local Legends, How to Make a Difference in Local Government
  - k. Embodied Leadership: Transformational Practices to Maintain Your Leadership Edge and Work-Life Balance
  - l. Post Disaster Resiliency: Bringing Residents and Businesses Back to Communities (Lviv, Ukraine City Council) once I receive the PP with video links, I will share – warning, most attendees were brought to tears and inspired beyond measure at the strength of the human spirit to unite and overcome eval.
  - m. Empowering the Next Generation of Civic Leaders – Lessons from Philadelphia's Emerging Leaders Corps Program.
  - n. Keynote - Peter Kageyama, Loving Where You Live, Building Emotionally Connected Communities.
- 2. Council Operations Committee** – continued to work through BMCC Article 2-200.
- 3. Safety Netting is complete at Dehler Park** - See attached link for story.  
<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/safety-netting-going-down-first-and-third-baseline-is-complete-at-dehler-park>
- 4. Library News** - The attached November newsletter highlights a month full of learning, creativity, and community at Billings Public Library. Highlights include author Chris LaTray for *One Book Billings*, the Team Puzzle Championships, and new maker programs in the CO+LAB. Families can enjoy Storytime, crafts, and Friday Night Fun, while everyone is encouraged to spread kindness through the holiday card and winter item drives. The library also continues to expand access to hands-on learning and engagement with the addition of VR headsets and board games available for checkout.

**5. Park and Recreation Reports** –Please see the attached Amend Recreation Center weekly update and the updated 2025 Project Progress report.

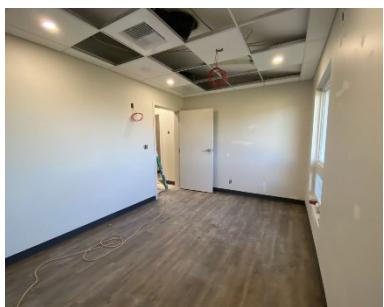


ARC Tour on October 31, 2025

**6. Trunk or Treat at Poly Vista Park October 26, 2025** - Billings Parks & Recreation and Blue Skies Pediatric Therapy returned this fall to host an All-Inclusive Trunk or Treat at Poly Vista Park. Over 650 kids wound through the parking lot full of 38 different decorated trunks and eager community partners. Trunks were hosted by local organizations, non-profits, and colleges most of whom serve youth and adults with disabilities. In addition to Parks & Rec, City of Billings Fire, Police, and MET participated. The all-inclusive event was designed to be ADA-accessible and welcoming to children with autism spectrum disorders (i.e. no jump-scares or flashing lights). Families also enjoyed the new ADA-accessible playground at Poly Vista Park after trick or treating.



**7. Fire Station 5 Interior Remodel Project Update –**



Progress Summary: Week of October 27<sup>th</sup>

- Fire Alarm System approved
- Installed flooring
- Lighting installed in hallway, bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, office, captain's bedroom
- Installed Bathroom fixtures and cabinets
- Sheetrock and insulation installed in new mechanical room

- Lowe's Red Vest Day
  - Painted kitchen, dayroom, office, captain's bedroom

Upcoming week schedule:

- Finishes, doors, and trims



8. **Public Works News** – Lead service lines were installed in some homes before the federal ban on lead pipes in 1986. Some of these service lines remain today and can pose a risk of lead exposure to the occupants. In addition, any galvanized service line that was downstream of a lead service line is considered a potential health risk by the EPA. Any service line that is of unknown composition is considered by the EPA to be at risk for being lead, until it can be verified.

The water that is delivered to Billings residents' homes does not contain lead. However, particles of lead can get into the drinking water as it passes through lead containing pipes. The Public Works Department has removed all city owned portions of lead service lines. We are strongly encouraging homeowners to replace the remaining portion of their lead, or galvanized downstream of lead, service line. We are aware of 94 partial lead services lines, 149 galvanized downstream of lead, and 13 unknown service lines.

The Community Development Division is developing a loan program to assist low-income property owners with replacing lead or galvanized water service lines on their property. These are zero interest, deferred payment loans, that are due and payable in full when the property is sold, rented, or is no longer used as the primary residence of the assisted property owner.

This week, Environmental Affairs sent the annual notification letters to homeowners who have lead, galvanized or unknown service lines (see attached). Included with the letters is a postcard with information about the loan program developed by Community Development (see attached).

9. **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.

**10. Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces**

- a. North Park Task Force, Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, North Park Community Center.
- b. Council Operations Committee, Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM, Rimrock Meeting Room.



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- Website: [www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org)
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- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/](https://www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/)
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### Stop by and join us...

- Lots of making in our CO+LAB programs!
- Socks, Gloves and Hand Warmers Drive!
- Book Clubs, Movies and D&D for all ages!
- OBB Author Talk and Book Launch Party!

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## Special Events

### One Book Billings Author Talk: Chris LaTray

Chris LaTray, author of "Becoming Little Shell: A Landless Indian's Journey Home," is an Anishinaabe/Métis storyteller, a descendent of the Pembina Band of the mighty Red River of the North and a citizen of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His memoir was chosen as the 2025 Great Reads from Great Places Award for the state of Montana, and has collected many other awards. For more information on One Book Billings, please visit our website: <https://www.billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings>

- 1pm, Saturday, November 1, in the Community Room

### Ken Burns', "The American Revolution," Documentary

Premiering November 16, 2025, the 6-part PBS series explores America's founding and the War for Independence, examining it as a "civil war" and "world war" that involved various groups like German soldiers, French and Spanish allies and civilians.

Watch a **Zoom discussion** with Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and their guests, featuring clips.

- 3-4pm, Tuesday, November 19, in the Community Room

See an **overview** of the documentary.

- 2pm, Saturday, November 22, in the Community Room

### Book Launch Party! K.L. Borges & Special Guests

BPL and This House of Books invite you a launch party for debut author K.L. Borges, who has begun a new cozy series with "Murder in the Crazy Mountains: A Montana Animal Rescue Mystery." A wounded dog arrives at a Montana dog rescue, where he is linked to a missing woman. Members of Dog Tag Buddies and Billings Animal Rescue Kare (B.A.R.K) will speak about their animal rescue organizations. Books will be for sale by This House of Books, and light refreshments will be served. Join us!

- 6pm, Wednesday, November 19, in the Community Room

## Arts & Photography

### "Lone Warrior" by Charles M. Russell

Stop by and see our own Charles Russell watercolor, "Lone Warrior."

- November 1-30, Montana Room Digital Display

### Yellowstone Portrait Painters

Watch the artists work in their preferred medium to paint or draw a live model.

- 10am-12:30pm, Saturday, November 8, under the Oculus

## Friday Night Fun!

### Thanksgiving Crafts

Join us for fall crafts including hand turkeys and Thanksgiving books.

- 6-7:30pm, Friday, November 7, in the Community Room

### We're Jammin'!

Families, help turn fresh strawberries, sugar and pectin into warm jam in a countertop jam maker, then taste the results! While the jam cooks, we'll read "Jam and Jelly" by Holly and Nelly. Hands-on, STEM-rich and literacy-friendly!

- 5:30-7:30pm, Friday, November 14, in the Community Room

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Team Puzzle Building Championships

Team Captains register with their names online through our Library Calendar. ONLY ONE PERSON REGISTER FOR EACH TEAM! Teams (limited to 6 people) will each be given a randomly drawn puzzle to assemble; the first team to complete their puzzle wins!

- 5:30-7:30pm, Friday, November 21, in the Community Room

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## in November...

### BPL Film Pass at Art House

Your Library card reserves a movie ticket for 1-2 and can be used all month, **but tickets are held for only one week.**

- ticket pickup at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk

### Crochet and Knit Hour

All ages and skill levels welcome!

- 10-11am, Saturday, November 1, in the Popular Materials Area

### D&D for Grown-ups

Open seats are now available! Email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) for more info.

- noon-4pm, every Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### Memory Café

For adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. To RSVP or for info, call (406) 259-3111.

- 10:30-12:30, Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the Community Room

### "A Few Good Men" Movie

- 5:30pm, Tuesday, November 4, in the Community Room

### United Federation of Trek

A group of Star Trek fans get together!

- 5:30pm, Wednesday, November 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### iHablar Conmigo!

Diverse activities in Spanish! All skill levels.

- 3:30-4:30pm, Thursdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### Qigong & Tai Chi Open Practice

- 5:30pm, Thursdays, in the Community Room

### Elusive Reptiles

Learn about different type of reptiles and their ecosystems. There will be live ones.

- 11-noon, Friday, November 14, in the Community Room

### Senior & Adult Art Group

Join Bonny Beth Luhman from Stickman Studios to create watercolor greeting cards. All supplies are provided. Preregister through the Library's calendar or (406) 657-8255.

Supported in part by a grant from the Montana Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

- 9:30-11:30am, Monday, Nov. 17, in the Community Room

### Walk-In Notary Hour

Limit 1-2 stamps/person. You may make an appointment (406) 247-8691.

- 3-4pm, Saturday, November 15, Study Room 1

### Adult Sensory Story Time

An interactive program designed especially for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

- noon, Tuesday, November 18, in the Community Room

### Grow with Google Class

**Build Better Habits.** Learn basics of Google Forms and Google Sheets.

- 4pm, Tuesday, November 18, in the Computer Classroom

### "The Bridge on the River Kwai" Movie

- 5:15pm, Tuesday, November 18, in the Community Room

### Tagging Buddies

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter makes free engraved ID tags for your animals.

- 4-5pm, Friday, November 21, in the South Lobby

### Creative Writing Group

Practice your craft and meet fellow writers!

- 6pm, Tuesday, November 25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### Cozy Crafts with NAMI

Make cozy crafts to warm our hearts!

- 6-7pm, Tuesday, November 25, in the CO+LAB

### BOOKS & Brews Group

We're discussing "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. Mention the book club at This House of Books and save 20%!

- 12:30-1:30pm, Tuesday, Nov. 18, at This House of Books

### Turning Page BOOK Group

For our current read, email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) or call (406) 657-8290.

- 6:30pm, Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Yellowstone Board Room

### Complicated BOOK Club Discussion Group

Sign up in November; discuss in January. Our next selection is Erich Fromm's seminal work, "Escape from Freedom." Free copies limited to first 20 registrants: <https://billings.librarycalendar.com/event/complicated-book-club-discussion-28818>.

- discussion: Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026

# November

Please visit the Calendar on our website for the most current information.

<b>2</b> <i>The Library Show</i> is on Billings Community Cable TV Channel 7  Please check their website <a href="http://www.comm7tv.com">www.comm7tv.com</a> for our weekly schedule.	<b>3</b> NEW Take & Make Hibernating Bear Craft available starting Nov. 1	<b>4</b> Daycare Story Time 9:15-9:45am Story Time 10am 10:30-12:30 <b>Memory Café</b> 4-5pm <b>Tween Art Club</b> 5:30pm <b>Movie!</b> "A Few Good Men" 6-7pm <b>Mini Makers</b>	<b>5</b> Story Time 10am 4pm <b>Teen Democracy Project</b> 5:30pm <b>Trekkies</b>	<b>6</b> Story Time 10am Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm <b>Qigong &amp; Tai Chi</b> 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b>	<b>7</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm 6-7:30pm <b>Friday Fun</b> Thanksgiving Crafts	<b>8</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 10-12:30 <b>Yellowstone Portrait Painters</b> 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D Game On! 3-4:45pm 3-4:30 <b>Sew Basics</b> 3-4 <b>ASL Social Hour</b>
<b>9</b> Tech Café tech help for adults now offered by appointment  Call 247-8691 or email <a href="mailto:majorc@billingsmt.gov">majorc@billingsmt.gov</a> to make an appointment.	<b>10</b> Chinese Story Time 3:30	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day Library CLOSED</b>	<b>12</b> Story Time 10am 4pm <b>Meeting TAB/ Democracy Project</b>	<b>13</b> Story Time 10am Noon <b>Lib. Board Mtg.</b> Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm <b>Qigong &amp; Tai Chi</b> 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30-11:30 <b>Mini Makers</b> 11-12 <b>Elusive Reptiles</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm Spanish Story Time 4pm 5:30-7:30 <b>Friday Fun</b> We're Jammin'!	<b>15</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> Krafty Kids 2-3pm 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D 3-4:30 <b>Walk-in Notary</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm 3-4:30 <b>Charlie Cart: Potato Play Dough</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30-11:30 <b>Senior &amp; Adult Art Group</b>  <b>Holiday Cheer for Seniors</b> card creation begins today	Daycare Story Time 9:15-9:45am Story Time 10am noon <b>Adult Sensory Story Time</b> 12:30-1:30 <b>Book Club</b> This House of Books 4-5pm <b>Tween Art Club</b> 4pm <b>Class: Google Build Better Habits</b> 6-7:30 <b>Cricut Create</b> 6pm <b>Movie!</b> "Bridge on the River Kwai"	<b>18</b> Story Time 10am Paws to Read 3-4pm 4pm <b>Teen Democracy Project</b> 3-4 <b>Conversation</b> Ken Burns Am Revolution 6 <b>Book Launch Party!</b> K.L. Borges & Guests 6:30pm <b>Turning Page Book Group</b>	<b>20</b> Story Time 10am Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm <b>Qigong &amp; Tai Chi</b> 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b>	<b>21</b> 10:30-12 <b>Create Along</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm 4-5 <b>Tagging Buddies</b> 5:30-7:30 <b>Friday Fun</b> Team Puzzle Building Championships	<b>22</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D 2pm <b>Doc Overview</b> Ken Burns Am Revolution 3-4:30 <b>Audio Record.</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## For Kids, Tweens & Families

Contact the Children's Department by emailing [kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov).

**Please note: We're closed on Tuesday,  
Nov. 11, Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28**

### Take & Make Craft Kit: Hibernating Bear

- available beginning Saturday, Nov. 1, Children's Desk

### Adventures in Story Time

This month's themes: Owls, Food, Farm and Hibernation.

- 10am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 3-6), in the Story Tower
- 10am, Wednesdays (ages 2-3), in the Story Tower

### Books & Babies (ages 0-2)

- Classic: 3:15pm, Thursdays, in the Story Tower
- Music Edition: 10:15am, Saturdays, in the Story Tower

### Daycare Story Time (for toddlers and preschoolers)

A special session of Story Time geared towards daycares.

- 9:15-9:45am, Tuesdays, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Teen Area

### Chinese Story Time! (for preschool & up)

Enjoy stories, songs and more in Chinese. All levels welcome.

- 3:30pm, Monday, November 10, in the Story Tower

### Spanish Story Time! (for preschool & up)

Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish. All levels welcome.

- 4pm, Friday, November 14, in the Story Tower

### Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens (ages 9-12)

Create new projects every week! No pre-registration needed.

- 4-5pm, Tuesdays, in the Children's Craft Corner

### Krafty Kids: Art Club For Kids (ages 6-9)

Get creative with us! No registration unless specifically noted.

- 2pm, Saturdays, November 1 & 15, Children's Craft Corner

### Game On! Games & Legos!

- 3-4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner

### Practice Reading Skills with Dogs

#### Paws to Read with a Therapy Dog

Each child MUST register on the day of the program.

#### Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals

- 1-2pm, Saturday, November 1, in the Story Tower

#### Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals

- 3-4pm, Wednesday, November 19, in the Story Tower

#### No Cat Tales this month.

## Brighten Someone's Holiday

### Send Holiday Cheer to Local Seniors

Kids, teens and adults, send warm holiday wishes to local seniors! Swing by our Bike Library "Post Office." Grab a card, get creative, and help make someone's season a little brighter.

- Nov. 17-Dec. 19, card pick-up at our Bike Library

### Sock, Glove and Hand Warmer Drive

Drop off new socks, gloves or hand warmers. Our locker team will gather these items for the BPL Community Cabinet. THANKS!

- donations accepted through the end of December, put them in any book locker return bin

## Just for TEENS

### Teen Thursdays (registration required)

Hang out, play games, use equipment or try a new featured activity.

- 5:30-7:30pm, Thursdays, in the CO+LAB
  - November 6: Jewelry Making
  - November 13: Grilled Cheese Bar
  - November 20: Cricut Decals

### Democracy Project

Teen-led, nonpartisan program that empowers teens to address community needs through civic engagement.

- 4pm, Wednesdays, Teen Corner

### Teen Advisory Board Meeting/ Democracy Project

This is the monthly meeting for TAB members and Democracy Project participants.

- 4pm, Wednesday, November 12, in the Teen Corner

### Dungeons & Dragons

#### TEEN D&D (ages 13-18) (registration required)

- noon-2pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

#### Tween D&D (ages 10-13) (registration required)

- 2:30-4:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

### ASL Social Hour

Are you interested in meeting people who know or are learning American Sign Language? Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in ASL. This is a way to provide access to ASL and bring people together to create new relationships by sharing stories, playing games and more! All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and D/deaf people are welcome.

- 3-4pm, Saturday, November 8, in the Story Tower

### Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-8pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday Closed

### 24/7 Express Lockers

Downtown, Lockwood  
the Heights and West End!

### Helpful Information

#### Phone numbers (all begin 406-)

Library: 657-8258

CO+LAB: 208-8861

Express Lockers: 281-3628

Bookmobile: 657-3091

Senior/Homebound: 657-8255

Foundation: 237-6149

Friends of the Library: 237-6170

#### Webpage

[www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org)

#### Calendar

[billings.librarycalendar.com](http://billings.librarycalendar.com)

#### Email

[refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov)

#### For Children & Families

##### Preschool Story Time (ages 3-6)

Tuesdays, 10 am

Thursdays, 10am

##### Daycare Story Time

(for toddlers and preschoolers)

Tuesdays, 9:15-9:45am

##### Tiny Tales (ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10am

##### Books & Babies

(ages 0-2 & parent/caregiver)

Thursdays (classic), 3:15pm



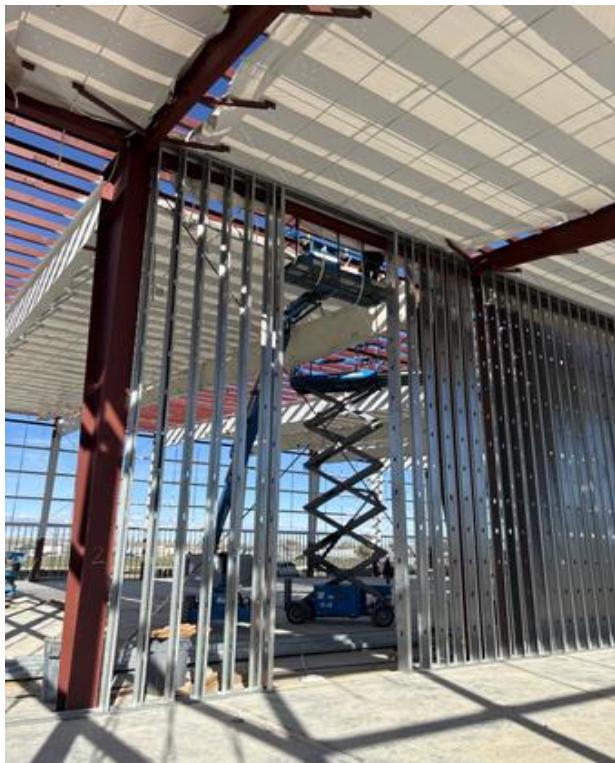
## Amend Recreation Center: Weekly Update

10-31-2025

VP-Eastern District:	Jason Hubbard	<a href="mailto:jhub@langlas.com">jhub@langlas.com</a>
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SR. Project Superintendent:	Lane Huffman	<a href="mailto:lhuffman@langlas.com">lhuffman@langlas.com</a>
Field Engineer:	Si Ryan	<a href="mailto:sir@langlas.com">sir@langlas.com</a>

## Progress Summary: Week of October 27<sup>th</sup>

- Weather: Looking to be nice and cooperative to us forthcoming, no precipitation expected. It is getting colder so temp heat will be getting ready for set up in the upcoming weeks.
- Langlas: Wall lines in the lobby are snapped for framers to begin getting walls installed.
- Weave: Weave has continued to get the parking lot (on the west side) and has began site concrete.
- J & B Erectors: Trusses are UP! Connections between the trusses are being made (the breaks where they were not connected to help for ease of erection).
- Central Electric: Continued work with light poles.
- Silver Peak Framing: Started framing the gym area, finished all that and is working way into the lobby area, starting with the 10" wall.
- NEW: Tench began this week. They worked their way up to the T Tap and then west to the west side of the basketball courts and then continued up between the buildings.
- Painters Inc.: Painted north side of the steel columns.



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 November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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101 E. Park Street Butte, MT 59701 P 406.490.2824

- Langlas: Laying out light poles for electricians. 2 weeks out from getting gas installed and 3 weeks out from rest of panels arriving on site
- Weave: Site concrete will continue and full steam ahead.
- Central Electric: Continue with light poles, will begin to pour them as well if rebar hoops get delivered.
- J & B Erectors: Continued work on the roof connections.
- Painters Inc.: Will start and finish up painting on the south side columns.
- Silver Peak Framing: Finish up the 10" wall and the rest of the lobby.

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# Parks and Recreation Projects

October 28, 2025 Progress Report

Park	Progress Started -----> Project Completed	Status	*Updated information for this week	*Newly added project
*Rose Park North Trail	<div style="width: 80%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for November 12th, 2025	
*Pioneer Park Basketball Court	<div style="width: 70%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Notice to proceed given. Contractor expected to be onsite the week of Oct.27th to begin work.	
*Coulson Park North & South Improvements	<div style="width: 95%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Working on the administrative closeout.	
*Automate Millice Park Irrigation CIP2026	<div style="width: 60%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Notice to proceed given to Good Earth Works. Breaking ground on this project late October.	
*Rose Park Pool Fence Replacement CIP 2026	<div style="width: 40%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Fence materials have arrived. Projected start date last week of October.	
*North Park Court Improvement	<div style="width: 90%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Scheduling bench installation. Divider fence for pickleball courts installed 10/24/27.	
* Lillis Park Senior Challenge Board Signage	<div style="width: 90%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Waiting on sign layout from AARP.	
*Arnold Drain Trail Renovation	<div style="width: 98%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Grant deadline extended to Dec. 31, 2025. Painting expected to be completed the week of 10/27/25.	
*Big Ditch Trail Ext.	<div style="width: 75%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Project is underway. Approximately 8,000SF of concrete has been poured to date.	
*Swords/Rimrock Shade Structure	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Reviewing new proposed location.	
*South and East Shop Roof Repairs CIP2026	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Reviewing estimates	
*Coulson Pump Track	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Track material delivered 10/24/25. Working on MOU between the City of Billings and Pedal United.	
*Skyline Shade Structure	<div style="width: 80%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Addressing questions from permitting. Waiting on engineer.	
*Pioneer Park Bridge Replacement	<div style="width: 10%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Temporarily put on hold.	
*Skate Park Lighting	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e6b2e;"></div>		*Foundation and bases installed. Poles arrive week of November 17th.	
CIP 2026			<b>Completed Projects :</b> Dehler Park Netting Dehler Park Infield Sod	
River Front Trail Resurfacing (400K)				
Stewart Park Playground (400K)				
Various Trails and Sidewalks (100K)				

## Subject: Important Notice – Galvanized Service Line at Your Property

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Our records show that a portion of your service line is made of **galvanized material**, which can absorb lead if ever connected to a lead service line. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) calls these lines "**galvanized requiring replacement**." Your service line is, or was, connected to a lead or unknown service line, which may increase the risk of lead exposure in drinking water. Please read this notice and follow the steps below to help reduce that risk.

### Health Effects of Lead

*Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.*



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## Steps to Reduce Lead in Your Drinking Water

- **Use a certified water filter** labeled for lead removal. Replace the cartridge according to manufacturer directions.
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## Galvanized Service Line Replacement

Replacing galvanized service lines is the best long-term solution. If you plan to replace your portion of the service line, please let us know at (406) 657-8230 or [environmentalaffairs@billingsmt.gov](mailto:environmentalaffairs@billingsmt.gov). Information about potential financial assistance is included with this letter as well.

## Learn More

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Thank you for taking these steps to protect your family's health.

### Cheri Armstrong

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## Subject: Important Notice – Unknown Material Service Line at Your Property

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Our records show that part of your service line is made from **unknown material**. Because we cannot confirm the pipe material, there is a possibility that some or all of it could be made of **lead or galvanized pipe that was once connected to lead**. Homes with a lead or galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line may have a higher risk of exposure to lead in drinking water. Please take a few minutes to read this notice and follow the steps below to reduce potential exposure.

### Identifying Your Service Line Material

The City of Billings is working to verify the material of all water service lines in the community. To determine your service line material, please follow the simple steps at [billingsmtpublicworks.gov/249/Drinking-Water](http://billingsmtpublicworks.gov/249/Drinking-Water) and contact us to update your service line records with the City.

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## Lead Water Line Replacement Assistance Program

**BACKGROUND:** There is no lead in the water delivered to your home. However, particles of lead can get into your drinking water as it passes through lead pipes. The City of Billings' Public Works Department is working toward ensuring all materials in the water system are brought up to modern standards.

**WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?** Water Service lines on private property are the property owner's responsibility. If the water service lines on your property are lead, they should be replaced.

**UNDER CONSIDERATION:** The City of Billings' Community Development Division is considering the development of a program to assist low-income, owner-occupied residential property owners in replacing lead water service lines. Under consideration, is a program to provide zero interest, deferred payment loans, that are due and payable in full when the property is sold, rented, or no longer used as the primary residence of the assisted property owner.

Please scan the QR code below to take a brief survey (2-5 minutes) to share your thoughts and opinions about the City developing a program to provide loans to low-income homeowners to fund lead pipe replacements on their properties.

Scan Me!



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## UPCOMING DRAFT AGENDAS FOR COUNCIL / LEADERSHIP

*Please review the draft agendas below 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.*

*Thank you for your feedback!*

### **November 3, 2025– WORK SESSION**

1. Codify HB231 (2025) Levy Adjustments (Rupsis)
2. TRP
3. CIP

### **November 10, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS Kevin Out**

#### **CONSENT:**

1. Boards and Commissions - Urban Renewal Advisory Boards Appointments
2. Bid Award: Snow Plowing
3. Urban Renewal District Agreements with DBP, BIRDworks, and SBURA
4. Amendment 4 to Automobile Parking Concession
5. Amendment 31 to Agreement for Engineering Services A & T Department
6. Change Order No. 7, W.O. 19-12, West End Reservoir Project: GC/CM Contract
7. Morledge Property Acquisition - Airport
8. Anti Graffiti donation
9. City Hall Christmas tree donation
10. Donations to the BPD
11. Donations to the library
12. In-Kind Donation Acceptance - BSEDA Bicycle Pump Track Coulson Park
13. Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant
14. Final Plat – LJ Wells Subdivision
15. Resolution allocating Council Contingency funds to City Hall Open House
16. Second and Final Reading ORD to Expand SBBURD

#### **REGULAR:**

2. PH – 2026 Budget Amendment
3. Downtown Billings Partnership - Tax Increment Assistance Extension - Old Billings Hardware Building
4. Nomination and Election of Deputy Mayor

### **November 17, 2025– WORK SESSION**

#### **Executive Session 4:00 PM-5:30 PM (Chris Evaluation)**

1. Energy and Conservation Commission (Louis Engels)
2. ERP
3. CIP
4. Proposed Revisions to Article 2-200, BMCC, Mayor and City Council

**November 24, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS** Kevin Out

**CONSENT:**

1. Beartooth RC&D MOU
2. Amendment 6 for W.O. 19-12: West End Project Final Reservoir Design
3. State Highway Traffic Safety DUI Grant for BPD
4. Donation of bike repair station in Coulson Park
5. Exempt Plat - Popelka Commerce Center Subdivision
6. Preliminary Plat – Homestead Acres Subdivision
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Zone Change 1072, Clearwater Estates Lots 1, 4 and 5
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Zone Change 1071, Clearwater Estates Lots 2 and 3

**REGULAR:**

2. PH and RES for Annexation 25-05, Copper Square Sub.
  - a. Annexation Agreement? (not in AQ)
3. PH and 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg ORD Expanding Ward Boundaries (Annexation 25-05)
4. PH and RES for Annexation 25-06, Central Ave. Sub.
  - a. Annexation Agreement?
5. PH and 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg ORD Expanding Ward Boundaries (Annexation 25-06) (not in AQ)
6. PH - Zone Change 1073 –Sunny Cove Fruit Farms, Lot 7-SW Corner Rimrock & 60th St. W (not in AQ)
9. PH - Zone Change 1074 –Barber Farms Subd. (not in AQ)

**December 1, 2025– WORK SESSION**

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

1. Rimrock Road – 30% Design Update (Mac)
2. Stagecoach Trail Update (Mac)
3. Redevelopment Opportunities for 802 Yellowstone
4. Part 1 - Timing of Traffic Study Submittals (Aspenlieder Initiative)
5. Aggressive Traffic and Excessive Noise (Rupsis Initiative)

**December 8, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**CONSENT:**

1. Boards & Commissions Appointments
2. Adoption of TRP, ERP
3. Adoption of CIP
4. RES Establishing a Procedure for the Disposition of Unclaimed Property (Not submitted into routing in AQ)
5. 2<sup>nd</sup>/Final Rdg. ORD - Zone Change 1073 –Sunny Cove Fruit Farms, Lot 7-SW Corner Rimrock & 60th St. W
6. 2<sup>nd</sup>/Final Rdg. ORD - Zone Change 1074 –Barber Farms Subd.

**REGULAR:**

**December 15, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**CONSENT:**

1. Boards & Commissions Appointments – Public Art Committee

**REGULAR:**

**December 22, 2025 – Moved to December 15<sup>th</sup> Per Council Approval 10.27.2025**

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## **CLERK'S NOTES**

\*Annual Items shown in Blue

**January (First Work Session) after an election:** Swearing in of new Councilmembers

**January (First Regular Business Meeting):** 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

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