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Just curious about the cost of the vehicles city is using..wouldn't it be better to replace the engines on some of these vehicles instead of new i feel the council should look into that fire bpd and heavy-duty machines you can't do that with so what if non emergency vehicles have some body damage there not personal

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Wednesday November 19 - 7pm
Mayflower Church

See you there!

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Date: Fri, Nov 14, 2025 at 9:33 AM
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Neighbors,

Here is the link to our November meeting agenda (a pdf file is also attached) [Nov 19 2025 RNTF Agenda](#)

Also attached are the current and proposed bylaws which we will vote on if we have a quorum of voting-eligible members. The primary change in the bylaws is to update the task force area description as the City added the south side of Rimrock Road to our area. We also cleaned up some references to "quarterly" meetings as we are now on a bi-monthly meeting cadence. We clarified bylaw change submission and voting. And we added provision for how we would handle a change in meeting place if that situation were to arise. If you have questions in advance of the meeting about the bylaw changes, please email rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com

You will note on the agenda that there will be a presentation on the Stagecoach Trail. At our last meeting, Trailnet representatives were available for discussion, but we didn't have enough time for a formal presentation, which is why they've been invited back.

Minutes from the September meeting were previously emailed out, but we are including in this email as well.

REMINDER: It you'd like to support anti-hunger efforts in Yellowstone County, we provide an opportunity at our meetings to donate shelf stable, non-expired food items, or financial contributions - see the agenda.

We hope to see you Wednesday evening
Sincerely, your RNTF Board
Holly, Leslie, Kevin and Dave

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Chair, Leslie Cooke
Secretary, Holly Schwarm

Rimrock Neighborhood Task Force
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 7:00pm
Mayflower Church Meeting Room

Board members in attendance, Leslie Cooke - president, Kevin Moser, David Schwarm, Holly Schwarm - secretary

Leslie Cooke welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kevin Moser introduced the candidates for city offices.

*Andrew Lindley - Ward 4

*Amanda Housler - Mayor

*Jennifer Owen - Mayor

*Mike Nelson - Mayor

*Mike Boyette - Mayor

Each had 5 minutes to introduce themselves.

New Business

David Shenton spoke briefly on city codes and subdivision covenants. He stated that due to the covenants in his subdivision being so old and not pertaining to current issues that Gregory Hills rewrote theirs. He is offering to share the rewritten covenants to other subdivisions who are interested in using the modifications as a template to rewrite covenants for their own subdivisions.

Sergeant Gunther of the Billings PD, said that there have been approximately 150 incidents, mostly traffic violations, from within the task force area since March. He then took questions.

Scott Aspenlieder - MDOT Commissioner talked about the Highway 3 Corridor Study. He said that he had just gotten a draft of the results yesterday, with more information next month. The study focused on the area from the airport west past Zimmerman Trail and that there will be a project that comes out of the study. He could not elaborate on the project. However, there is no current city land use plan for the study. Scott also talked about the 3 new school zones in Billings and said the flashing lights are scheduled to be installed in October. He mentioned a big project that is in development for Shiloh to 54th on Rimrock Rd. As well as a master corridor study of Billings, to determine types of corridors and then modifying the area for that specific type of transportation.

Members of Stage Coach Trail were also in attendance and were available for questions, regarding the proposed bike trail, after the meeting.

Mayoral and City Council candidates would also be available for questions after the meeting.

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Next meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00pm Mayflower Church on the corner of Rehberg and Poly

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Mayflower Church Meeting Room (Rehberg & Poly)
Everyone is welcome!

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 - Approval of September minutes - Holly Schwarm, Secretary
 - Votes on Bylaw changes & Vice-Chair position
2. **Presenters**
 - Law Enforcement Update – Sgt. Glenn Gunther - BPD
 - Stagecoach Trail presentation - Ken Ard (City), Jim Nichols (Trailnet)
3. **Old business Updates & Discussion**
 - Discussion of last year's taskforce board's position on Safe Routes to School funding - see page 2 of agenda.
 - Rimrock Corridor Safety Committee update
 - Hwy 3 Corridor Study
4. **New business items to discuss**
 - Recent issues with aircraft noise
 - Sober Living Homes with registered sex offenders in residence
 - Open discussion of City and neighborhood issues
 - Use of Everbridge app for meeting reminders and emergency alerts (if time permits)
4. **Adjournment**

Neighbors helping neighbors:



FOOD DRIVE: We will collect non-expired, non-perishable food items to support neighbors in need. You can designate your donation to either the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools, or Mayflower Church's food program. Financial donations to either organization are also welcome.

- The Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools runs food insecurity programs for students at risk.
- Mayflower Church collects and distributes food helping local families.

**Although we are not affiliated with the Mayflower congregation,
they very graciously allow us the use of their building for our meetings*
THANK YOU MAYFLOWER!



FOR DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 19, 2025

**RNTF Board Position on possible change in funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and Transportation Alternatives:
(as published in the December 2024 RNTF Newsletter)**

At the December 9, 2024 City Council meeting, Ward 4 Council Person Scott Aspenlieder brought up the possibility of shifting "Transportation Alternative funds" (primarily for adding trails) over to Safe Routes to School.

Your Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force board supports this potential change in funding for these reasons:

- **At this time, the City is not in a position to increase funding for parks maintenance. Since new trails would come under City budget after construction, ongoing maintenance of new trails can not be supported financially at the present time.**
- **Safe Routes to School needs a boost. There are many SRTS projects that haven't been built out. These projects are essential for the safety of children in our community. Further, it is our belief that more SRTS projects will be needed as the City grows.**
- **More children utilize sidewalks and crosswalks getting to and from school than use trails. Existing trails are still available for recreational use.**
- **Trail development can continue using private fundraising and grants for both construction and maintenance. Bringing future trails into our City park system can be reconsidered in the future should the economic situation for the City improve.**

RNTF is not anti-trail. However, considering the current economic conditions, we support the prioritization of the safety of children over the expansion of recreational opportunities.



MOVING RIGHT ALONG

In late October, YVAS shared the news that we will not be returning to our former home on Monad. Our operations are currently spread across multiple temporary locations, including our main animal housing space near Lionheart Cannabis and our medical location at 2010 Grand Avenue. Lionheart stepped up at a moment when we urgently needed help and generously provided us with a safe place to land. We are incredibly thankful for their support and partnership during this transition.

Thanks to the dedication of our amazing volunteers, we have fully moved out of the Monad building. Everything from storage sheds to fencing and even the cement paw prints from the Dog Yards has been packed and stored. Their hard work made a very difficult transition possible, and we are grateful beyond words.

While we are making this setup work, the reality is that the current space is not designed for long-term sheltering and cannot fully support the volume and services our community relies on. As we continue to operate in temporary conditions, we are actively searching for a more suitable transitional facility. Our next temporary home will allow us to better sustain operations for the next couple of years while we finish building the permanent shelter our animals deserve.

Leaving Monad was difficult. It held years of lifesaving work and community impact. But even through the challenges, our focus has never wavered. We will keep showing up for the animals and people who count on us and we will keep moving forward until we are home again.



YVAS 18th BINGO BIRTHDAY BASH!

On November 30th, YVAS will proudly celebrate 18 years as a nonprofit. That means 18 years of rescue, compassion, second chances and community. It also means we are officially old enough to gamble... so we're celebrating with BINGO at Bark Park! Join us for a birthday party like no other. There will be a human slot machine, laughter, prizes and yes, dogs are absolutely invited to the festivities. This milestone belongs to our community, and we cannot wait to celebrate with the people and pets who make our lifesaving work possible.

More details are coming soon, so get ready to mark your calendar and party with the shelter that is finally old enough to place a friendly wager.



From all of us (two- and four-legged alike), thank you for standing beside YVAS. Your kindness keeps us moving forward — one tail wag, one purr, and one act of compassion at a time.

Click the following link to make a monetary donation thru our website:

[Donate & Support | Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter](#)

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For more paw-some stories and photos from the shelter, connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

