

**From:** [Janet Eve](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Anti-ICE demonstrations  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 8:07:07 PM

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I am against the anti-ICE demonstrations. I was looking for a way to support ICE and DHS, but was unable to find anything online about support for those professionals helping to clean up a dangerous environment. Please urge the community to support ICE and DHS. And if there are support groups for these, please advise.

Thank you,  
Janet  
[jebstamper1@gmail.com](mailto:jebstamper1@gmail.com)

**From:** [Mason Hart](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Negligent trash pickup  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 6:04:10 PM

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Hello,

My name is Mason Hart, I live at 3222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South here in Billings. I am writing this email out of absolute desperation as I do not know who to contact anymore. I have exhausted all logical channels and frankly at this point the only solution I can see is to overstep the Garbage Collection team and go to someone higher in the city government.

Since the week I moved in (October 2024) Public Works has failed to pick up my trash correctly at the very least 40 different times. I CONTINUOUSLY have to call Thursday afternoon when I get home from work to get on a list to be picked up on Friday.

The last month or so it has turned into my calls being screened and nobody answering them. I only have about 35 minutes on average to get a call in before the Garbage Collection office closes from the time I get home. My calls get screened and unanswered until 5pm when the office closes.

I then need to take time out of my work day to call MULTIPLE TIMES on Friday morning to get on the list to pick up my trash.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. I pay for a service that is not being rendered.

I have been into the office in person to sit down and figure out why my can is not being picked up properly on two separate occasions. I made damn sure I am putting it in the location they expect it to be; I religiously put my can out Wednesday nights to make sure it is on the curb before the truck comes in the morning. The can is well away from any obstructions. Yet it continuously does not get picked up.

Every week I am "reassured" they are noting the issue down and that "it won't happen again". And then it happens again. I have spoken with a supervisor named Brad on multiple occasions, who has also assured me "it won't happen again". And then it happens again.

My house is not new and more than likely is older than Public Works as a whole. There is no reason for my can to be forgotten so regularly and at this point it feels intentional.

Is there anyone that I can be put in contact with that can assist in getting this issue solved for good?

Thank you in advance,  
Mason Hart

**From:** [Alexa Mathis-Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose local PD cooperation with ICE- become a sanctuary city!  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 5:35:10 PM  
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Hi, my name is Alexa and I'm a Billings constituent.

I'm writing to express my outrage about the unjust and unconstitutional ICE occupation of Minneapolis. I urge you to vocally oppose the atrocities being committed by ICE against the people of Minneapolis, and I demand that you take immediate steps to protect our community from an ICE invasion.

I participated in a protest in downtown Billings last night and was pleasantly surprised at how much positive feedback we received. Our tight knit community deserves better than to be terrorized by ICE agents that are ashamed to even show their faces—which I believe is because they know what they are doing is unconstitutional and downright evil. We can (and WILL) do so much better.

If you do not use your position to make positive changes in this community, I will use my powers (and voice) as a voter to support a legislator who will.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alexa Mathis-Johnson (A future D.O. who took an oath to DO NO HARM)  
2603 Copper Blvd, Billings, MT, 59102  
715-370-4870

**Alexa Mathis-Johnson, OMS III**

MCOM Anatomy Fellow

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**From:** [Keehner, Toni](#)  
**To:** [.MayorAndCouncil](#)  
**Cc:** [Yellowstone County News \(legals@yellowstonecountynews.com\)](#); [Tim Harrington](#); [Lindsey Nun](#); [Jonathan](#)  
**Subject:** 2/2/2026 WS Agenda Packet  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 9:20:16 AM

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Good morning,

The only item on Monday nights Work Session agenda is **Local Governance Training - Dan Clark, Local Government Center**. There are no attachments for this item, therefore, no agenda packet.

Thank you,



Toni Keehner  
Deputy City Clerk  
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**From:** [Maddox, Wynnette](#)  
**To:** [.MayorAndCouncil](#); [.Leadership Team](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Burns](#)  
**Subject:** CA Weekly Report  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 4:54:36 PM

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Good evening.

The January 30, 2026, Weekly Report is available at the following link:

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/19257>

Thanks.



*wynnette Maddox*  
Executive Secretary  
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My hours are Monday – Thursday 7 AM – 5 PM

**From:** [McLain, Andrew](#)  
**To:** [Aquirre, Amy](#); [arcmtdutyList@redcross.org](#); [Aspenlieder, Scott](#); [attrogers@billingsgazette.com](#); [Bentz, Kevin](#); [Biggins, Becky](#); [Council](#); [Boyett, Mike](#); [Card, Tanya](#); [Cole, Bill](#); [Dan Paris - SO \(dparis@yellowstonecountymt.gov\)](#); [Denner, Jeremy](#); [Desroches, Kayla](#); [Ekblad, Andy](#); [Fender, Jaime](#); [Fire1](#); [Fire2](#); [Fire3](#); [Fire4](#); [Fire5](#); [Fire6](#); [Fire7](#); [Frank Fritz](#); [Gary Burke](#); [Gazette, Billings \(E-mail\)](#); [Green, Dave](#); [Gudmundson, Clayton](#); [Hallam, Steven](#); [Harper, R D](#); [Haynie, Jessica](#); [Hoeger, Tina](#); [Hofer, Mary](#); [Hoiness, Cassie](#); [Hoppel, Matt](#); [Hunt, Travis](#); [Iffland, Kevin](#); [Jagers, Justin](#); [Kent, Jay](#); [Krivitz, Brian](#); [KTVO \(Jay, David\) \(djay@ktvq.com\)](#); [KTVO \(news@ktvq.com\)](#); [KTVO \(Stepanek, John\) \(jstepanek@ktvq.com\)](#); [KUBL-970 \(newsradio970 @yahoo.com\)](#); [Kukulski, Chris](#); [KULR8 \(news@kulr.com\)](#); [Lennick, Matthew](#); [Lindley, Andrew](#); [Love, Jeff](#); [Lowe, Chris](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Martinez, Priscilla](#); [Michael](#); [Mitchell, Darrek](#); [Morgan, Tyrone](#); [MT News \(Cyphers, Donald\) \(montananews@journalist.com\)](#); [Nelson, Mike](#); [Nicholson, Mark](#); [O'Donnell, Tony](#); [Pitman, Denis](#); [Robertus, Justin](#); [Schauer, Rick](#); [Shaw, Kendra](#); [Swing, BC](#); [Tate, John](#); [Turner Fitzgerald, Lynn](#) ([turnerfitz@aol.com](#)); [Valdez, Pepper](#); [Wakeupmt](#); [Williams, Stephen](#) ATF  
**Subject:** Structure Fire  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 2:26:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [1246 Caroline Street.pdf](#)

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See the attachment for this morning's structure fire.

Andrew McLain  
Assistant Fire Marshal  
Billings Fire Department



BILLINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
**FIRE INVESTIGATION MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE	1/30/2026	TIME	0902 Hours
LOCATION	1246 Caroline Street	SUITE / APT / UNIT	N/A
BUSINESS	N/A		
INCIDENT TYPE	BUILDING FIRE	INCIDENT NUMBER	26-1279

**INCIDENT DESCRIPTION**

The Billings Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 1246 Caroline Street.

Upon arrival, crews found an active fire located in the attached garage of the residence. The garage sustained a total mass fire loss. Additionally, the roof of the residential portion of the home collapsed, resulting in significant heat and smoke damage throughout the living areas.

A full structure fire response was dispatched, consisting of four engine companies, one truck company, one Battalion Chief, one Safety Officer, and one ambulance, for a total of 17 firefighters and EMS personnel. Fire crews brought the fire under control and extinguished it, and responding units were subsequently returned to service.

The probable cause of the fire was determined to be the improper disposal of smoking materials.

No additional information is available at this time.

**COMMENTS, OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED**

*Please keep in mind that a presence of law enforcement doesn't always mean an incident is criminal. Unless advised otherwise in these comments, any questions concerning this investigation should first go through the Fire Prevention Bureau contact listed at the bottom of this form.*

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU INVESTIGATOR		ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL ANDREW MCLAIN	
PHONE	406-657-8424	EMAIL	mclaina@billingsmt.gov

**From:** [Meling, Debi](#)  
**To:** [Deb Lutke](#)  
**Cc:** [Council; Kukulski, Chris](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] cardboard recycle and marijuana taxes  
**Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026 9:51:09 AM  
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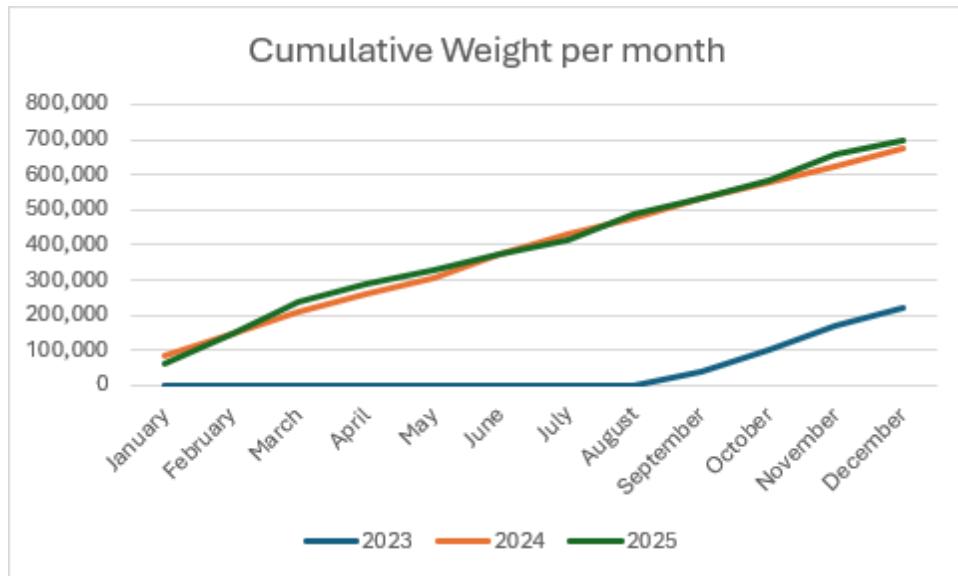
Ms. Lutke,

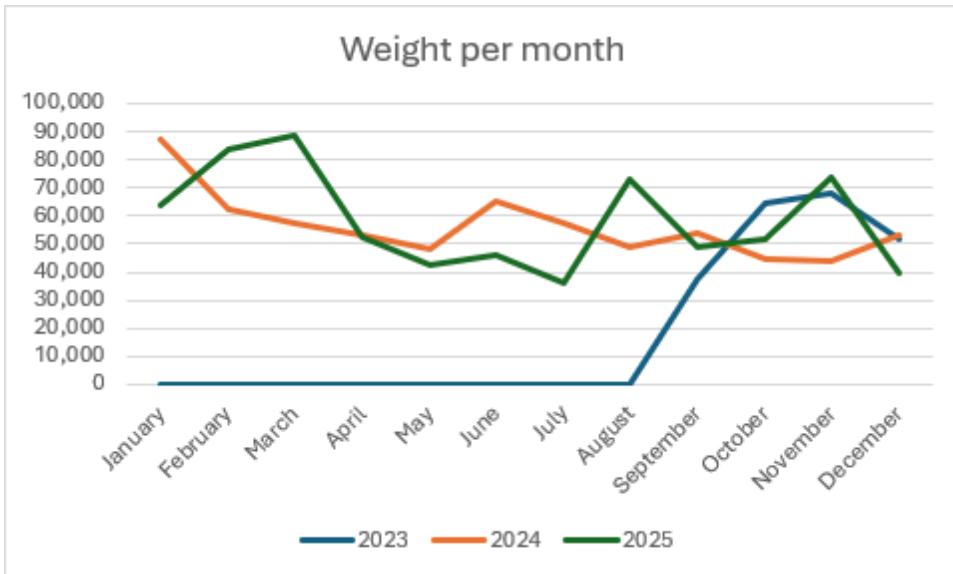
I put two charts below – the first is the cardboard collection since Sept 2023 and it shows cumulative weight by month and by year. As you can see, 2024 and 2025 are quite consistent overall with totals of 674,190 lbs and 700,006 lbs, respectively. The second chart shows the collection by month just to illustrate the differences in each month of each year.

As with all new programs, it takes time for both the user and the operator to get used to it and work out the bugs. We have learned quite a bit over the past two years and now we intend to focus on increasing use of the program. As you may be aware, we are using the Everbridge program to send reminders every week to the residents. We understand that monthly collection is tough to remember sometimes so having the reminder is one step we have taken to help with that issue. As of now, the number of people subscribed to Everbridge is lower than we would like to see so that will be included in our outreach campaign. After several months of increased outreach, we will be presenting data for the program to City Council for a discussion of the cardboard recycling program.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Debi





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**From:** Shaw, Kendra <[shawk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:shawk@billingsmt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 8:56 PM  
**To:** Deb Lutke <[deblutke@gmail.com](mailto:deblutke@gmail.com)>; Council <[council@billingsmt.gov](mailto:council@billingsmt.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] cardboard recycle and marijuana taxes

Dear Debrah,

I can tackle the first one! Marijuana taxes are paid directly to the state, so local governments do not see this revenue—with one exception. The state legislature allowed counties to vote on an **additional 3%** tax that gets split proportionally among all cities in that county, and county government. Thankfully the residents of Yellowstone County voted yes! Using round numbers, I believe Billings' share started around \$400,000/year and may be up to \$550,000-ish/year? I'd need the finance director to confirm, but it's in that ballpark.

City staff and council have put that money into a crime prevention fund that also includes 2

mill approved by voters in the 2021 public safety levy. Those mills were called out on the ballot, and in dozens of public meetings, as earmarked to address community challenges like mental health and substance use disorder.

In the last few years, funding from the safety levy + marijuana tax revenue has supported:

1. Nurse Family Partnerships at Riverstone Health—an evidence-based home-visiting program for vulnerable expectant mothers
2. Northern Lights Family Justice Center
3. Crisis Response Units—pairing fire department EMTs with a mental health professional to respond to relevant first responder calls
4. Helping fund the 72-hour holding facility at Yellowstone Detention Facility. When there's room at the jail, BPD's able to run a program called MAAP (Motivated Addiction Alternative Program) in partnership with Rimrock Foundation. This provides a diversion path from the jail to treatment for those with repeated substance abuse related charges (such as frequent open container violations)

It's incumbent on me as city council member to point out the state receives a whopping 20% tax on all recreational marijuana products. Yet the communities directly impacted by legalization—Billings, for example—receive a fraction of 3%.

Kendra Shaw  
Councilwoman, Ward 1  
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**From:** Deb Lutke <[deblutke@gmail.com](mailto:deblutke@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:29 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@billingsmt.gov](mailto:council@billingsmt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] cardboard recycle and marijuana taxes



Dear Council Members,

Recently KTVQ published an article on the tax amounts the state received from the sale of legalized marijuana. Could you inform the public how this money is divided up and where it is being spent?

Could you inform our City how the cardboard recycling program is doing?

Thank you,  
Debrah Lutke  
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