

From: [Chyrel Garding](#)
To: megan.gib@riverstonehealth.org; [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Introduction to Billings City Council & Behavioral Health Coalition Conversation
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 9:51:43 AM



Hello Megan and City Council members,

I wanted to introduce you to members of the Billings City Council who recently toured Rimrock. We had a wonderful and productive conversation around addiction medicine and the evolving needs of our community.

During the visit, they shared interest in the future of mobile crisis services in Billings, and I suggested they connect with you to continue that dialogue. The Behavioral Health Coalition also came up, and I mentioned I would make an introduction as a way to further the conversation about our city's goals and the coalition's upcoming priorities.

The council members who joined us were:

- Kendra Shaw
- Mark Nicholson
- Roy Neese
- Denis Pitman
- Tony O'Donnell

Thank you again for your time, collaboration, and leadership in future planning for Billings. Rimrock is honored to be part of these important conversations as we work together to achieve the best outcomes for our community.

Warmly,

Chyrel C. Garding

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From: [Samuel Hensler](#)
To: [Fust, Jessica](#); [Friday, Wyeth](#)
Cc: [Samuel Bower](#); [Kyle Huss](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LDP Requirements
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 2:51:25 PM



Wyeth and Jessica,

I'm reaching out to share an observation we've been encountering with increasing frequency in Billings, and to ask for your perspective on how the City might best address it going forward.

Our firm has recently been involved in a number of newly constructed homes that have developed significant performance issues, ultimately resulting in disputes and, in some cases, litigation. A consistent theme across these projects is that the original house plans were prepared by a drafter and approved for construction, despite the designs extending beyond the prescriptive provisions of the IRC (20-ft walls, insufficient braced walls, 4+ ft retaining walls, etc) . In those instances, the plans often include a general note placing responsibility for code compliance on the builder, even where the IRC clearly transitions from prescriptive guidance to requiring design by a Licensed Design Professional (LDP).

When these projects later experience failures, the builder's defense is frequently that the plans were "reviewed and approved by the City," which places homeowners in a difficult position. From what we can tell, this is less an issue of intent and more a gap in identifying, early in the process, when a set of plans exceeds the IRC's prescriptive limits and therefore requires engineered design.

As both designers and forensic investigators, we see the downstream impacts of this gap firsthand. Honestly, it creates a small boon for our forensic cash flow, but it comes at the cost of the homeowners. From a community standpoint, it's particularly frustrating to watch homeowners bear the financial and emotional cost of issues that could likely have been avoided with clearer front-end triggers for professional design involvement. Ideally, everyone benefits when homes are built correctly the first time.

We've taken some steps on our end to help mitigate this — offering educational sessions through the HBA and making ourselves available to contractors with technical questions — but those efforts only reach a portion of the market. It seems that a more consistent mechanism at the plan review or permitting stage to flag when an LDP is required could have a much broader impact.

I'd value your thoughts on whether there are existing tools, checklists, or procedural approaches that could help identify these situations earlier, or whether there's an opportunity to collaboratively develop something that supports both the Planning Department and the local building community.

Thank you for your time, and I'd be happy to talk further if that's helpful.

Best regards,

Samuel Hensler, P.E.
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To: [.MayorAndCouncil](#); [Associated Press](#); [Billings Gazette](#); [Darrell Ehrlick-Daily Montanan](#); [Denise Smith](#); [Iffland, Kevin](#); [jhaynie@khmt.com](#); [Krivitz, Brian](#); [KTVQ](#); [Kukulski, Chris](#); [KULR8](#); [Lennick, Matthew](#); [Mayo, Shawn](#); [NBC Missoula](#); [Northern Broadcasting](#); [Scott Twito](#); [sfredricks@desertmountainbroadcasting.com](#); [St. John, Rich](#); [Town Square Media](#); [Wake Up Montana](#); [Wooley, Brandon](#); [Yellowstone County News](#); [Yellowstone Public Radio](#)
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Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 4:12:29 PM
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Good afternoon,

Attached is a press release and photos for a joint operation conducted last week. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Samantha Puckett

Administrative Lieutenant
Billings Police Department

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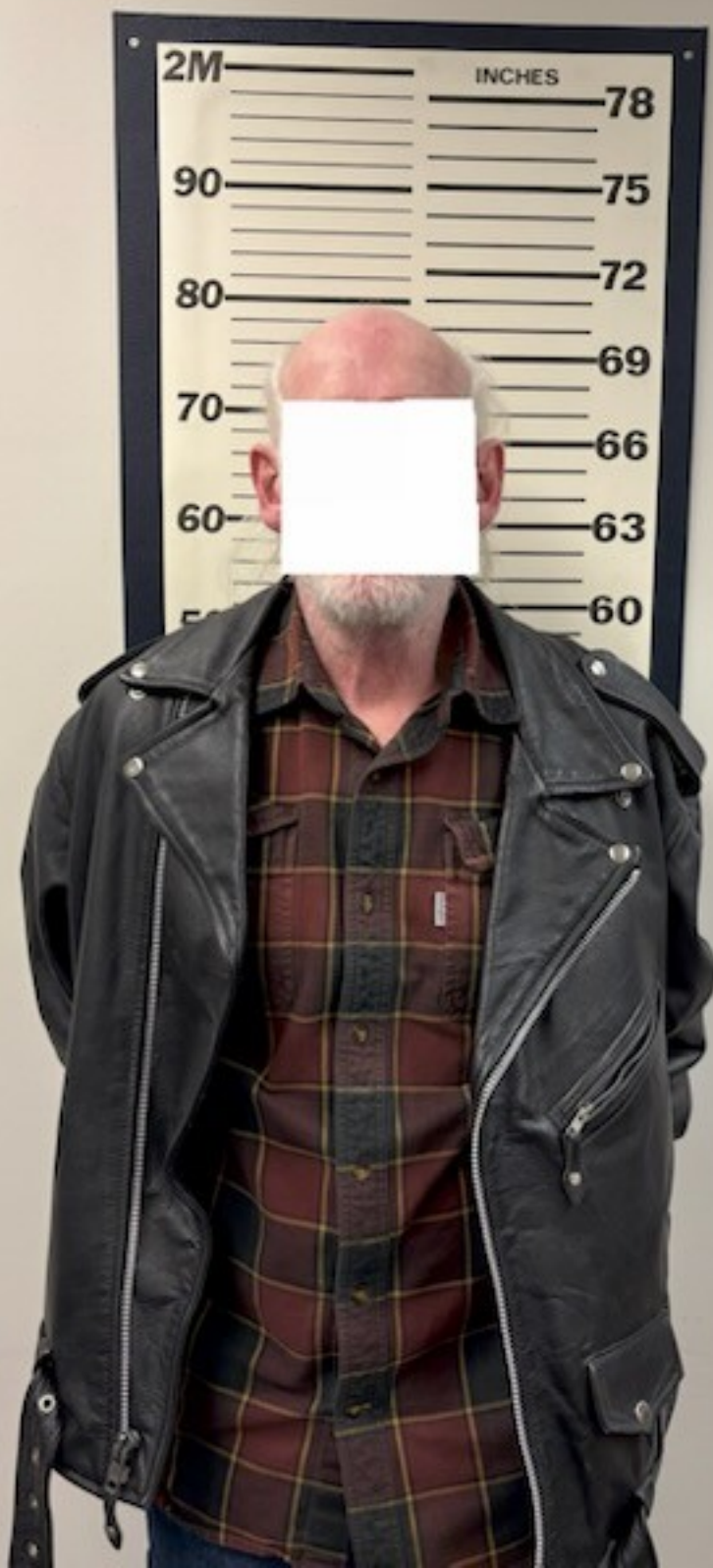
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From: [Bohlman, Denise](#)
To: [Council](#); [Lindsey Nun](#); [Tim Harrington \(timh@comm7tv.com\)](#); [jonathan@yellowstonecountynews.com](#)
Subject: February 9th City Council Regular Business Meeting Agenda
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 4:37:31 PM

Good evening,

Please click on the link below to review the

[February 9, 2026 Agenda Packet](#)

Thank you!

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From: [Meling, Debi](#)
To: [Mason Hart](#)
Cc: [Council](#); [Kukulski, Chris](#)
Subject: RE: Negligent trash pickup
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 12:50:33 PM
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Mr. Hart,

We have a new Solid Waste Superintendent and he is aware of your situation and is going to work with the team to ensure it gets collected. He will also personally check for a while to see that it gets done and send a truck back if it does not so that you don't have to call every time. If you do want to reach out to him, his name is Bret Moore and his number is 406-247-8620. If you prefer email, he is at mooreb@billingsmt.gov.

As you may be aware, the rest of the containers in your area are collected in the alley and your can is the only street side container due to lack of alley access from your home. This relies on the driver having to remember to go back around to collect your container and with over 1,000 containers on that route, he is missing that step. I understand your frustration and am not excusing the lack of collection, I'm just trying to answer your question of why and clarify it is not because of where you are putting it or when.

I apologize for the situation and the frustration it has caused. I know you have heard it before, but with Bret watching closely, it should not happen again. If you have any concerns or if you want to confirm the plan with Bret, please feel free to reach out to him.

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From: Mason Hart <mas.hart@outlook.com>

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 6:04 PM

To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Negligent trash pickup



Hello,

My name is Mason Hart, I live at 3222 3rd 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.

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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

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To: [Meling, Debi](#); [Mason Hart](#)
Cc: [Council](#)
Subject: RE: Negligent trash pickup
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Thank you Debi!



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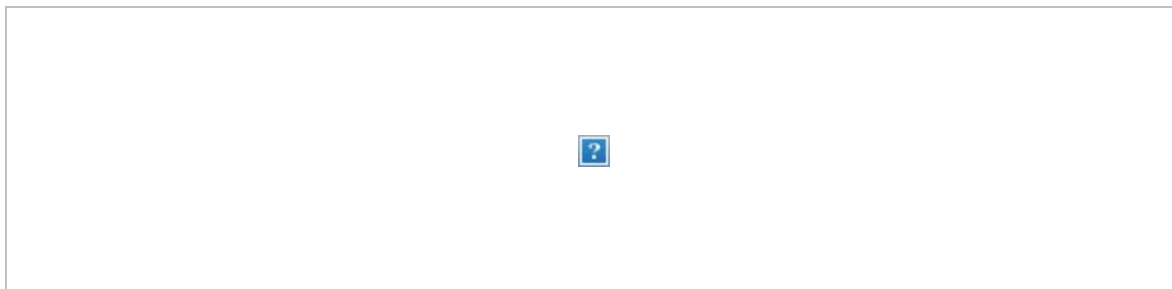
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