

JULY

Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force July 2024 Update



RNTF Picnic - Veteran's Park (13th & Poly) 5:30-ish, July 17

Get to know more of your neighbors at our July Picnic

- Bring the kids ~ Bring the neighbors
- BYOB (bring your own beverage)
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket
- Walking Tacos - food provided
- Open to all RNTF area residents



**During the picnic, we will be accepting food and cash donations for
“The Munch Machine” which will be on-site!**

Recommended Items to Donate: Bring to RNTF July 17 Picnic – Please no glass or expired items. *Donations by cash or check will also be accepted.*

- Peanut butter (small jars)
- Jelly (squeezable small jars)
- Tuna/chicken packs with crackers (not cans)
- Cereal boxes -large or small
- Protein Shakes
- Breakfast/Granola Bars
- Individual Trail Mix Packs
- Easy Mac & Cheese cups
- Hormel shelf stable entrees
- Fruit cups
- Individual pretzel packs
- Dried Fruit
- Instant oatmeal bowls (individual packs)
- GoGo Squeez Fruit & VeggieZ or Yogurtz

For more info on The Munch Machine: <https://www.efbps.org/food-insecurity-programs.html>

Next regular meetings:

Sept 18 & Nov 20, 7pm

Mayflower Church (Rehberg & Poly)

From the Desk of Howard Evans, RNTF Chair

Hi neighbors,

JULY GATHERING - PICNIC: You are all invited to our first social gathering of the year, a picnic! Look for more details in this newsletter.

RIMROCK RD SAFETY SURVEY: The results of the May survey have been tabulated, and a summary which provides a framework for action is included at the end of this newsletter. We are in the process of forming a committee of volunteers to address the Rimrock Road safety issues conveyed in the survey. Thanks volunteers.

MILITARY CAMPUS (RIMTOP): Preliminary work has begun on the Limited Army Air Support Facility (LAASF) on AJ Way. Cut and fill grading is being done to provide the ground profile needed for further construction. Dick Anderson Construction of Great Falls has been awarded the construction bid and will be providing RNTF with periodic updates.

The Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA) has scheduled a zone change request meeting on July 17 at 5:15 pm for the four parcels purchased this spring. MDA has been gracious in scheduling a meeting at 3:30 pm that same day for those who have a conflict with the RNTF picnic. Both meetings will take place in the LAASF hangar at 2122 Hangar Drive.

Have a great and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Howard Evans, RNTF Chair

Yellowstone County Emergency Notifications:

Residents can sign up to be notified about emergencies via [Yellowstone County Informed](#). This includes severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, & evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

Once signed up, you'll receive messages how you specify, such as phone, email, and/or text message.

For info. and to sign up, visit:

For more, and to sign up, visit
<https://www.yellowstonecountymt.gov/des/>



**Questions? contact the
County at (406) 256-2775**

Code Enforcement Corner

Campers and Trailers on City Streets



With camping & construction season in full swing, keep in mind that a bumper pull or 5th wheel camper cannot be parked on a city street in a residential zone, unless it is attached to a vehicle. The same is true for trailers used for deliveries, construction, etc., like enclosed trailers, flatbed trailers, or homemade trailers that do not move under their own power.

When Code Enforcement becomes aware of an unattached trailer or camper, they will place a green 3-day sticker in a plastic baggie and zip tie it to the trailer/camper. They do not affix the green sticker, as they are difficult to remove. The 3-day sticker gives the owner notice and time to remove or properly attach the trailer.

If the trailer/camper is not removed or attached to a vehicle after that notice expires, a parking ticket can be issued and the trailer/camper can be subject to being towed away.



Ever wonder if the pipes bringing City water into your home are made of lead, which is known to cause serious health issues? Now you can know.



Water Service Line Material Viewer Available for Residents

Residents (on City water) can now identify their water service line material with the City's **Water Service Line Material Viewer**



Help a Neighbor



Be thinking about Rimrock area neighbors who may need one-time help for code enforcement issues like weed removal, graffiti removal, snow shoveling, etc.

**Adults, youth, and families are all welcome to participate
Text or call Kevin at 406-690-1718 for help, or if you'd like to volunteer.**



JULY CYBER SECURITY TIP:
Brought to you by Anastasia Edwards
with Big Sky Quantum SHIELD

Should you click that link?

So you got an email that you didn't sign up for, but the deal in the subject line is just too enticing not to just "take a peek".

You won't click on anything, right???

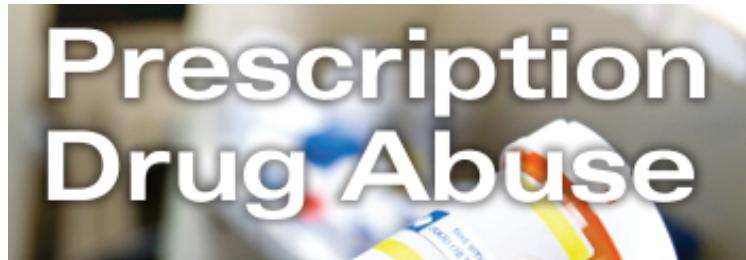
Just open it, read it and close it, and you'll be just fine!

NOT EXACTLY! - Simply opening an email can expose your data!



MONTHLY DRUG CORNER:

Prescription Drug Abuse



This excerpt is from a National Institute of Health report which can be found at: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2833331/>

<https://nida.nih.gov/sites/default/files/rxreportfinalprint.pdf>

Prescription drug abuse is the use of a medication without a prescription, in a way other than as prescribed, or for the experience or feelings elicited.

According to several national surveys, prescription medications, such as those used to treat pain, attention deficit disorders, & anxiety, are being abused at a rate second only to marijuana among illicit drug users.

Although many medications can be abused, the following three classes are most commonly abused:

- Opioids — usually prescribed to treat pain
- Central nervous system (CNS) depressants — used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders
- Stimulants — most often prescribed to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

The report continues with a discussion of the physiological effects of each drug class, and is highly recommended to those concerned about overuse or misuse of prescription drugs.

TURKEYS & TRAFFIC - MAY 2024 MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Members - below are the results of the questionnaire we put out in May. Turkey issues have been escalated. Results of the survey show which safety improvement areas our members are concerned about. Thank you to those who took the time to respond. In addition to the issues identified, your verbatims are also extremely helpful. Any questions on the survey, please email rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com

Summary - Rimrock Road Safety Questionnaire

Turkeys (as they relate to traffic)

- about 1/4 of responses indicated a problem with turkeys. And in many verbatims, traffic safety was part of the concern (turkeys blocking traffic; turkeys on Zimmerman Trail, etc)

Traffic Safety - Rimrock

These are the top 3 Rimrock Rd safety topics that are higher priority to members who responded. Not surprisingly, they are topics the board has already discussed with the City..

- Add a green left hand turn arrow/signal on southbound Zimmerman Trail at Rimrock Rd. 80.4% rate this as HIGH or MEDIUM priority
- Add a traffic signal and cross walk at the intersection of Rimrock Rd and Rehberg Lane. 80.4% rate this as HIGH or MEDIUM priority
- Safety improvements to make navigating the intersection of Rimrock & N 27th safer. 77.8% rate this as HIGH or MEDIUM priority

These are the next level of priorities, both had high % of HIGH/MEDIUM combined, but more MEDIUM than HIGH.

- Add a school zone with flashing lights and reduced speed limit on Rimrock Rd above Arrowhead School. 73.9% rate this as HIGH or MEDIUM priority
- Add crossing light to existing crosswalk at intersection of Rimrock Rd and Beartooth (similar to what exists at Rimrock & Arvin). 73.3% rate this as HIGH or MEDIUM priority.

These are lower level priorities with few rating them HIGH or MEDIUM.

- Allow on-street parking along Rimrock Rd. to slow traffic. (traffic calming) We included this in the questionnaire because Mayor Cole has brought this up at least twice when he's attended RNTF meetings. 29.5% rated this as HIGH or MEDIUM. 47.7% rated as NOT NEEDED.
- Remove bike lanes from Rimrock Rd and divert cyclists to Poly where there are lower traffic loads and wider bike lanes. 45.5% rated this as HIGH or MEDIUM. 34.1% rated as NOT NEEDED.



City Council Corner -

Our Task Force area includes parts of both Ward 4 & Ward 1.

To determine your Ward, see the Ward Map on the City's website:

<https://mt-billings3.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/49070/Ward-Map-4-2022>

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Upcoming City Council meetings are posted on the City website:

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/calendar.aspx>



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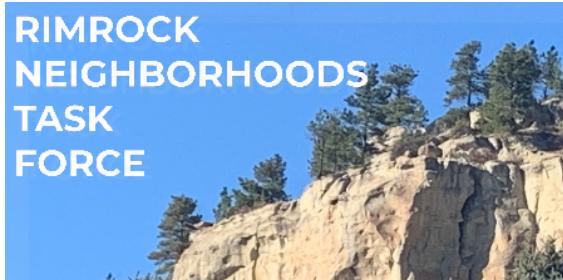


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Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force does not politically endorse any current office holder or candidate.

We extend an open invitation for attendance and participation in our task force meetings to all elected officials and candidates.

We appreciate all those who attend and help escalate neighborhood issues.



In addition to Task Force meetings, you can connect with Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force through email and social media:



- Follow Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/BillingsRNTF>
- Connect to ***Rimrock Taskforce*** on the Next Door app on your smartphone
- EMAIL the task force board: RimrockTaskforce@gmail.com
Be sure to include your phone # when emailing the board, in case we need to call you!
- City website:
<https://www.billingsmt.gov/1730/Rimrock-Neighborhoods-Task-Force>

Links should be click-able, but if your browser doesn't support a direct link, just highlight the website address, then copy and paste into your browser's search bar.