

# Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force

## October 2024 Update

## **Next task force meeting:**

**Wednesday, November 20, 7:00pm**

# TOPIC for November: Residential Squatting

# Mayflower Church, at Rehberg & Poly



# From the Desk of Howard Evans RNTF Chair

Hi neighbors,

## Open Board Position.

The RNTF Board is still seeking a nominee for board Secretary.



Advocating for our membership requires involvement in several organizations and groups and a time commitment which is shared by Board members.

We are looking for a secretary who will record and distribute Board and membership meeting minutes.

The Secretary will also participate in board decisions and activity.

**Newsletter.** We have enjoyed the positive feedback from our members about the monthly newsletter. However publication is time consuming and involved.

Our Vice Chair and acting Secretary, Leslie Cooke, has shouldered most of the responsibility for its' publication, but Leslie has also been chairing the RNTF subcommittee (Rimrock Corridor Safety Committee) which is resource demanding.

At our last Board meeting it was decided that the newsletter would be published on a bi-monthly basis, in the months where there is no meeting, scheduled to provide Leslie some relief and still be able to communicate effectively with our members.

**Community Involvement.** The Board decided to continue support for school programs which are addressed to the nutritional and comfort needs of Billings students.

We have a large population of students who are homeless or otherwise living “on the edge” and need community help to remain in school.

**Voting.** Please check your registration status at [Voter Portal](#), then get informed on CI-126 and CI-127 initiatives on the ballot.

The proposed changes in election laws will have a profound effect on elections if passed, and are worthy of your understanding.

CI-128 is equally important and is also worthy of close scrutiny. **VOTE**.

**Drug Corner.** We will be asking Riverstone Health to provide information, in addition to drug related, which affects the community. Issues such as mental health, communicable diseases and the like will be published.

**November Meeting.** Our next in person meeting is Wednesday, November 20th, 7pm. After our business meeting, we will celebrate the holidays with a “desert social”. Feel free to bring a pie, or a plate of cookies, or whatever desert you celebrate with! Home-made or store-bought are both welcome.

And if so inclined, bring the recipe to share with your neighbors. See you in November.

*Sincerely,*  
**Howard Evans, RNTF Chair**

## RIMROCK CORRIDOR



## Rimrock Road Update:

## **The committee working on Rimrock Rd safety has been busy!**

**We are gearing up to advocate for Rimrock Rd traffic calming during the Transportation Master Plan process, so we can have a safer neighborhood.**

**Here's a few of the things we've done, or are in the process of doing:**

- Meeting with City Engineer to discuss process and issues
- Participating in the Complete Neighborhoods Work Group, which will result in “mapping” of amenities, features and concerns of the Rimrock corridor from N27th to Shiloh (both sides of Rimrock Rd).
- Collaborating with school district leaders, and connecting with school principals for crosswalk recommendations
- Partnering with Sgt. Stovall BPD, to receive and analyze crash data
- Interviewing parents whose kids have been injured on Rimrock Rd

**Lots more to come.**

**If you've already volunteered to help out - THANK YOU! When we're a little further along, we will send you templates you can use to support our safety plan on social media, as well as letters to the editor, and to City Council.**

## Here's our ask:

**If you've had an accident or near miss (biking, walking or driving) on Rimrock and you can share your experience, it would be a tremendous help. Please send an email to [rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com) and include a good number to reach you at.**

# Solid Waste



## Fall Leaf Guidelines

Community shared leaf collection sites will be available for leaves that do not fit into the yard waste green bins.

Collection sites open Monday, 10/14 and close Friday, 12/6  
except for Mayflower Church which will close Tuesday, 12/3

## **2024 Leaf collection sites include**

- Castle Rock Park
- Clevenger Park
- Dehler Park
- Pioneer Park
- Veterans Park
- Mayflower Congregational Church (closes Tuesday 12/3)
- Poly Vista Park
- Amend Park

***Please do not rake leaves into the streets.***

***Leaf burning is prohibited within Billings city limits.***

## Solid Waste - Part Deux!

**We've got a two-fer for you on "Solid Waste" topics. Did you know that the City can safely dispose of unused medications?**

# UNUSED MEDICATION DISPOSAL



**In Billings, you can drop most unused medications at these 2 City offices:**

**Billings Crime Prevention Center**  
2910 3rd Ave North. (406) 247-8590

**City Hall**  
210 North 27th Street. (406) 657-8433

**Check the City website to see what items can be dropped:**

**Medication Disposal - City Website**

**Never:**

- flush medications!
- dispose of medications in regular trash!

Additionally, the US Department of Justice maintains this page with more disposal sites:

## Dept of Justice - finding Rx Disposal Sites

# Crime Prevention Corner



# Project Eyes on the Block



**Our Police Department has created a partnership with the public to identify suspects when a crime is being investigated.**



**Do you have a security or doorbell camera?  
Would you be willing to share video footage with our local Police?**

**Here's how it works:** Residents or businesses can sign up on the Police website. When a crime has been committed, officers know who in the vicinity of the crime might have video footage.

**Police do not have access to your video unless you voluntarily provide it.**

To participate, just fill out the [Project Eyes on the Block Sign-up Form](#)



# Parks & Rec Corner

## Join Us at The Billings Community & Senior Center

We are thrilled to invite the Rimrock Neighborhoods Task force to visit our PRPL Community and Senior Center!

Come discover recreation and wellness programs tailored to support the health and well-being of our residents. For adults 55 and older, we focus on the six dimensions of

wellness—physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual, and environmental—to help them live a balanced and fulfilling life as they age.

These essentials are designed to help our seniors age in place with grace and vitality.

Be sure to check out our upcoming Parks and Recreation booklet for Winter and Spring programming, where we've added some exciting new classes!

Here's a sneak peek:

- Beginner Bob Ross Class – A fun, low-commitment, 1-day class. All materials are provided!
- Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) – Our new evidence-based fall prevention fitness class.

We offer over 30 programs and services at the Billings Community and Senior Center! From fall prevention and fitness classes to creative arts, games, health education, and social events, we're here to enrich lives and build strong community connections.

We partner with the Adult Resource Alliance and proudly serve as a Monday through Friday congregate meal site, providing well-balanced, affordable lunches for seniors.

For more details on our meal site, programs, and services, visit our website:

<https://www.billingsparks.org/program/bcc-senior-programs/>

Or call 406-657-3050. You can reach Jennifer Brown, our Recreation and Wellness Specialist, at [brownj@billingsmt.gov](mailto:brownj@billingsmt.gov).

The center is located at 360 North 23rd Street, Billings, MT 59101.

**Let's work together to build a healthier, happier community!**

# 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.**

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# Code Enforcement Corner: Improving Billings' Neighborhoods



## **Code Enforcement has increased focus on graffiti removal around the city.**

In May 2024, the Graffiti Ordinance was amended to facilitate compliance with property owners, but still holds perpetrators accountable. Included in the ordinance update was a resolution establishing the “Anti-Graffiti Fund Reward Program”

## **To report issues:**

City Code Enforcement: (406) 247-8476

County Code Enforcement: (406) 652-2050

# COMMUNITY HEALTH CORNER



***From our neighbors at Riverstone Health.***

## Opioid Overdose Awareness

In 2023, there were at least 194 suspected drug overdoses in Yellowstone County, including 39 suspected fatal overdoses.

Naloxone (often called by its brand name Narcan) is a nasal spray containing a medication that can quickly reverse an overdose of opioids, such as morphine, heroin and fentanyl.

You don't need to be a healthcare professional to carry Narcan to use in case you encounter an overdose emergency.

If naloxone/Narcan is given to a person who isn't overdosing on opioids, it won't harm the person.

**You should carry naloxone if:**

- You or someone you know is at increased risk for opioid overdose, especially those with opioid use disorder (OUD).
- You or someone you know are taking high-dose opioid medications prescribed by a doctor.
- You or someone you know have both opioid and benzodiazepines prescriptions or use substances like heroin or fentanyl.

## What to do if you think someone is overdosing:

1. Call 911
2. Administer naloxone/Narcan, if available
3. Try to keep the person awake and breathing
4. Lay the person on their side to prevent choking
5. Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives

***When in doubt, treat it like an overdose.***

RiverStone Health can provide naloxone at no cost.

We can train people in about 15 minutes to recognize signs of an opioid overdose and to use naloxone/Narcan.

If you are interested in having naloxone/Narcan for yourself or business, please call 406.651.6416 or 406.247.3227.

## OCTOBER CYBER SECURITY TIP:

**Brought to you locally by Anastasia Edwards with Big Sky Quantum SHIELD**  
[\*\*Link to Nextdoor Group for Big Sky Quantum SHIELD\*\*](#)

**The tutorial below can help keep your email and over-all online presence SAFE**

**When you're unsure, use your REGULAR log-in to get into your account, rather than a link in an email. Contact your email provider if you're unsure!**

# SPAM EMAIL

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

there are 6 differences between the fake and real one, can you spot them?

FAKE	REAL
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## THANK YOU ❤

In September, we collected food items and monetary donations which we passed along to Mayflower Church for their food program. The congregation at Mayflower has been generous to our task force, allowing us meeting space at no charge.

Our donations were shared with a church in Ballantine. We received this thank you from them.

Thank you for your support of our community. Your donation helped us serve 538 plates of food and send out 24 good boxes to our neighbors in need. Your funds helped us reach out to deliver a comfortable bed to an elderly neighbor and provide household goods and a bed to a family in transition that just moved into our neighborhood.

Our 116 year old church has kept our community mission alive with help.

from groups like you.  
God Bless you all

Thank you  
for

your support ☺

Sincerely,  
Ballantine UCC  
and Community good

Thank you to all who participated.

In November at our meeting we will collect for Billings school children in need.



## 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>

**City Council Contact Information:** EMAIL: [Council@billingsmt.gov](mailto:Council@billingsmt.gov)

**210 N. 27th St. ~ Billings, MT 59101 ~ P.O. Box 1178 ~ Billings, MT 59103**

**Phone (406) 657-8433; Fax (406) 657-8390**

**Upcoming City Council meetings are posted on the City website:**

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

**Information on past meetings can be found at: <https://billingsmt.gov/117/Agendas-Minutes>**



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# Dan Tidswell

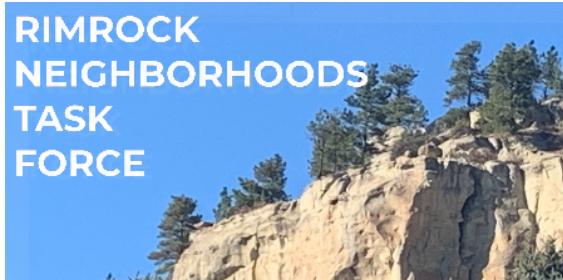
## Ward 4

**(406) 690-4534**  
**[tidswelld@billingsmt.gov](mailto:tidswelld@billingsmt.gov)**

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](mailto: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.