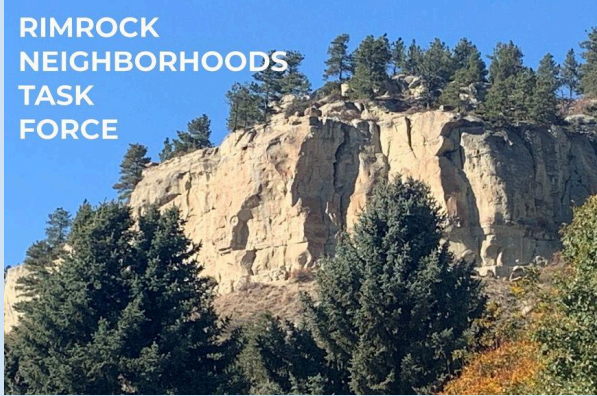


## 🌸 April Update 🌸

RIMROCK  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
TASK  
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### **Mark Your Calendar For Our Next Membership Meeting**

**May 21, 7:00pm  
Mayflower Church Meeting Room  
(Rehberg & Poly)**

***Bring your favorite neighbor!  
Meetings are open to the public.***

***This bi-monthly newsletter is brought to you by the Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force. Information in our newsletters is provided by community organizations, and is sent during months that we don't have meetings.***

***In most cases, the newsletter does not include the same information that we discuss at our task force meetings.***

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### ***FROM THE DESK OF HOWARD EVANS, RNTF CHAIR***

***Hello neighbors,***

*I especially enjoyed the discussion during our last meeting and would like to have that level of participation at all our meetings. While we are seeking leaders for the Board don't let that stop you from attending meetings to voice your concerns and those of your neighbors.*

*Your attendance helps us become stronger and more relevant. Our newsletter is sent only to those who have given us an email but we would like to be able to reach more residents. Help us by spreading the word and reaching out to have your neighbors on our email list. We would welcome your attendance at our meetings.*

**By-Law Changes.** *There are 2 changes to the RNTF by-laws which will be voted on at the May meeting. Reference to existing by-laws can be found by going to the RNTF page on the*

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City's website <https://www.billingsmt.gov/1730/Rimrock-Neighborhoods-Task-Force> and selecting by-laws.

*Change to Article VIII , will allow the board to be more flexible in scheduling meeting time, place, and date should the need arise.*

*Change to Article V Section 3 will change Board terms for the July 2025 election, allowing a continuity of Board knowledge.*

**Call for Nominations.** *Nominations will be sought for all Board positions at our May meeting. Duties of Board Members can be found in the by-laws cited above. Board members can be contacted for further insights. An active RNTF provides residents the ability to be heard and informed on matters affecting their neighborhood. Please consider being part of the team. The board elections will be conducted at the July meeting.*

**Airport Construction.** *Construction on the expansion and repair of runway 7/25 at the Billings Airport will begin when weather permits. Be aware of additional construction equipment on Hwy 3 and the roads leading to it. Future air traffic impact is unknown at this time, but part of the purpose in improving runways is to accommodate larger aircraft.*

**Parks.** *At our last meeting Council members Boyett and Rogers briefly discussed an initiative adopted by City Council to eliminate small parcels of parkland from the parks inventory through return to private ownership. We have identified two parcels in our task force area:*

- 1. Parcel A06409A which is located north of Edmond Street.*
- 2. Parcel A20235A located between Morledge St. and Ramada Drive*

*We are working with Council member Rogers who is heading this effort and will keep our membership updated.*

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

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**DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC CHANGES:**



**Billings residents are invited to an open house to learn more about the Downtown Two-Way Restoration project and its anticipated construction schedule**

**Thurs, Apr 10, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Downtown Billings Association office: (102 N 29th St).**

**Come and go whenever is most convenient throughout the event.  
Light refreshments will be provided.**

**To learn more and sign up for construction updates, visit <https://billings2way.com>**

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## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:**

**Yard waste pick ups are now in full swing.  
Here are the DOs and DON'Ts for your **GREEN** yard waste cart:**

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# Yard Waste Season begins on 4.7.2025



## DOs + DON'Ts

grass, weeds & leaves	dirt, rocks & bricks
shrub pruning	sod & pots
dead plants	plastic bags & trash
sticks/twigs	pet droppings
small branches	large branches



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## IN OUR SCHOOLS

You may have driven by the Rimrock Learning Center at 13th St W and Rimrock Road.  
But did you know they serve many children with accessibility challenges?

Rimrock Learning Center has begun a fundraising drive to install a more accessible  
playground so that ALL their kids can play!



Click here to view more information including how to donate:

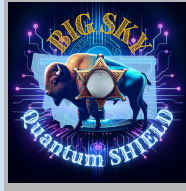


[Rimrock Learning Center Playground](#)



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## CYBER-SAFETY TIP



**BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY ANASTASIA EDWARDS  
WITH BIG SKY  
QUANTUM SHIELD**

**Stay aware - stay safe - stay vigilant!**



[Link to Next Door group for CyberSecurity](#)



### **Microsoft 365 Users Take Note: New AI Feature May Be Monitoring Your Work**

If you've recently updated your Microsoft 365 apps like Word, Excel, or PowerPoint, you may have noticed a new feature quietly appearing...**Copilot**, Microsoft's AI-powered assistant.

This tool is designed to offer real-time suggestions and support, but what many users don't realize is that **Copilot actively analyzes everything you write** in order to provide those suggestions. That includes drafts, notes, and personal content. In fact, the system learns from your keystrokes and feeds your data into Microsoft's AI training systems.

The surprising part? This "feature" comes with a **43% price hike** for Microsoft 365 subscribers, and it's automatically turned on.

For those who prefer privacy and more control over their workflow, Copilot *can* be turned off.

For a handout that shows steps to disable Copilot - click here:



[How to disable Copilot](#)

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## RIMROCK CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE



If you use Facebook or Next Door - please consider sharing/reposting our messages about Rimrock Road safety issues.

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**Mark your calendar for special sessions you can attend to learn how you can get your neighbors informed and/or involved with our Rimrock Road safety efforts. Yes the sessions are short and you only need to attend 1 of the 3 sessions.**

- April 23 at 12:15 or 1:15 pm (2 options!)
- April 24 at 5:45 pm
- All sessions will be at the Billings Public Library, 2nd floor large conference room. Everyone is welcome.
- Can't attend, but want to help, email us at [rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:rimrocktaskforce@gmail.com) and provide a phone number where we can reach you.

**To receive updates about the Rimrock Corridor Safety Committee, you can sign up here:**   [\*\*Rimrock Corridor Safety Committee Sign-Up\*\*](#)

***NOTE: We never share your contact information!***

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## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

### **Vitalant Blood Donation Center - 15th & Grand, Billings**



**Did you know that the areas served by the Billings & Butte Vitalant centers need to collect 2,000 units of blood each month to meet the needs of area patients?**

Only about 3% of the US population donates blood. Hospitals always need more people to join in this life saving mission.

Blood donations are used to treat traumatic injuries, however most donations go toward patients with serious medical conditions, this includes cancers.

To schedule a life saving blood donation, call  
877-25-VITAL

Or visit  
[donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org)



*During the COVID pandemic, blood donation guidelines changed. If you've been told in the past you couldn't donate, please check again with Vitalant.*



## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDER:

**Getting ready to install or replace a fence?**

**Things you need to know!**



- Whether installing or replacing - you'll need a fence permit
- Permits can be obtained from the Planning Dept 406-657-8247
- If hiring a contractor, make sure you discuss with them who will apply for the permit.

For complete info - visit the City Code Enforcement blog:



<https://billingsmt.gov/CodeEnforcementCorner>

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH CORNER



### **How you can protect yourself and your family from measles**

**By Dr. Megan Littlefield, Riverstone Health**

Measles is a highly contagious and serious viral illness. This year, there have been nearly 500 cases in 20 states, and 2 deaths, according to data from the CDC.

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Measles is especially dangerous for babies and young children. 75% of cases and most of the hospitalizations nationwide in 2025 are children under 19 years old. 97% of the cases this year are in people who are unvaccinated or have an unknown vaccination status.

Montana has not had a case of measles since 1990, and as of March 31, there are no cases reported in the state. Because of the success of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, many people have never witnessed or experienced how serious the measles can be.

Measles can result in severe health complications, including pneumonia, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and death, particularly in unvaccinated people.

The virus is spread through direct contact with infectious droplets or by airborne spread when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. Measles is so contagious that up to 90% of non-immunized people exposed to an infected person will become sick. The virus can remain infectious in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area.

### **Immunization: The best line of defense**

Measles is almost entirely preventable through the safe and highly effective MMR vaccines. Two doses are 97% effective against measles, and one dose is 93% effective.

Children should receive their first dose of MMR at age 12 to 15 months and their second dose at four to six years. Unvaccinated adults may need one or two doses of MMR vaccine if they do not have evidence of immunity. People born before 1957 are considered to have presumed immunity.

If you're experiencing fever and rash and are concerned that you may have been exposed to measles, call your healthcare provider or emergency department first to tell them you are worried about measles so they can plan for your visit.

People planning to travel internationally or to an area of the U.S. experiencing an outbreak should check with their health care provider about immunizations.

To schedule an immunization at RiverStone Health, go to [RiverStoneHealth.org/Immunizations](https://RiverStoneHealth.org/Immunizations) to schedule online or call 406-247-3382. If you are uninsured, the vaccines may be available at no cost.

*Dr. Megan Littlefield is a pediatrician and internal medicine physician, and the chief medical officer at RiverStone Health.*



### **City Council -**

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

**Ward map to determine your representative -> [Click for City Ward Map](#)**

**City Council Contact Information: EMAIL: [Council@billingsmt.gov](mailto:Council@billingsmt.gov)**  
**P O Box 1178, Billings MT 59103 (406) 657-8433**

**[Link to City Calendar which includes council meetings:](#)**





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

**Ward 4:**

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**Ward 1**

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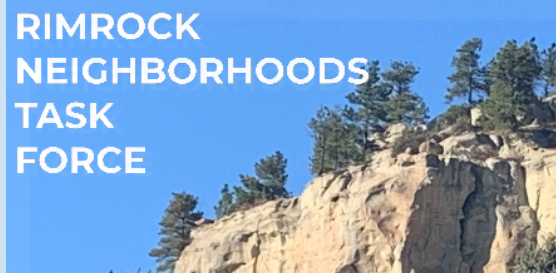
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Rimrock Neighborhoods Task Force does not politically endorse any current office holder or candidate.

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

We appreciate all public officials who attend and help with neighborhood issues.

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**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 - search for: RIMROCK TASKFORCE
- EMAIL the task force board: [RimrockTaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:RimrockTaskforce@gmail.com)

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Be sure to include a phone # when emailing, in case we need to call you.

- 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, simply highlight the website address, then copy and paste into your browser's search bar.

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