

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

September 10, 2020

1. **Public Safety Mill Levy Presentations** – The PSML presentation was given to the following groups this week:
 - a. Billings Clinic Executives
 - b. Yellowstone Public Radio

Voter Registration/Voting - A person may register to vote at the Elections Administrator's office and then vote immediately thereafter. The Elections office staff is available to assist anyone in registering and providing a ballot. The general office number of the Elections Administrator is: (406) 256-2740. Voter registration applications are available at the elections office and also available on the Elections Administrator webpage located at: <https://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/elections/>

Please contact wynnette Maddox at 406-657-8433 if you have additional ideas to finish strong in the final days of the education campaign.

The PS2020 web page is where the videos are available on the city website. A webpage has been created for all educational materials for the public safety levy. The web link is: www.billingsmt.gov/ps2020.

2. **Fire Department Update** - Over the course of this past weekend, the fire department responded to over 151 calls for service to include; several structure fires, wildland fires (both City and BUFSA), and motor vehicle crashes to include significant crashes involving extrications, river rescue, EMS calls, utility calls, etc.

There was a period of time on Sunday that every piece of fire department emergency apparatus was deployed and unavailable for additional responses. This included 4 brush trucks and 1 water tender that DNRC was providing staffing for. The fire department had overlapping structure fires, wildland fires, motor vehicle crashes and EMS calls. This was significant as we called in the standby crew as well as two ALL-CALL requests for additional personnel w. These crews assisted in not only our wildland fires, but also structure fires and motor vehicle crashes as well.

The fire department's call volume continues to increase with more calls coming in simultaneously and/or overlapping; this certainly continues to challenge the department's response capability. (see enclosed photos)

3. **Lillis Park Pickle Ball Courts Ribbon Cutting** – The Billings Park and Recreation Department would like to invite you to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Lillis Park on Tuesday, September 15th at 12:00 pm to celebrate Billings’ first dedicated pickle ball courts. The Parks and Recreation Department repurposed tennis courts that were in serious disrepair and had been closed due to safety issues. Using PD1 funds the department was able to repair and resurface the tennis courts into six (6) dedicated pickle ball courts to meet the needs of the growing number of pickle ball players in our community.

4. **Coronavirus Survey** – The City of Billings will receive Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to support individuals and families in Billings. Activities must exclusively support coronavirus and other infectious disease response, primarily benefit low-income individuals and families and not duplicate local, state or federal service or support. The **Coronavirus Survey** was designed to gather data to help determine priorities before allocating funding for a coordinated coronavirus response within the Billings community.

The **Coronavirus Survey** will be mailed with a full 4-week cycle of utility/water bills that started on Friday, September 4th. Survey responses are requested by September 30, 2020. Billings residents will have an opportunity to complete the paper survey mailed to them or they may complete the online survey, which is available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COB-Coronavirus-Survey>

Thank you in advance for responding to this survey. The information you provide will be used to help identify community coronavirus response priorities before allocating funding for a coordinated coronavirus response within the Billings community.

Have a great weekend.

Fire burns multiple trailers, draws large fire department response in Billings



Billings firefighters rescue two floaters from Yellowstone River Saturday



Grass and structure fires burn on the Billings West End



Vehicle fire damages shop on Billings' South Side

