



JUNE 2021 BUTTE-SILVER BOW NEWSLETTER



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Chief Executive

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Summer is around the corner and as we look forward to getting out and enjoying the fun associated with warmer weather. We know one thing to be true about moving past the pandemic and getting back to normal, Vaccinations are the key to our recovery. Butte-Silver Bow is at or near the top of every report in vaccination percentages reported to the state. We are kicking off a robust Public Education Campaign about the safety and efficacy of the vaccine. The Town Pump Foundation has generously added a \$500,000 vaccination incentive sweepstakes program that will include every Butte-Silver Bow Resident that has been fully vaccinated. This program will give away \$35,000 a week for a fifteen-week period. This will consist of two \$10,000 winners and three \$5,000 winners every week starting in June and continuing until October. We are so fortunate to have amazing public/private partnerships in our community.

The tragic loss of the Iconic M&M building and business left Butte once again learning what the term "Butte Tough" means. Many thanks go out to our firefighters, public works, and community enrichment departments for their tireless effort to protect and serve our community during this tragic fire. A special thanks to Leonard Hunter for the donation of his crane and talents in helping to save the iconic M&M sign. The building may be lost but the memories and history will remain. Butte-Silver Bow will work with Selina Pankovich the owner of the historic building and business in her recovery and rebuilding of the M&M.

[Butte-Silver Bow Public Library](#)

The big news for the library is that we are beginning our Teen afternoon clubs again starting June 1. All will start at 4 and be in the teen zone on the second floor:

Mondays:	Manga/Anime
Tuesdays:	Lego Build
Wednesdays:	Wii Games
Thursdays:	Computer Club
Fridays:	Science Club

For the whole family, we have our Astronomy Club on the third Thursdays at 5. This is led by Joe Witherspoon of Cottontail Observatory.

For adults, our Knitting club has returned on Tuesdays 1-3 and our Memoir Writing group has returned Thursday 1-3. We continue to offer 3 books clubs. After Hours on first Wednesday at 6. Social Justice on second Thursday at 6. BSBPL Book Club on third Friday at 1. Our monthly brown bag lectures, First Fridays, is held on the first Friday (oddly enough) at noon. May 7th will feature Jake Sorich and his new book "The Cabbage Patch". June's will feature Franco Littlelight who will relate the history of the Crow People. The book clubs and First Fridays can be attended virtually.

[Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator](#)

Walkerville election filing is open from April 22 to June 21. Open seats are mayor, and two alderperson positions for Ward #1 and Ward #2. To qualify, you must be a resident of Walkerville. More specific information on qualifications and filing forms are available from the Clerk and Recorder's office. Filing fee is \$15.00 and is non-refundable.

[Alley Rally](#)

Alley Rally begins May 18, 2021 and will end on August 3, 2021. It will be open Tuesday through Sunday starting at 10 am and closing at 6 pm. Alley Rally will be closed Mondays. The location is just off of Shields Ave and E Iron St.

[2020 Real Property Taxes Due](#)

The second half of 2020 Real Property Taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on or before Friday June 4, 2021, if taxes on property qualifying under the property tax assistance program provided for in MCA 15-6-305, are paid within 20 calendar days of the date on which the taxes are due (June 24, 2021) then the taxes may be paid without penalties or interest. Unless the second half is paid by this date, the amount payable is delinquent and draws interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% a month from and after the delinquency until paid and 2% must be added to the delinquent taxes as a penalty. (MCA 15-16-101)

Payments can be made to the Butte-Silver Bow County Treasurer at 155 West Granite Street, Room 206, Butte, Montana 59701. Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday. Payments may also be made to P O Box 611, Butte, Montana 59703 or online on the Butte-Silver Bow website at itax.tylertech.com. Visa, MasterCard & Discover are accepted as well as Cash, Check or Money Order in the office of the Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer. For questions on property taxes please contact the Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer's office at 406-497-6303.

The Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer's office is currently processing the 2017 Tax Lien's up for Tax Deed. If you have delinquent Real Property Taxes with a 2017 Tax Lien, please contact the Treasurer's office. If the 2017 Tax Liens are not redeemed during the redemption period, it may result in the loss of your property.

[Butte-Silver Bow County Schools](#)

The school year is winding down: the final day in Butte and Ramsay will be June 4th; Butte Central will be done on June 1st, Melrose on the 27th of May, and Divide on May 28th.

The Summer Fun Flyer will once again be published in the Parks and Recreation Guide, watch for activities to keep your children busy and engaged.

Community Development

- 2 large projects in the MT Connections Park- \$8 million Railroad Expansion and a \$2million road and infrastructure project have been awarded and will be in construction soon.
- A major milestone, land transfer for the Greenway is almost complete bringing final construction plans closer to completion.
- The Uptown Master Plan is underway with small focus group information gathering taking place.
- The URA is participating in over 50 projects, large and small - major projects included the Colonial Apartments, New Construction of live/work condos and Mercury Street and 2 East Galena.
- Historic Preservation continues work on the Basin Creek Caretakers House, securing grant funding and beginning bid solicitation.
- Prepared a proposal to assist the SW MT Veterans Association with possible private funding for the 6th cottage at the Veterans Home.
- East Butte RRA is focused on 3 large construction projects both new and existing building renovation and the Columbia Gardens/Water Tower Interpretative Park.

Motor Vehicle Department

Hours Of Operation 8:30AM-4:30PM

Renew your registration online at:
<https://app.mt.gov/vrr/renewal>

Important - If any of the following conditions apply, you will need to come into the Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer's Office to renew with your vehicle registration instead of renewing online.

- Your name or address changed, you moved to a different county, or you no longer live in Montana.
- You now qualify for an exemption (e.g., military, tribal) that is not reflected on your registration renewal notice. You will be required to show proof of eligibility to receive the benefit of the exemption.
- You want to change your registration period, request a new license plate, or adjust your vehicle's GVW.

For More Information Regarding Vehicle Titles and Registration, Please Visit: <https://dojmt.gov/driving/vehicle-title-and-registration/>

Butte-Silver Bow Transit

The Transit Division operates bus service Monday-Friday from 6:45 am – 6:45 pm and on Saturday from 8:45 am – 4:15 pm.

To view schedules and inquire about para transit services, please visit www.buttebus.org.

Special Improvement District (SID)

The SID Department is working with the Public Works Department to roll-out the Sidewalk Program for the upcoming summer. The SID Department, during the late Spring into early Summer, will be working with the County Assessor, Land Records, GIS, and Planning Department staff to evaluate the new construction and transferred properties to assure the approved SID assessments have been appropriately added to the tax parcels. The SID Analyst and County Assessor will also be completing field work throughout the county.

Butte Civic Center Update

June 2021

- June 2nd - BHS Graduation
- June 3rd - Civic Center Monthly Board Meeting. 12:00 in Civic Center Hospitality Room
- June 5th - Fusion Fight Force MMA & Boxing Matches
- June 8th - Final COVID Vaccine Clinic
- June 11th - Hoot Gibson SBAWA Annual Fundraiser Dinner
- June 12th - Kiwanis Bike Rodeo—Civic Center Parking Lot
- June 19-20th - KXLF-Town Pump May Fair Trade Show
- June 26-27th - Butte Mineral & Gem Show in Annex

Tickets Currently On-Sale:

- May 22nd - Dynamic Dance & Tumbling Academy Dance Review
- June 5th - Fusion Fights
- September 11th - Foreigner
- November 17th - Price is Right

Public Works

Water Division

Still installing the 36" Big Hole Transmission line East of Buxton heading south towards the interstate. H&H contracting is planning on starting on the I-15 Crossing job in June. Once that project is complete the construction crew will head back out and do the final tie in.

Metro Sewer

The construction/maintenance crews are busy investigating sewer mains that are slated to be replaced this summer. The spring cleaning of culverts and catch basins is also in progress.

Landfill

The landfill is getting busier every week with people starting to get out and doing their spring cleaning. Cell 4 is up and running and working well so far.

Roads

The road crew is still in the middle of a move to the new shop. We are also sweeping and starting to flush last winter's remains. If the sun will stay out for more than a couple days, we will begin on the grading of our rural roads that got beat up over the winter.

Water/Sewer Treatment Plants

Its business as usual at the treatment plants. The water treatment plants are still working on some maintenance projects they started over the winter and are hoping for some spring moisture to bring up the reservoir levels. The Metro treatment crews have been very beneficial to the Covid issues we have had the past year. The crew has been sending samples to a lab for testing of covid in our wastewater to see if it is the same as our numbers we have detected. The results were used by the health department to compare with their findings.

Water Utility Billing Update

The water utility billing office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-5:00.

Your water utility bill payment is due in full on the 20th of every month. If the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, then the payment is due the next business day. Payments can be made by setting up an automatic withdraw from your checking account, online, through the mail, in person during office hours or through the slot in the door at 124 W Granite after hours. Be sure your name and service address are on anything dropped through the slot in the door.

Free Meters are still available to existing flat rate customers. You must have a working shut off valve, the existing water service line must be copper or PEX pipe and the meter needs to be installed in a heated 4ft crawl space or basement.

With sprinkling season coming up please help conserve water, recommendation is to water your lawn every other day, depending on whether your address is even or odd.