

# BECON

**"The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service to Others."**

**-Mahatma Gandhi**

## What's on the Horizon...

- ✦ May 20—Kane Brown Concert
- ✦ May 23—Lil Wayne
- ✦ May 25—Outlaws FB
- ✦ July 12-15—National Convention; Phoenix
- ✦ July 28—Whiskey Myers Concert
- ✦ August 2—REO Speedwagon Concert
- ✦ August 13—Ludacris
- ✦ August 26—Food Truck Battle
- ✦ September 15—Goo Goo Dolls Concert
- ✦ November 4—Jon Pardi

## Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

Guests today included Rob's guest, Stephanie Brazill, who has attended before and has submitted an application to join. Our other guest today was our speaker, Tina Hoeger, the Division Manager for City of Billings Code Enforcement.

Let Shannon know within the next week if you plan on attending the National Convention in Phoenix this July. Our club credential card with all the members from our club attending must be submitted to National no later than June 1st. I hear Phoenix will have beautiful weather in July and you get to hang out with me so why not join in the fun?!

Let Tanner know if you plan on attending the Pig Races on June 10th.

Cavin handed out a few checks this morning. One check was for our foundation in the amount of \$1,850 for this quarter's granting. The other checks were for the Family Tree Nurturing Center. One check for the Meadowlark event in the amount of \$545 and the other for the April tip jar in the amount of \$3931.

Bill Kennedy came up and presented Dave Weller with a Pinwheel Award from FTNC. Dave has been on the board for like 20 years (or 8) and been ultra supportive.

Craig did his song and dance for upcoming events. The 25th is the last Outlaws football game this season and signups are closing soon on that one. The schedule has already been sent out for Lil' Wayne. For the Kane Brown concert tomorrow night, no cans are allowed so everything will have to be poured into cups. Craig scheduled heavy because of that extra time needed to do that and it's a big concert. Show up time is 5:30 p.m.

Bill K. announced the upcoming Memorial Day ceremonies for Monday, May 29th. There will be one at Riverside Cemetery at 8:00 am, Mountview Cemetery at 9:45 am and one at noon at the National Cemetery which will include Senator Daines.

Other than that, breakfast was delicious and the company was good.

## Speaker: Tina Hoeger, CE Division Manager

Our speaker today was Tina Hoeger who is the Division Manger of Code Enforcement (CE) which is under the Planning Dept. umbrella. Tina was a Sergeant with the Billings Police Department for almost 20 years before she decided it was time to retire from being a police officer and transferred to Code Enforcement.

She has made quite a few good changes since coming to CE in January of 2022. She has divided up the city into five areas and assigned one code officer to each area. This saves money on gas and time since they are now sticking to one area. She also added a Commercial Code Officer and a Nuisance Code Officer. There are a total of nine employees now including herself and the office clerk. Before she came we had a part time CE manager who also was a planner, a clerk and two, sometimes three officers.

She is looking ways to save money in her budget by re-

cycling the metal from abatement jobs and using labor from the Sheriff's Labor Detail Program.

CE has completed 12 abatements since January 2023 and 11 in 2022. Tina is out there on those abatements with her officers, works very hard and doesn't expect her officers to do anything she won't do. (She also bakes treats and brings them into the office!)

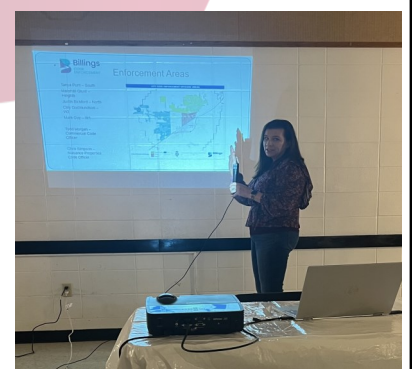
Graffiti is a fairly hot topic. While it sucks when someone is an a\*\*hole and defaces your property, it's best to clean it up/cover it up right away so the vandals know you don't support it and will be less likely to come back.

There is good evidence that vandals will not deface art such as the murals on the buildings downtown. This is a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design tactic that City Council has put much emphasis on lately.

Code Enforcement Assignments		
Residential	Commercial CE II	Nuisance Property CE II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open storage</li> <li>• Junk vehicles on property</li> <li>• Weed &amp; snow removal</li> <li>• RV living/camping in city limits</li> <li>• Obstructing the ROW</li> <li>• Unattached trailers on street</li> <li>• Fencing permits</li> <li>• Setback violations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business licenses</li> <li>• Spalmsage facility</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Graffiti</li> <li>• Short term rentals</li> <li>• Sober living homes</li> <li>• Marijuana businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoned buildings</li> <li>• Boarded structures</li> <li>• Dangerous structures</li> <li>• Decaying structures</li> <li>• Nuisance properties</li> </ul>

Above: Tiny print you probably can't read but informational if you can.

Below: Our speaker, Tina Hoeger



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