

City Clerk Staff

From: William Gaul <bgaul1951@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 9:01 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Downtown

Hey I've lived in Missoula all my life except 5 years in Spokane a great city with a small town feel.

Their downtown has 4 lanes and the city works for everyone. Businesses appreciate that.

I remember when our downtown was a ghost town and people in Missoula brought it back. Don't ruin that hard work.

Leave the 4 lanes so people will continue to want to be downtown and Businesses will continue to want to be there. Don't screw it up.

Boulder Colorado has picked Pearl Street to close off with no cars. That makes more sense.

Please do the right thing.

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From: Jessica Miller
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 1:40 PM
To: Gwen Jones; Barbara Van Horn; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: RE: Reserve Street bridge

Dear Ms. Van Horn,

Thank you for reaching out. The Reserve Street Bridge, along with other Missoula bridges, is under the jurisdiction of the Montana Department of Transportation. Based on previous staff discussions, I recommend that you reach out to [MDT directly](#) with your concerns. Comments such as this have a greater impact coming straight from community members rather than being filtered through City staff or even our elected officials. MDT has the authority to make changes on Reserve Street and this message will be stronger coming from you than from us. I will also forward your comment to our staff so they are aware of your concern.

Sincerely,

Jessica Miller

Website & Digital Engagement Administrator
Office of the Mayor
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From: Gwen Jones <JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Barbara Van Horn <annalysia10@yahoo.com>; Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Jessica Miller <MillerJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Re: Reserve Street bridge

Dear Ms. Van Horn, I am not able to answer your question, but am forwarding this to the Mayor's office so someone there can help you. Thank you for your inquiry. -Gwen

Gwen Jones
Ward 3 City Councilwoman
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Note: All emails to and from this address are in the public domain.

From: Barbara Van Horn <annalysia10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 12:29 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Reserve Street bridge

Hi,

I am wondering why the Reserve Street bridge does not have lights. The Beartracks, Orange Street & Russell Street bridges all have lights. Reserve street is so dark and the concrete barrier essentially disappears making it very dangerous. It is also dangerous for pedestrians.

Thanks,
B. Van Horn

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From: Melissa Thompson <chiefmelissa65@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Jaeson White
Cc: Jordan Hess; Kristen Jordan; Jennifer Savage (she/her); Charles Burton; Heidi West; Mirtha Becerra; Gwen Jones; Daniel Carlino; Amber Sherrill; Mike Nugent; Stacie Anderson; John P. Contos; Sandra Vasecka; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: Daily Call for Service Report

This is my third attempt in 23 days to get an answer to this question, no one has responded at all so I am copying full council.

A follow up question related to these court decisions:

When law enforcement responds to illegal camping in the city, are officers checking to see if there are shelter spaces available? This is in reference to the severe and concentrated impact experienced by the Westside neighborhood of ongoing social and criminal issues, some of which is highlighted in my email yesterday to all of you, exploring various aspects of the issue.

Thank you,
Melissa Thompson

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 2:15 PM Melissa Thompson <chiefmelissa65@gmail.com> wrote:

I hope my emails are making it through....

A follow up question related to these court decisions:

When law enforcement responds to illegal camping in the city, are officers checking to see if there are shelter spaces available?

Thank you much,
Melissa Thompson

On Tue, Nov 22, 2022 at 4:16 PM Melissa Thompson <chiefmelissa65@gmail.com> wrote:

A follow up question related to these court decisions:

When law enforcement responds to illegal camping in the city, are officers checking to see if there are shelter spaces available?

Thank you,
Melissa Thompson

On Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 10:54 AM Jaeson White <WhiteJ@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

Melissa,

There are two 9th Circuit Court of Appeal cases on point. The first case is Martin v. City of Boise and the second is Johnson v. City of Grants Pass. While both of these cases are from other states, Montana falls within the jurisdiction of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal and we have to follow their decisions.

Jaeson

From: Melissa Thompson <chiefmelissa65@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Jaeson White <WhiteJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Cc: Jordan Hess <HessJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Kristen Jordan <JordanK@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Jennifer Savage (she/her) <SavageJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Charles Burton <BurtonC@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Heidi West <WestH@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Mirtha Becerra <BecerraM@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Gwen Jones <JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Daniel Carlino <CarlinoD@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Amber Sherrill <SherrillA@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Mike Nugent <NugentM@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Stacie Anderson <andersons@ci.missoula.mt.us>; John P. Contos <ContosJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Sandra Vasecka <VaseckaS@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Re: Daily Call for Service Report

Thank you so much, Jaeson, and I appreciate all of you coming to the table to discuss this. I apologize for the delay in this response, I've been wrapped up with another big issue as well as working full time--it's hard to be a human sometimes!

I will reach out to Adrienne Beck about the Daily Public Report, thank you for that.

I am starting to receive feedback from Westside residents and it's truly heartbreaking and infuriating; at some point I plan on putting all of this in a booklet for us which I'd like for it become public record. I can say right now that we have vulnerable neighbors afraid in their homes including a Native woman with stage 3 cancer, a 68 year old man with an autistic son and families with young kids who can't play in their yards.

For now, could one of you briefly explain the Supreme Court decision about urban camping that we discussed, which limits response? I want to make sure I get that right as I have to report back to residents and would like to include that.

I will be in touch at a later date with an update and request for a meeting with neighbors.

Thank you so much for everything thus far,

Melissa Thompson

On Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 12:16 PM Jaeson White <WhiteJ@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

Melissa,

I appreciated the conversation we all had yesterday and look forward to working collaboratively to address your ongoing concerns. I just want to follow up on an item you asked about yesterday regarding the daily call for service report you referenced. That report is produced and hosted by Missoula County Office of Emergency Management.

[Daily Public Report \(missoulacounty.us\)](https://missoulacounty.us)

The MPD does not control the content or host the web page. If you have questions about what makes or does not make that report, please contact them. Here is a link to their website - [Office of Emergency Management | Missoula County, MT](https://missoulacounty.us/office-of-emergency-management)

Jaeson White

Missoula Chief of Police