

## Neighborhood Priorities - Follow-up

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Above are the top priorities in our two neighborhoods, and we thank you for taking the time to respond to the Neighborhood Priorities Questionnaire, explaining your concerns in detail, so that we can pursue appropriate action. Your responses have been included in the City of Missoula website document "[Citywide Neighborhood Priorities](#)," which shows shared concerns between Missoula neighborhoods. Here are some issues to keep in mind:

**Budget.** Anything new or big is a budget issue, but it is still worthwhile to register needs and get a place on some master list. For example, the current budget has added city resources that will directly aid a number of our top priorities: 3 new snow plowing trucks; 6 new street maintenance staff; 6 new police officers; 1 new professional engineer in development. This should help incrementally.

**Homeowners' Responsibilities.** Also keep in mind that the city is set up so that certain costs are borne in full or in part by homeowners, such as sidewalks or street lighting, so their acceptance of the burden is necessary. Please refer to <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/498/Street-Maintenance>

**The City of Missoula is Notification-Driven** in terms of maintenance and compliance with existing regulations. Nobody goes out looking for issues, even if they pass them. We must report them one by one at a specific address. If no address is available, you can usually locate an owner through Montana Cadastral at <http://svc.mt.gov/msl/mtcadastral>. Most departments are fairly responsive, but action varies according to immediate workload. Many departments will get back to you with an answer, especially if you ask for one, but not all or always. If a complaint concerns a neighbor and is then attended to by the City, the City is bound to reveal who complained *only* if the subject of the complaint asks directly.

**Standard Procedures.** The City usually has a protocol to follow that may take time. For instance, in the case of cars and trailers parked on streets longer than 5 days, they go out to mark the tires, leave a notice 3 times in a row, and then remove. But that process does not start until the City is notified. Call 552-6293 to report an abandoned vehicle. (you can also have a vehicle removed from your own property)

**Impossible Situations.** Obviously, the City cannot shovel, sand, pick up leaves, or street clean the entire city at once. They do the high-traffic areas first. Therefore, our two neighborhoods are almost always late on the list. This is due to living in a more private area with less traffic passing through. The schedule for these services is published seasonally as an insert in the *Missoulian* and is available online (see under **Streets** below).

## Issues about Urban Deer

Missoula has an increasing population of urban deer. While watching them in our urban environment provides enjoyment, many citizens experience harms from urban deer, including public health and safety issues, injuries to humans and pets, damage to gardens, trees, and landscape plants, and motor vehicle damage from collisions with deer. In 2003, the Montana Legislature passed HB 249, which gives cities and towns the authority, with approval from Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP), to adopt and implement their own urban deer management plans. Helena and Roundup have successfully done so.

The [Montana FWP Urban Wildlife Working Group](#) offers informative online documents:

- *Urban Wildlife in Montana FAQ*
- *Wildlife Working Group Findings and Recommendations*

The South 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council Leadership Teams are currently seeking collaboration between the City of Missoula, Montana FWP, and University of Montana scientists with associated expertise. We are requesting a scientific study to provide an unbiased, evidence-based report on Missoula's urban deer population and possible alternatives for addressing the associated harms. Success in this effort will require citizen involvement, public education efforts, and informed decision-making based on science and local conditions.

The Montana FWP document [Living with Wildlife](#) provides guidance on protecting plants, gardens, and trees. While the most effective tool is fencing, it is recommended that you use a combination of methods to deter deer.

Use of salt blocks or food to attract deer is a violation of Montana state law [MCA 87-6-216](#) and Missoula [Municipal Code 6.07.12](#) with associated liability for resultant deer-caused damage or injury. Violations should be reported to Montana FWP Region 2 Headquarters 406-542-5500 or Missoula City-County Animal Control 406-541-7387.

Currently, there is no locally adopted protocol for rescuing or euthanizing injured deer that are able to walk. Deer that are killed (e.g. by collisions with motor vehicles) and are found on a homeowner's property may be disposed of without added charge by placing the dead animal adjacent to the Republic Services trash pick-up bin. Avoid situations where scavenging wild animals may be attracted. For guidance and alternatives, call Republic Services at 406-543-3157.

## Issues about Streets

Please call to report these issues:

- **Potholes** – See City of Missoula website - [Patching Potholes](#) Fill out “[Report a Pothole](#)” online, or call Street Maintenance 406-552-6320
- **Snow Removal** – See City of Missoula website - [Snow Removal](#) for Snow Plowing Map and other information, or call Street Maintenance, 406-552-6360
- **Cars and Trailers Parked on Street Longer Than 5 Days** – Police Dept. 406-552-6312
- **Signage Needs** – Call Traffic Services, 406-552-6372
- **Street Lights Out** – Call Public Works, 406-552-6354
- **Corner Blind Spots** – Call Traffic Services, 406-552-6354
- **Water Drainage** (23<sup>rd</sup> and Gharrett) - Call Storm Water Utility, 406-552-6357
- **Street Cleaning Schedule:** [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/561/Street-Cleaning](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/561/Street-Cleaning)
- **Leaf Pickup Schedule:** [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/504/leaf-Collection](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/504/leaf-Collection)
- **Speeding** – Call Police Department, 406-552-6300

## Issues about Sidewalks

Please call to report these issues:

- **Snow and Ice Removal** (including houses with absentee owners or renters) – Call Development Services, (Code Compliance) 406-552-6630
- **Need for New Sidewalks** for school- and bus-bound pedestrians. These require collective homeowners buy-in
- **Overhanging Vegetation** – Call Development Services, 406-552-6630
- **Blockages** – Call Development Services, 406-552-6630

## Issues about Transients

As in other US cities, Missoula has a population of transients and homeless people who present complex challenges. The Poverello Center has a [Homelessness Outreach Team](#) (HOT) and a HOT line (406-493-7955) as an alternative to 911 calls for disruptive or nuisance behavior related to chronic homelessness.

<https://www.thepoverellocenter.org/programs-services/homeless-outreach-team/>

- **Trespass**, illegal camping, or other suspect activities – Call Police Department, 406-552-6300, or 911 if there is an immediate problem
- **Refuse** – Call Health Department, 406-258-475

## Other Issues

Please call to report these issues:

- **Quality of Life** - 406-552-6338 Dustin Delridge is assigned as the Quality of Life Sergeant, acts as a liaison to many different groups in the community.
- **Barking Dogs, Roaming Cats** – Call Missoula City-County Animal Control, 406-541-7387
- **Weeds and Unmowed Lawns** – Vegetation has to be over 24 inches before Code Compliance 406-552-6630 will take action. See [City of Missoula Weed Hazard Program](#)
- **Vandalism** – For vandalism and other non-emergent activities, the City of Missoula - Police Department web page has a link to “[Make a Police Report](#)” For emergent activities and/or “in-progress” activities, call 911.
- **Park Upgrades** – Call Parks and Recreation, 406-721-7275 to see where Perry Park and others are on the docket for upgrades
- **Transportation Services** – Mountain Line Bus #12 serves parts of MCG and South 39th Street Neighborhoods. Bus #7 serves the Walmart area of the South 39th Street Neighborhood. See the [Mountain Line](#) website for bus routes and schedules. Missoula in Motion has plans to create small parking areas near public transportation pickup spots to help reduce the need for using cars for full trips. <https://www.missoulainmotion.com/>
- **Recycling** - True recycling is an issue for the entire country, with too few options as yet. In August 2018, Missoula City Council adopted a “ZERO by FIFTY” policy to promote recycling and reduce waste. In support of this policy, we ask that you become informed and join in this effort:  
[City of Missoula - Energy and Climate Action - Zero Waste](#)  
[ZERO by FIFTY City of Missoula Zero Waste Plan](#)  
[ZERO by FIFTY Service Providers](#)  
[Pacific Steel & Recycling - Recycling Services](#)  
[Republic Services - Recycling Services](#)  
[Home ReSource - A Community Sustainability Center](#) - 1515 Wyoming Street  
[Missoula Interfaith Collaborative - Recycling Works](#) - curbside pick-up service for glass and organics

## To Our Neighbors

Our overall results will be conveyed to City Council and placed beside the priorities of other neighborhoods in Missoula. Seeking greater citizen awareness and input, we hope you will persuade your Moose Can Gully/South 39th Street Neighborhood friends and neighbors to participate in next year’s Neighborhood Priorities questionnaire.

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Our Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meetings are open to the public and generally take place every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00 pm at City Council offices, 140 West Pine Street. The scheduled meetings are listed on our respective City of Missoula - Neighborhood web pages. Information can be obtained by calling Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, at 406-552-6081.

If you want to receive the Office of Neighborhoods [Weekly City News Digest](#) that is emailed to subscribers every Friday with a list of links to ongoing city issues, you can sign up on the City of Missoula website

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