

## **Missoula Parks and Recreation Board Referral**

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Citizen or Organization Name: "Friends and volunteers of the Pineview Park ice rink"

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Referral to: Missoula Parks and Recreation Board

Requested date for Board consideration: 02/08/2022

Referral Item: Dedication of the Pineview Park Ice Rink to Honor Bill Bevis

Motion/Action requested:

Move to approve naming the ice rink in Pineview Park the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink" to honor Bill Bevis' 46 year dedication to the improvement and maintenance of the rink for the enjoyment of all Missoulians. The board recommends that the Missoula City Council approve a resolution to officially name the ice rink in Pineview Park to the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink". Following approval, the board recommends Parks Staff work with Friends of Missoula Parks and dedicated ice rink volunteers to develop and install a recognition sign at the rink as per City policy.

Brief Statement regarding the action you want taken by the Park Board:

Formally name the ice rink in Pineview park to honor Bill Bevis and recommend that the Missoula City Council resolve to do so. Provide direction to Missoula Parks staff to develop a resolution for City Council work on development and purchase of dedication signage for the rink.

Background information:

Bill Bevis has dedicated himself to making Pineview park a better place for all Missoulians. Bill Bevis has a lifetime of dedication to hockey since he was four years old to his current age of 80 including prep, college, semi-pro, and an invite to the Olympic trials, all as a goalie. Bill arrived in Missoula in 1974 as a new professor of American Literature at the University of Montana. As he settled into

the community, he jumped on the original efforts of the fire department trying to make ice by flooding a flat section of grass at the edge of the woods at Pineview Park. Over the last 46 years, Bill Bevis has been a leader in refining the quality of ice and cultivating a rich spirit of community and volunteerism at Pineview Park. In the 1970's, there was little to no public ice skating in Missoula. It was Bill Bevis who worked with Missoula County to establish an ice rink in Pineview Park. Since 1975, Bill has coordinated a team of volunteers, who have devoted tens of thousands of hours providing all of the maintenance to the Pineview Ice Rink. Bill has spent countless late nights & pre-dawns making ice with afternoon visits to check ice to keep the rink open to the public and in good condition. Most visitors to the rink are unaware of Bill Bevis' devotion or the gift he has given to our community. Christmas day opening this year was in question due to temperatures. Yet, as always, Bill Bevis managed the team of committed volunteers to "make ice" and open to at least 40 skaters on Christmas afternoon.

In addition to Bill's work on the Pineview Rink he has also served the public by:

- 1975 to 2007 member of Missoula County's Pineview Park Board.
- 2007-2009 member of Friends of Pineview Park to redesign the park.
- 2009-2018 member of Tom Greene Park Advisory committee.

Attachments: *multiple letters of support attached*

**Staff report:**

*Morgan V. comment:* I am unaware of another example within our Parks system where one individual has devoted so much of their personal time and expense to establish and maintain a public amenity. The community owes Bill Bevis a huge debt of gratitude for his decades of devotion to the site. This naming and dedication request makes total sense.

Staff recommendation to Parks Board:

Per City Council and Park Board adopted Policy, we are recommending honoring Bill and naming the ice rink per Section IV. E. Parks, trails, and facilities shall not ordinarily be named for living persons, except in the event that an individual, family, or organization has donated the land for a new park, donated more than 60% of the cost of developing the park or facility, or has established a maintenance endowment of 60% or more of the projected maintenance cost for 20 years, and such donation is made with the stipulation that the name is a condition of the land or monetary donation.

Bill has contributed well more than the 60% of the costs/efforts through his leadership and labor provide safe and quality natural ice to our community for more than 20 years. While Bill's gift was not specifically an endowment, his more

than 40 years of work exceeds the requirements as adopted by the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council Park Naming Policy. The ice rink in Pineview provides a unique recreation experience which is free and open to all. Bill's 46 year donation of time and materials represents a significant monetary investment in the Pineview ice rink. The maintenance regimes he has created coupled with extensive training of ice rink stewards will ensure maintenance of this facility in the future.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7600**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL EMPOWERING THE MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND TO RECOMMEND NAMES TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.28 of the Missoula Municipal Code sets forth the powers and duties of the Missoula Parks and Recreation Board, which include making all rules for the use by the public of parks, trails, and open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Board has previously reviewed proposed names for public parks and trails and forwarded their recommendation to City Council for their final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Board has not had adequate written adopted policy for naming such public facilities and requested Parks staff to research and develop such policy; and

**WHEREAS**, staff prepared a draft policy that was approved by the Park Board on October 12, 2010, which was then presented to the City Council Conservation Committee in the form of a City Ordinance for their review on November 10, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2010 the City Council held a public hearing on the draft ordinance that was substantially in the form shown in attached Exhibit A and there was no public comment on the draft at the hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2011, all members present at the Conservation Committee supported the draft policy being adopted by Park Board as a Park Board Policy instead of the Council adopting the draft policy as a City Ordinance so long as Council retained the final authority to approve all proposed names for public parks, trails, open space, and park facilities;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Missoula City Council authorizes the Missoula Parks and Recreation Board to adopt a Park Naming Policy that is substantially in the form as shown in the attached Exhibit A. The Board has the authority to amend the draft as they feel prudent or necessary, but must obtain the provision that the City Council has the final authority to approve all proposed names for public parks, trails, open space, and park facilities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein  
Martha L. Rehbein, CMC  
City Clerk

/s/ John Engen  
John Engen  
Mayor

(SEAL)

## **NAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION LANDS AND FACILITIES**

### **Missoula Parks & Recreation Board Policy – Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2011**

#### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a uniform procedure for the official naming of parks, open space, trails, and recreational facilities to ensure that these public amenities are easily identified and located and given names that are consistent with the values and character of the area, neighborhood, or community served.

#### **II. Policy**

It is the policy of the Missoula Parks & Recreation Board (the "Board") to name newly acquired or developed or unnamed public parks, open space, trails, and recreational facilities based upon the procedures set forth in this chapter. A facility within a park (e.g. playground, picnic shelter, ball field, etc.) can be named separately from the park subject to the same criteria.

#### **III. Naming Procedure**

Names may be nominated by: 1) the Director of Missoula Parks & Recreation, the Mayor of the City of Missoula, or members of City Council; 2) by Neighborhood Councils or Homeowner Associations in the same locality as the park or facility; or 3) by individuals or organizations that have provided all the information requested in the Park Naming Application provided by Missoula Parks & Recreation ("Parks Department") and paid the application fee. The proposed name shall be submitted to the Board for consideration and approval as an action item on the Board's public meeting agenda. If a majority of the Board approves the name based upon the criteria under Section IV, the Board shall provide the City Council with their written recommendation of the name and request that the Council make the final decision at a public meeting by adoption of a resolution.

Exceptions to this procedure: 1) public parks dedicated with new subdivisions, which can be named by the developer using the criteria under Section IV as a guideline subject to City Council approval and indicated on the final plat; 2) if a contest or competition is to be held to determine the name of a park or recreation facility, the Board shall establish guidelines and rules for the contest; or 3) capital campaigns for the purpose of naming rights through donations, in which case the Board shall establish guidelines and rules as well as amounts for the capital campaign.

#### **IV. Selection of Name – Criteria.**

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B. A historical figure, place, event or other instance of historical or cultural significance;

C. Natural or geological features;

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Parks Department; or 5) was an outstanding regional or statewide leader who contributed significantly to the promotion of parks and recreation and/or land conservation.

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F. Names that duplicate or that are very similar to existing parks, trails, or other facilities in the City system shall not be considered in order to avoid confusion.

G. Particular facilities within a park or trails within an open space area may not be named if confusion would result from association of too many names with a park or open space area.

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**From:** [Donna Gaukler](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pineview Sunday pm - Something you may want to add to the Bill Bevis naming referral..  
**Date:** Sunday, January 30, 2022 3:43:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Bill frequently sends these types of random counts and other ice related info to me each year. This one does a nice job of sharing the importance of the rink.

*Donna*

Donna Gaukler, Director  
(406) 552-6265

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**From:** William Bevis <wbevis3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:47 PM  
**To:** Donna Gaukler <GauklerD@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Paul Sharkey <ohthatsharkbites@gmail.com>; Craig Podner <bigfish@blackfoot.net>; David Harmon <ecollama@msn.com>  
**Subject:** Pineview Sunday pm

Could be a record - Sunday afternoon at 4 pm, January 23, cars parked up to the school grounds. I counted at least 60 kids and 40 adults skating or in the pavilion or in the snow banks with skates on - everyone happy...

Good job, all.

Bill

Bob Gentry  
2407 Wylie Ave  
Missoula, MT 59802  
(406) 396-6322

January 28, 2022

City of Missoula  
Parks and Recreation Board

RE: Pineview Ice Rink – The Bill Bevis Ice Rink

Dear Board,

The ice skating rink at Pineview Park is not just for the middle Rattlesnake area. It's not just for the Rattlesnake area, it's for the entire City of Missoula. Pick any good skating day and take a look. There can be 80 to 100 kids and some adults skating around, playing hockey and sliding around on the ice. And they are from all around town.

Hockey games happen early in the morning, then it's kids, kids, kids having fun. It is, without a doubt, the very best Missoula has to offer in outdoor skating. A dedicated crew of volunteers maintains the ice morning and night to keep it ready for fun. And fun it is. I've heard it said that it's always been about the kids. But for the person who said that, Bill Bevis, none of this would have come to be.

Starting with a beautiful idea Bill has been the ice-maker, the ice maintenance man, the procurer of equipment for ice making, and the organizing force behind the success of this rink. Bill's work on this rink began decades ago and he has built the rink and the supporting cast from the bottom up. Nobody has more institutional knowledge about this sheet of ice than Bill. Just ask him about thermal mass and the impacts of air temperature. Ask him about when a thin, medium or heavy coat of water should be applied and you'll get knowledge on temperature, humidity, and weather forecasts, plus other factors that go into making a sheet of ice at Pineview. Over the decades Bill has dedicated large parts of his winters, late nights and very early mornings, developing his art of ice making at Pineview. And it's all about the kids, and the rest of us. Bill and a lot more of us sure do enjoy the ice too!!!

I think naming the rink the Bill Bevis Ice Rink would be a very fitting tribute to Bill's decades of work and the energy and joy he has poured into that rink, along with thin, medium or heavy coats of water. It's the very least we can do together to recognize an extraordinary person who has given so much of himself for the good and joy of the rest of us.

Thank you so much for considering this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance at all to you.

Sincerely,  
Bob Gentry

**From:** [David Harmon](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Plan for Pineview  
**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 4:12:07 PM

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To Whom It May Concern

I agree that it would be a wonderful thing to name the Pineview Ice Rink after Bill Bevis. I helped him make ice there on and off for the past 10 -15 years. And that's the point. While I and all others were on and off Bill was always on. He was unbelievably dedicated to making ice for the community for some 40 years. We have adults skating there now that use to skate when they were kids nearly 40 years ago.

Bill was super dedicated, kind and always had in mind what was best for not only the hockey player but for everyone that wanted to skate.

Last year one cold February day Bill and I had spent a couple hours clearing the ice of snow and then putting down a coat of water for some nice skating ice. It froze quickly and as Bill and i were leaving to get warmed up a kid showed up, all by himself and just beamed from ear to ear cause he knew he was going to get to be the first skater on the newly laid ice. Bill just looked a that smile, then looked at me and said, "that's what makes it all worth the time and effort"

Bill loved the smiles from the neighborhood kids. It's what fueled his passion for making ice I think.

Yes, please name the rink after Bill Bevis.

Thank you,

Dave Harmon

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**From:** Morgan Valliant <ValliantM@ci.missoula.mt.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** 'MC Jenni' <mcinmissoula1964@gmail.com>; ohthatsharkbites@gmail.com <ohthatsharkbites@gmail.com>; nickyphear@gmail.com <nickyphear@gmail.com>; Dori Gilels <dorigilels@gmail.com>; David Harmon <ecollama@msn.com>; robert@robertgentrylaw.com <robert@robertgentrylaw.com>; fhaefe@yaho.com <fhaefe@yaho.com>; Timothy Bechtold <tim@bechtoldlaw.net>; travermt@gmail.com <travermt@gmail.com>; philgardner@mac.com <philgardner@mac.com>; teddy.kress@gmail.com <teddy.kress@gmail.com>; bahdub@gmail.com <bahdub@gmail.com>; carissa.benjamin@hotmail.com <carissa.benjamin@hotmail.com>;

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**Cc:** Pauly Donaldson <mpaulyd@gmail.com>; Elke Govertsen <elke@mamalode.com>

**Subject:** RE: Plan for Pineview

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If you sent me something and I missed it please let me know.....just got back from 10 days out of the office.....hoping nothing got lost.

If you haven't sent anything yet PLEASE get me something by end of day Tues Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. An email is fine.

The Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is so we can attach the letters with the Missoula Park and Recreation Board agenda. If you miss that deadline, I understand, but....still send me a letter anyway. Step 2, will be taking this request to City Council later in the month and we will submit letters on that agenda as well.

Thanks so much!

Morgan

Morgan Valliant  
Ecosystem Services Superintendent  
Missoula Parks and Rec.  
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Missoula Mt. 59801  
(406) 552-6263

**From:** MC Jenni <mcinmissoula1964@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 9:06 PM

**To:** ohthatsharkbites@gmail.com; nickyphear@gmail.com; Dori Gilels <dorigilels@gmail.com>; David Harmon <ecollama@msn.com>; robert@robertgentrylaw.com; fhaefele@yahoo.com; Timothy Bechtold <tim@bechtoldlaw.net>; travermt@gmail.com; philgardner@mac.com; teddy.kress@gmail.com; bahdub@gmail.com; carissa.benjamin@hotmail.com; dswain@mrfdfive.org; ledyardjt@msn.com; stark.montana@gmail.com

**Cc:** Morgan Valliant <ValliantM@ci.missoula.mt.us>; Pauly Donaldson <mpaulyd@gmail.com>; Elke Govertsen <elke@mamalode.com>

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Hello Hockey and Ice Lovers,

I have been requested to gather support for an idea brought to my attention by neighbors and friends of Pineview Park to formally name the ice rink the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink". FYI, Bill does not know this effort is in progress...shhhh.

We are asking you to write a letter by January 24th that will be attached to a Referral and delivered to the Board of Parks and Recreation.

Naming the ice rink in Pineview Park the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink" to honor Bill Bevis' 46 year dedication to the improvement and maintenance of the rink for the enjoyment of all Missoulians.

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Send your supportive words by January 24, Monday to:

[ValliantM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:ValliantM@ci.missoula.mt.us)

If you have questions, please contact Morgan Valliant or Pauly Donaldson cc-ed on this email. (I will be on the Grand Canyon for the month of January.)

Feel free to forward this email as the more support the merrier for the Board of Parks and Recreation.

Thank you, MC Jenni (Bill Bevis' daughter)

**From:** [Peter Stark](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** to P&R Board -- request to name Pineview Ice Rink after Bill Bevis  
**Date:** Monday, January 3, 2022 5:39:29 PM

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Dear Parks and Recreation Board Members,

I would like to voice my support for naming the ice rink at Pineview Part the "Bill Bevis Ice Rink."

I have been playing pickup hockey and skating on the Pineview rink for nearly forty years. I can say with confidence that none of the wonderful skating scene that goes on at Pineview would exist if Bill Bevis had not spearheaded the effort for these last four (and more) decades.

Sincerely,

Peter Stark

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**From:** [Elke](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Plan for Pineview  
**Date:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 9:21:25 AM

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I'm thrilled to support the naming of Pineview Park ice skating rink after Bill Bevis.

Bill's dedication to that rink is inspiring. His impact has been felt by generations. His legacy is of leadership, service, and fine storytelling of a place that he has gifted his community. Our community.

Missoula is a better place because of givers like Bill.

I wholeheartedly support this measure.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2022, at 2:02 PM, Morgan Valliant <[ValliantM@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:ValliantM@ci.missoula.mt.us)> wrote:

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**From:** [Traver McLeod](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Plan for Pineview  
**Date:** Sunday, January 30, 2022 1:04:10 PM

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The naming of the Pineview rink after a Missoula ice sports legend Bill Bevis really seems fitting. The years of service to the rink, the community, and the overall enjoyment of recreational ice sports really could be captured with the renaming of the rink after Bill. The ice rink community needs more Bill Bevis type enthusiasts as you can see how much of a community builder ice sports are for Missoula Mt and the surrounding area.

He is a wonderful man that has kept the people coming to Pineview Park year after year. He truly has brought a lot of smiles and enjoyment to our community with his vision of this rink.

Traver McLeod  
Montana Amateur Hockey Association President.

On Fri, Jan 28, 2022 at 4:39 PM Traver McLeod <[travermt@gmail.com](mailto:travermt@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Morgan, I'll email something this weekend. Sorry, January was a busy travel month for me.

Thanks for putting this together.

**Traver McLeod**  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 9:06 PM

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Dear Missoula Parks & Recreation Board Members:

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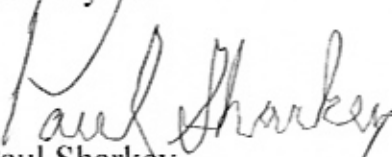
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Thank you.

  
Paul Sharkey

**From:** [john LEDYARD](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Plan for Pineview  
**Date:** Saturday, January 29, 2022 8:30:59 AM

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I would love to add my support to renaming pine view park rink the Bill Beevis rink. I think this is a wonderful idea and a great way to honor a really great guy. Thanks  
John Ledyard

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**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Pineview  
**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 6:05:30 PM

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When I moved to Missoula in 1987, Bill Bevis had been making and maintaining ice at Pineview Park for a dozen years. Starting in 1975 and every year since, Bill has made certain that the Pineview ice is ready for skating by Christmas Day at the latest. He has spent countless late nights and pre-dawn mornings spraying water, often in sub-zero temperatures, and investing personal funds into making sure this community has someplace to skate and play hockey outdoors. The Pineview Ice rink is a wonderful community amenity that draws people from all parts of Missoula. Bill Bevis created the ice rink at Pineview and has been the steady and consistent driving force behind the seasonal effort to get the ice sheet started and keeping it viable as long as possible as winter winds down. Naming the Pineview ice rink after Bill Bevis is a just and deserved honor.

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**From:** [Dori Gilels](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Bill Bevis Ice Rink  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 1:57:02 PM

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Hi Morgan-

Here are a few supporting words for the Bill Bevis dedication.

Dori

Bill Bevis is a gem and a Missoula icon. I have been playing hockey with him for some 20 years, and his love of the game and fellow players is quite special. He is truly an inspiration to many. We frequently talk about how we, too, hope to be playing hockey in our 80s - just like Bill.

Bill gets great joy from the results of his work at Pineview and he is particular about how it gets done. He has always been very deliberate about creating space at Pineview for EVERYONE to enjoy the ice, and on any given day you will see kids and adults of all ages and abilities sharing the space.

I have been volunteering to build and maintain ice up there for a few years and we are committed to maintaining the space as Bill envisioned it. Those of us who volunteer reward ourselves with an early morning hockey game a couple days a week before we open the ice to the public. Those mornings are some of my favorite Missoula/Montana moments. Building and maintaining the ice, however, is no small task. It requires many late nights and early mornings with headlamps and yak tracks and warm clothes, dragging hoses, running machinery and lots of shoveling. To get it right, Bill, with the help of a few key friends, created systems and protocols and purchased or built the necessary equipment.

Having outdoor ice in a public park where anyone can access it for free, is a tremendous asset for the community. It gives people an opportunity to get fresh air and exercise in the winter months and provides a place to enjoy time with family and friends. It's one of the many recreational opportunities that make Missoula a special place to live.

I am so pleased to support a formal dedication of this ice rink in honor of Bill Bevis. This winter gem would not have existed without his vision, insistence and hard work. A dedication like this is important for people like Bill who deserve to be recognized and appreciated for what they do, but perhaps more importantly, it may also serve to inspire others to find ways to contribute to the community.

Thank you for making this dedication to a special Missoulia and for supporting the efforts of many volunteers to sustain this legacy.

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**Dori Gilels (she/her)**  
**Damn Good Consulting LLC**  
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1/28/22

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Thank you for considering honoring Bill Bevis by naming the Pineview ice rink after him. The concept of a neighborhood ice rink is not novel but it takes a spark. That spark in the Rattlesnake appeared 46 years ago in the form of Bill Bevis. Bill understands ice and realized that the area adjacent to the creek at Pineview Park is historically one of the coldest areas of town and therefore represented an excellent site for the rink. I learned of this remarkable volunteer effort to build and maintain the rink for public enjoyment over 20 years ago. I was filled with awe and gratitude. I was also inspired by Bill. He represents the miraculous humble kindness that has transformed our community. It is because of people like Bill that I feel so lucky to live here and to have raised my daughters here. Not long ago, Bill even funded a public art feature at the ice rink. It is one thing to have a great idea, but what is most impressive about Bill's involvement in the Pineview ice rink is the 46 years of consistent selfless effort. The maintenance of the rink often requires middle of the night nursing. His organization of loyal volunteers has been remarkable. Bill also is never satisfied and continues to tinker with making perfect ice. The recent acquisition of the Zamboni has been a great advancement for ice quality. When I hear the joyful sounds emanating from the Pineview rink, or the thud of the puck hitting the 2 x 4 goal, I will always think of Bill and hope you will choose to honor him by naming this wonderful space, The Bill Bevis Ice Rink.

Thank you,

Phil Gardner

**From:** [Teddy Kress](#)  
**To:** [Morgan Valliant](#)  
**Subject:** Plan for Pineview - Bill Bevis Ice Rink  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 10:34:14 PM

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Hi Morgan,

I was made aware of a proposal to rename the ice rink at pineview park the "Bill Bevis ice Rink" and wanted to voice my support. As a lifelong resident of the lower rattlesnake and someone that has enjoyed using the rink since I first put on skates 28 years ago, I've enjoyed countless hours on the ice at pineview and am extremely grateful for the thousands of hours and tremendous effort Bill Bevis has dedicated to maintaining the rink.

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