

HOTEL WATCH IN BILLINGS!

Keep an eye on your YCLA newsletters for status updates on new hotels being built in Billings. We will also have a running update on the website with photos and the latest information as we collect it. Today, we are aware of 6-9 new hotels planned or in construction (Most of our initial research is from the Billings Gazette, with some input from members):



Homewood Suites - July 11



Holiday Inn Express - July 11



New vehicles in the neighborhood

- **Homewood Suites**
 - General: a Hilton extended-stay hotel, rooms with full kitchens, breakfast and light dinners served with beer or wine Monday through Thursday.
 - Location: Between the Hampton Inn & Suites and The Big Horn Resort on Ember Lane off Zoo Drive and Interstate 90.
 - Completion: Estimated June 2014 at a cost of \$14 million
 - Rates: Winter room rates will be approximately \$130 and rise to \$150 in summer.

- **Home2 Suites**
 - General: a Hilton extended-stay hotel, Modern design, kitchens in the rooms and a work wall that doubles as an entertainment area for guests
 - Location: Property being negotiated on the west end near the Hilton Garden Inn.
 - Completion: Estimated March/April 2014 at a cost of \$9.4 million
 - Rates: approximately \$100 per night.

- **TownePlace Suites**
 - General: a Marriott, extended-stay hotel, 94 rooms, 4 stories
 - Location: 963 S. 25th St. W - Directly across from the Billings Hilton Garden Inn, behind Home Depot
 - Completion: Estimated fall 2014
 - Rates: listed in all research as “mid-price”

- **Trailhead Lodge**
 - General: Red Lion franchise, 80 rooms all with fireplaces
 - Location: 2 acres at 3838 Zoo Drive, south side
 - Completion: no info at this time
 - Rates: no info at this time

- **Holiday Inn Express**

- General: No specific info at this time.
 - Location: Across from the Hampton Inn & Suites in front of the Rib & Chop House on Ember Lane off Zoo Drive and Interstate 90.
 - Completion: no info, but property is fenced off, trailer is set up, and equipment is starting to move in)
 - Rates: \$131 per night (per website, other HIExpress in Billings)
- Unidentified hotel
 - General: Billings attorney and developer Dave Veeder and an unidentified partner who operate Lads Riverside, LLC bought 5-1/2-acre property, site of the former Carmike 7 Theater site on Overland Avenue, and are considering a hotel. (Is this the Home2 Suites?)
- Unidentified hotel
 - Tentative plans are heard for another hotel off the Lockwood exit by the existing Holiday Inn Express
- Two potential hotels are being discussed for the east BID area
 - One hotel on 1st & Expo Drive – hotel, theatre, and shopping center
 - Another hotel on 6th & Expo Drive