



Porch Talk

The Mayor's Neighborhood Newsletter

SUMMER 2011



Boise Celebrates Good Neighbors

Great neighborhoods are the cornerstones of a livable city. Boise is fortunate to have a thriving network of active neighborhoods in all parts of the city. To celebrate and support Boise's neighborhoods, the City is proud to announce a series of programs to strengthen the ties between Boise residents, establish new connections within our community and honor residents who set an example of how good neighbors can improve and enhance our community.

The program begins with National Night Out on August 2 and culminates with National Good Neighbor Day on September 28. In between will be multiple neighborhood block parties, a neighborhood summit and other ways to celebrate the many bonds we share.

• **National Night Out**— Tuesday, August 2
Register your neighborhood event by contacting Charlene Miller at cmiller@cityofboise.org or (208) 570-6070.

• **Community Center Block Parties**—All residents are invited to attend one of these three neighborhood block parties at these community recreation centers. Fridays, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
August 5: Morley Nelson, 7701 W. Northview St.
August 12: Grace Jordan, 6411 W. Fairfield Ave.
August 19: Whitney, 1609 S. Owyhee St.

• **Neighborhood Summit**— Saturday, September 10, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., DoubleTree

Riverside, 2900 W. Chinden Blvd. Join other neighborhood leaders throughout the Boise Valley to become inspired and learn new strategies to improve our communities. For registration information visit www.idahocrimeprevent.org/training.

• **National Good Neighbor Day**—Wednesday, September 28, 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Main Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd. A celebration of good neighbors. Mayor Bieter meets with Boise residents nominated for being exemplary neighbors.

Look for a website later this summer with more information on how to nominate someone you know for a Good Neighbor Award.



Mayor David H. Bieter

The Mayor's Message

How a city handles the trash it produces is one of the more important measuring sticks for determining whether a city is sustainable, environmentally friendly and meeting the needs of its residents. I'm happy to report that the city of Boise's solid-waste record is strong and about to get even stronger.

By virtually every account, the launch of the City's Curb It recycling program in 2009 was a stunning success. In just the first year, the new program resulted in approximately double the amount of materials recycled throughout the city and more than two-thirds of solid waste customers saying the Curb It program is "much better" than before its introduction.

But despite these high marks, there has still been a nagging

concern by many that more needed to be done to recycle one of our most plentiful materials: glass. Well, starting this fall, the Curb It recycling program will be addressing that need also.

At the launch event on June 15, I joined with officials from the City's Public Works Department, Allied Waste and our new partner, Environmental Abrasives, to christen the City's new glass crusher and to officially announce the city's new voluntary glass recycling program. With the purchase of this new crusher and the contract with Environmental Abrasives, a local company that will use the glass to make industrial abrasives, Boise is now able to locally recycle glass in a way that is both environmentally friendly and productive for our community.



Boise residents can visit www.curbitboise.org or call 345-1266 to sign up to receive a new curb-side cart to recycle their glass bottles starting this fall. The premium service will cost \$9.95 per month for one extra 65 gallon glass-only gray cart (no glass is allowed in blue no-sort recycling carts.)

Until next time...



Out and About in Boise

JUNE

June 29—Author Reading—Alan Heathcock. Main Library, 7:00 p.m.

JULY

July 4 Celebration Fireworks Display: Ann Morrison Park, 10:15 p.m.

July 7—Ice Cream Zoofari: Zoo Boise 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Visit www.zooboise.org or call 384-4260. (Also August 4)

July 9—Military Family Swim Day: Ivywild Pool, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

Open to military families with valid IDs. 384-4402.

July 16—WaterShed Weekend: Boise WaterShed, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Meet and greet the critters that call the Boise River home.

Visit www.boiseenvironmentaleducation.org or call 608-7300.

July 23—Run Wild at Zoo Boise: Zoo Boise, 9:00 a.m. 1st annual fun

run for kids age 3-12. www.zooboise.org or (208) 384-4260.

AUGUST

August 4—First Thursday—Robert & Paul Havani: Main Library, 5:30–8:00 p.m.

August 18—Nonprofit Resources Open House: Main Library, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

August 20—Publishing Workshop, All Ages: Library! at Cole & Ustick, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Be Safe this July Fourth

Did you know that all fireworks are banned from the Boise Foothills? Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are banned throughout Boise. Protect yourself and your family this July Fourth by following all fireworks regulations. Visit BoiseFire.org for more information.

Important Contact Information

Ada County

General Info: 287-7070
Landfill: 577-4725

Animal Control

Humane Society
343-3166

Boise Public Library

384-4076

Code Enforcement

384-3845

Community Forestry

Street/Park Trees: 384-4083

Community Ombudsman

Public/Police Mediator
395-7859

Dept. of Arts & History

433-5670

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

Titles & Plates: 334-8663
Licenses: 577-3100

Fire

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 377-7351

Garbage Collection

BFI/Allied Waste
345-1265

Graffiti Reports

377-6790

Licensing

Business/Child Care/Dog
City Clerk: 384-3710

Mayor's Hotline

384-4404

Parks & Recreation

608-7650

Planning &

Development Services
Building Permits/Inspections
Zoning Information
384-3830

Police

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 377-6790
Neighborhood Contact
Officers: 570-6410

Public Works

General Info: 384-3900
Utility Billing for Sewer/
Trash: 384-3735

Roadway & Traffic Concerns

Ada County Highway District
387-6190

School Districts

Boise: 854-4000
Meridian: 855-4500

ValleyRide

Bus schedules
345-7433

City of Boise Website

www.cityofboise.org



Butterflies in Bloom

One of Zoo Boise's most popular exhibits returns for the summer! Stroll through a flower-filled greenhouse while hundreds of colorful butterflies fly around you. Entry to Butterflies in Bloom is \$1 per person, including Friends of Zoo Boise Annual Pass holders. Tickets can be purchased with the regular zoo admission at the front gate. Visit www.zooboise.org.



Boise WaterShed Wednesdays

Looking for something to do during the summer break? The Boise WaterShed Environmental

Education center is hosting free programs on Wednesdays all summer. The programs are June 8–August 17 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The all-ages activities include scientific demonstrations, movies and more! For more information and directions visit www.boiseenvironmentaleducation.org or call 608-7300.



Summer Writing Camp for Kids

Join educator Kate Riley for a fun and interactive summer writing camp! She'll cover the

elements of story, voice, arcs and pacing. Ages 8-15, registration required. No previous writing experience necessary. Classes are scheduled from 2:00–4:00 p.m. on August 16, 17, 18 and 19 at the Library! at Cole & Ustick. Call 570-6900 for details or to register.



Mobile Recreation Van

Mobile Recreation vans are cargo vans outfitted with balls, jump ropes, bases, painting supplies, a sound system and other supplies for fitness,

nutrition, art, drama and dance activities for kids. The second van hits the streets this summer to visit parks, schools and apartment complexes. To get the schedule, visit www.cityofboise.org/Department/Parks or (208) 854-4917.