



# The Legends Homeowner's News

Fall 2009

Do you know someone living in the Legends deserving recognition? It could be someone working on an Eagle Scout project, someone endeavoring to make this a better neighborhood or volunteering in the community.

Do you have ideas for future newsletter articles?

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## A Legends' Legend

**Jim Ripley**, his wife Tammy and their two girls, Caitlyn and Erin, looked at several homes in The Legends before moving into their home a little over 7 years ago. "We looked all over west Boise for a home, but we kept coming back to The Legends. We just loved the area," Jim said.

Jim, a Senior Financial Consultant at D.A. Davidson & Co., has always been active in the community. He was Co-Chairman for the YMCA's fundraiser, "Invest in Success Stock Market Challenge," and has lectured at Boise State University and offered financial classes in the Boise Community Education program. He also organized the D.A. Davidson/Boise State University Student Investment fund that allows upper level finance majors to manage real money as part of their education, something he continues today.

Jim volunteers time and resources to many different organizations including the Idaho Community Foundation, Phi Gamma Delta, Idaho Public Television, Boise State Alumni Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, not to mention helping coach his kids' sport teams. He is currently in the middle of a two year commitment with the Boise Chamber's Leadership Boise program, serving on projects like the Leadership Boise Academy (for High School Students) and community events to improve housing at the Interfaith Sanctuary in downtown Boise.

Jim has also played a significant role in The Legends over the last 7 years. In addition to past President/Board of Director of Home Owners Association, he has served as Vice-President and as a member of several committees including Chairman of the Neighborhood Watch and The Legends National Night Out Block Party. He was instrumental in the re-design and launch of the web site <http://www.legendsofboise.com> in an effort to improve communications with the homeowners and counts that as one of his most significant contributions to our neighborhood.

When asked if there was something he did for The Legends that very few people know about, he said that he donated time and effort to save the association money by spraying weeds in the common area off of Pala Mesa and in the median areas off of Eagle Road.

Jim Ripley, another example of the quality of people in our neighborhood and this quarter's Legend's Legend.



Photo of Jim Ripley and his daughters Caitlyn and Erin.

# Neighborhood Watch Update



## Legends Neighborhood Watch Chairman Steps Down

After nearly five years of service as Legends' neighborhood watch chairman, Jim Ripley resigns his position.

Jim States, "I want to thank everyone for helping keep our neighborhood one of the best subdivisions in Boise. The Legends is extremely well thought of with realtors throughout Ada County and I believe our efforts through the neighborhood watch program are reflected in the quality of life and relatively low crime we have grown accustomed to."

If you are considering becoming The Legends' neighborhood watch chairman, email Jim Ripley at [JRipley@dadco.com](mailto:JRipley@dadco.com).

Crime activities during the last three months were slight. Homeowners on Telemark had two large topiary plants stolen from their front porch at night around 11:00 P.M. A police report was filed.

Are you receiving email from our neighborhood watch chairman or co-chair persons? Sign up for crime alerts for our neighborhood at <http://www.legendsofboise.com/enews.shtml>.

Community updates and copies of Boise's neighborhood watch newsletter *The Boise Bark* are available at <http://www.legendsofboise.com/neighborhoodwatch.shtml#library>.

### TIPS

With the days getting shorter, your board of directors and the neighborhood watch want to stress the importance of leaving your outside porch and garage lights on all night. The cost is minimal and the reduction in crime of well lighted neighborhoods is well documented. Considering that our neighborhood does not have yard lamp posts, it is even more important for people to keep the exterior of their homes well lit.

### Important Phone Numbers:

**Emergency** 911  
**Non-Emergency** 377-6790 (to report suspicious activity, a crime or victimization not in progress, or to contact a police officer)  
**Code Enforcement** 384-3845  
**Crime Stoppers** (anonymous tip line) 343-COPS  
**Graffiti** (on your property) 377-6790  
**Traffic/Speeding Complaints** 577-3857



## Annual Christmas Decorating and Lighting Contest

Having a hard time thinking Christmas? The holidays will be here before you know and this is the last Legends newsletter until January of next year.

How do you enter? Simply have your outdoor decorations in place by the weekend of December 20th. The Legends Homeowners Board will be judging then.

Cash prizes of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place will be given and signs or ribbons will be displayed in the yards of those receiving an award.

Our Home owners association is always looking for ways that you can become involved the Legends, and the Christmas decorating competition is no exception.

New prize winner signs or ribbons are needed. If you have an artistic nature and would like to make or help with these signs, call 938-9170 or email Dana at [dana@mythinksolutions.com](mailto:dana@mythinksolutions.com)



# Legends Home and Garden

## Slow Down For School Kids

School is Back in Session, Lesson to Motorists - Slow Down & Be Watchful!

Boise and Meridian Schools are back in regular session and Boise Police remind motorists flashing yellow lights mean slow down! "The flashing yellow lights go on when it's most likely children are coming or going from school," said Officer Rick Burch of the Boise Police Motors Unit.

Parents are also reminded to go over traffic safety rules with their children, remembering that children often need lessons repeated for them to learn! Set a good example by always following the traffic safety rules yourself. Children learn by example.

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## Legends Real Estate Update

by Shannon Fausey, Licensed Real Estate Agent with Keller Williams Boise

Misery loves company, so my husband and I have put our house on the market. We have one house in mind to downsize to, and if it sells first, ours goes off the market. The reason I am telling you this is that you need to determine your motivation to sell if you too decide to put your house on the market. If you are highly motivated to sell, you should pay attention to the issues that repeatedly come up from feedback of those looking at your house and change them. Our nemesis with this house seems to be the thing that we love the most, our backyard. Overall, folks don't want to deal with the amount of work required to maintain it. If we were highly motivated to sell, we would simplify the backyard. We are only interested in one place. We love the



privacy provided from the extensive landscaping. It is not as much work as it appears. We may stay here.

Legends Real Estate activity:

◆ As of September 29, 2009 three houses were active on the IMLS in the Legends with the highest price being \$312,000, and the lowest price being \$264,000, giving a median price of \$300,000. One of these homes is a short sale.

◆ From June 1 through September 29, five houses sold ranging in selling prices from \$242,500 to \$279,000 giving an average selling price of \$264,900. Average time on the market for these homes was 97 days.

◆ The Legends has one home pending sale.

## Other Home and Garden News

The pumps will be turned off soon. Dates will be posted at both entrances. After the water is turned off, please close the valves leading to your properties so that we can properly winterize the lines. Homeowners are responsible for blowing out or winterizing their own systems. If we continue to have warm temperatures, many homeowners may choose to irrigate with city water. If you are using city water for irrigation, please double check to make sure you have closed the valve accessing our pressurized irrigation system. For most homeowners, this is a ball valve located at the connection to our system. If the valve is open, you will be generously providing water to the entire subdivision and may be surprised when you receive a very large and unexpected water bill from the City of Boise.



## Why The Legends?

One of Shakespeare's famous lines from *Romeo and Juliet* states: "'What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.'

The Legends, no matter what the name, is a great place to live, but how did this subdivision arrive at its name and what does it mean?

Some developments names are obvious as in the Vienna Woods area where the streets are named after famous Viennese composers, Straus, Schubert, just to name a few.

One of our board members decided to Google our street names and discovered that most of them were names of various golf courses. Were these legendary golf courses? When I think of the top US golf courses, I think of Pebble Beach, Augusta National and Crystal Downs, not Pala Mesa, Blue Ash, and Tapatio.

Burt Smith, Legends' resident and one of the original developers enlightened me on the origins of The Legends. He and two other men, Jim Amyx and Ed Bews were responsible for the vision and development of what we call home. He and Mr. Bews had worked on many other developments before. This was the first and last time that the three men worked together as a team. Burt said that they were getting up in years and this was their last project before retiring. It was their intention that they, Burt Smith, Ed Bews, and Jim Amyx, be the legends after working in the field for so many years. Hence, The Legends came into existence.

Why then the street names? According to Burt Smith, it was Jim Amyx who submitted the street names to the City of Boise for consideration. It is necessary when proposing street names to include about three times as many names as needed to be approved by the city. Many of them double up on existing street names and need to be thrown out. A few of the streets continue into other areas of the city such as Wrigley and therefore retains the name of the already existing street.

Yes, most of our street names are of various golf courses, but in The Legends our namesakes are Burt Smith, Ed Bews, and Jim Amyx.

## Halloween Safety Tips

- **Your child's costume should be short and snug.** Baggy sleeves or billowy capes and skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames.
- **Your child's shoes should fit.** Big, floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes)—that are hard to walk in may make you fall.
- **Your child's costume props should be flexible.** Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible plastic or rubber.
- **The eyeholes in your child's mask should be wide enough.** Make sure your child's mask fits properly and the eye holes allow you to see fully. Don't wear a mask that is too loose; it can slip and block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask.



- **Can drivers see your child's costume in the dark.** Be original with a glow-in-the-dark costume: Jazz up your costume by attaching some retroreflective tape and stickers.
- **Trick-or-Treat in a group.** Don't go it alone while trick-or-treating. Kids, if you're under age 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with buddies.
- **Cross streets at crosswalks and intersections.** Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing and don't cross between parked cars! Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming.