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Rick Munson
1037 Warm Spring Ave.
866-9975

Motorcycle Patrol: Mayor Bieter, I was totally let down to find out that on Memorial Day, we had no motorcycle patrol on the road and no bicycle patrol in the parks. I guess in the interest of saving money, they had to take a mandatory day off on Memorial Day so that they did not receive holiday pay. I think we could save money in other areas besides reducing our police force on a holiday in the parks and on the road. Also I believe that if we have motorcycle and bicycle patrols, in the interest of saving fuel, a motorcycle gets far less gas than a patrol car does, and the bicycles use no gas. I was really let down to find this out. I was also let down to find out that the officers weren't even told they were going to have the day off until the Friday before then. This doesn't add very much to their morale because they had no chance to plan anything on their subsequently forced three-day weekend. I wish this area could be reviewed for better planning; and I think that in the interest of saving money we could go somewhere else in reducing our police force on the road and in the parks on a holiday, especially Memorial Day that kicks off the summer. Thank you for your time and I appreciate your concern. Have a good day.
BPD

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Tara Talboy
200 S. Villa Pl.
Boise, ID 83712

Dog Off-Leash Citation: I have a complaint; I was just recently at Camels Back Park and my two sisters and I were cited for having a dog off leash, which is completely unfair. We were at the base of the Camels Back hill, our dog was doing no harm to anyone; we didn't know, we didn't see a sign. The police officer who approached us was completely rude and couldn't just give us a warning. Now we have to pay \$66 to the city, which is completely an exorbitant amount of money for such a minor offense, and had we have known we would not have had the dog off the leash. If you think about it, \$66 is a lot of money for something so small, and it's just completely unfair. Like if a person was making minimum wage, it would take them almost eleven hours to pay that off. It's just completely unfair and needs to be attended to. I understand that the police are there to keep the peace and make sure the dogs are on leash, but if we would have known we wouldn't have had that, you know. If our dog was like biting somebody, that would be different, but we were just hanging out at the base of the hill. So, therefore, I'm going to try to appeal this citation, as well as I would like to suggest that there should be some grassy areas that are off-leash for dogs. We were just throwing the ball around and there's no other place to do that and we didn't know. So, now we are stuck with a fine of almost \$67 which is just ridiculous, and I am ashamed that that's what the City of Boise is doing to us. Thank you.
PD / Parks & Rec.

6/8/08

Anonymous

Hello, this is a lady out of Sacramento. I've been calling all around the country about a problem that they're having with the Sacramento police and sheriff's department with mind set and the people are all over the place. So I'm out of New York that has not

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been properly civilized, and also California, some pockets of New York City and Los Angeles mostly, that have these people that need certain services, current data running things like 1502, and they've got people in mindset that they're not supposed to have, and they're going all over the country with military machines uncivilizing people, and they are trying to pull them into the pockets. They're saying Palo Alto is a prison that they're supposed to be going to or some military base somewhere so they won't go around uncivilizing the country and tricking people and messing up base command all over the country. The California and New York base command never has been the proper civil points so hopefully somebody can get some help to them. They are saying they are going to take about 8 buses to Palo Alto but they keep saying stuff and keep being there, and the telekinetic out of New York is causing the problem of getting this over with; it has been the whole time, and they keep on using it; it is supposed to be your area in brotherhood, and again it's Miller, Forbes, Doubles, Bails out of New York that is causing the problem in Jackson. They can't seem to stop them and every time they've brought some buses before they have been overpowered by these machines and they can't get the people out. So, hopefully there's some outside assistance, possibly they can help with something to stop them from using the machines; they're too powerful; they are outdated, and they are violating citizens daily with this mess, and they need to be closed off from civil circulation; the people are not civilized properly. So hopefully somebody can help with that matter and get them all over with. They have one, two houses or something in an asset room that they need to get people out of and something needs to be done quickly. So hopefully there can be some help in Sacramento, California. Bye

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Anonymous

Streetcar Project: My suggestion concerning the trolley idea that Mayor Bieter has proposed, is that land be used at Fairview and the river, where all the large parking lots are vacant, to build a transit station in that area, running the trolleys up and down Fairview and Idaho from the downtown core. I think there should also be some sort of regularly scheduled, every 10 or 15 minute, shuttle or trolley up Capitol Blvd. to Vista toward the airport area, maybe with some sort of transfer station set up around Overland, or set up even above at the airport for a west-bound/east-bound shuttle along the freeway corridor. From that central transit station on the Fairview area at the river where the parking lots are all vacant, have those buses proceed to the Garden City direction, Fairview, and West Boise up towards the Bench and the Mall, and even further out. There should also be some regularly scheduled shuttle service on State St. much more frequently than every two hours sometimes that those things do go. The main transportation modes should be provided on a seven-day a week basis and use some of that vacant land that's in these areas, like at Collister and State St., running a shuttle or trolley that direction; and from that point have regularly scheduled buses that can transfer people further west towards Eagle; make it an Ada County-wide, not just a city-wide proposal so we can get transportation across the whole city and the valley. We've got huge developments at Ustick, Chinden, Eagle Roads, and further past that west. Let's get some transportation going on to help our people save money from the high cost of fuel by offering us a workable opportunity to take transit instead of the difficult opportunity to go to an eight-hour work shift; people have to plan an hour or two in advance and afterwards, and many shifts can't be accommodated because they begin too early or end too late in the day. Good ideas; keep going.

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Dale Hope
860-1860

Past Due Account: I'm getting a collection letter from the City Treasury Collection Department. Account #572248-08. This house was under construction and I'm getting a nasty letter for past-due \$245.07 and we didn't even get any services, and the girl won't give us credit and doesn't understand common sense. Would you please call me?
Thank you.

F&A

Action Taken: Contacted.

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Lisa McMillan
562-4022

Graffiti: I'm calling the graffiti hotline to report graffiti at 3817 W. State St. in Boise (commercial property). Also I would like to report graffiti on the garages of private property homes at 912 and 914 E. Bannock. That graffiti is in the alley-way.

Graffiti Team

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Dr. Phil Kruger
1311 Warm Springs
Boise, ID 83712
H - 342-1959 W - 345-2006

Streetcar Project: Hi Mayor, I just wanted to say I'm sure excited about your getting on board with the streetcar project. I think it's long overdue and as we've talked before, I think it will sure make a difference in everything, including the most important issue for Boise being the city planning because as we discussed in our visits in the past - you put the rails down and that's where the development goes not visa-versa. I was really excited about that Dave, and hope that you will continue pushing for that and I hope at the same time you will also consider supporting the proposed line going out to Harris Ranch and to the Cliff's future developments along the Greenbelt. I hope those issues come up. Finally, if there's any chance of getting on your steering committee or planning committee, I would be more than excited to participate in that. Thanks again Mayor, this is exactly what we need. I appreciate it.

6/10/08

James Lodge
1530 W. Alturas
Boise, ID 83702

Airport Parking: My concern today is the parking garage at the Boise Airport; it is owned by evidently the city. We used to be able to do short-term business within 20 minutes without a fee. So often with the state of flying in such absolute disarray, we have to make return trips to the airport for lost luggage, delayed flights, etc., etc., etc. You no longer allow us the 20 minutes free parking to conduct this business. Flying is more of a hassle than it needs to be and I would very much appreciate the city giving people 20 minutes free parking before you charge. Thank you very much for listening.

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Airport

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Harold Door
5845 Opohonga St.
Boise, ID 83704
375-5033

Cell phone tower: My concern is about a legal notice of a cell phone tower at the corner of Fairview & Curtis at the address 5859. I went to the Planning & Zoning thing; one gentleman listened to the entire thing. I thought they were going to notify us back since I am a long-time property owner in this location. I thought they would notify us back that the cell phone tower got approved because it will depreciate the value of my land. No approval; one man makes the decision; it's not their responsibility to let us know and we only have so many days to file an appeal for it, so I just called and I found out it got approved, but I'm too late for my appeal. There's a better way to explain this than I am doing, but this cell phone tower is going to be close to 80 ft. tall at the corner of Fairview and Curtis. You will be able to see it from downtown Boise, Idaho, the gateway to Garden City, and one man decided this and two people protested it, and the same neighbor at the adjacent property protested this. This guy only owned this property for two years; he had it split, he put a cell phone tower on it, and he's out-of-town, but long-term property owners that stay right here in the valley, you never even protected us, not at all. I would like a phone call back because maybe there's a better way to explain this to you. Thank you, but we don't need a cell phone tower at the corner of Fairview and Curtis, not 80 ft. tall where you can see it all the way down Fairview no matter which direction you go. Have a good day.

PDS

6/11/08
Lyn Lockhart
Morris Hill Neighborhood Assoc.
H - 343-9294 W - 426-1190

Detox center: I wanted to see if there is any information on whether or not Boise City is planning to open any methadone clinics or detox centers here in town at some point in the future. Please call me back and let me know.

Action Taken: Contacted

6/12/08
Monte
871-4542

Graffiti: There is some graffiti on Chinden as you're heading down the hill from HP. I'm assuming it's on private property, the abandoned brown shack things on the south side of Chinden right before you get to the gas station on Chinden. Anyway, it's been there for about a month and I'm hoping to see it gone pretty soon because it's pretty big and a lot of folks drive that street every day, so you know the old broken window theory. I look forward to seeing it gone. Thank you.

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Julie Meyer
891-1917

Graffiti: I would like to report some graffiti on the side of the building on the corner of Mercer and State St. across from Washington Mutual Bank. I'm trying to help improve the Ralph Jones subdivision and clean that up a little bit, and I would like for the owner or the former leaser of that building to remove that graffiti or paint over it. Thank you.
Graffiti Team

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Delbert Coon
1911 Spaulding St.
Boise, ID
336-2650

Caring Bus Drivers: I had a chance to ride the bus the other day, maybe I have called about this in the past, but I needed to go down and pick up a car I had worked on, and I was really impressed with the care and concern the drivers had for the handicapped people that were using that service. I felt the short time I was there, their care went beyond their job; they really went out of their way to help these people. The bus obviously provides a viable service and a vital service to these people who are handicapped and can't get around our community. I would encourage, if you haven't done so already, the City Council and perhaps the Mayor, go down, pay the 2 bucks, and just get on and experience the bus and see what's really going on down there, the good things that are going on down there. You know, not a photo-op, just go down and experience the bus because I think it's something our community has a lot to be proud of. Thank you.
ValleyRide

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Shirley Kunter
314 Ruby St.
342-6980

Weed Abatement: I have a complaint on our street; we need to have this street cleaned up. It dead ends behind the Depot and it's just a mess down there. I don't know if the Depot is supposed to clean those weeds up or what, but I would like to know what can be done about that. Some of the owners and renters are letting these properties become a ghetto down here and it's been going on for two or three years. Thank you.
PDS

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Lois Rush
433-9831

I was born Lois Soloaga, which is a very Basque name. I would like the Mayor to call me back; I would like to spend 5 minutes talking to him on the telephone about something that happened to a friend of mine. Thank you.
Action Taken: Contacted