

HOTLINE
August 23 - 29, 2008

8/23/08

Anonymous

Bike Lanes: I was wondering if there was any way the bike lanes could be swept either by a brush truck or super truck or something. There is a lot of gravel since the chip sealing especially in Northwest Boise. There's tons of gravel in the bike lanes and on the shoulders and it makes it very difficult to ride a bicycle in those lanes. Thank you.
ACHD

8/25/08

Tim Hefner

859-3789

Full Schools: Mayor Bieter, our families know each other and I'm, I guess, a victim as are many other Boiseans of trying to get their kids into an elementary school. I have two older girls that go to St. Mary's; my son's birth date comes at a time where he just barely turned five, and I signed him up for kindergarten six or four months ago, and I can't get him in a school close to us. So, we have to go almost all the way out to Kuna to send him to Amity Elementary, which we just found out last Friday. We got a phone call on Sunday night from an Amity, I don't know if it was a teacher or what, but they said he couldn't go Monday, he had to go Tuesday. So, basically we have a five year old kid who is going to a public school for one year, then we're going to send him to a parochial school, and I guess I can't even get him in. You know, there's a school that is a stone's throw away from our house and we can't get him in. I don't know what we're supposed to do, but it's very frustrating to me and it's the reason why I send my kids to parochial schools. I left four messages at the Boise School District and no one will call me back. I was told by the principal at Grace Jordan that he would be on the waiting list, and he was first on the waiting list two months ago and they said it looked pretty good, and if not he would go to Hillcrest. Well, he couldn't go to Hillcrest; couldn't get him in to Monroe after they told us we could get him in; the only place I could get him into is Whitney and Amity; it sounds like Amity is pretty full too. My question is, what do I do? If you could please let me know. Thank you.

Action Taken: left msj

8/25/08

CA: Hello, this is the lady at Sacramento again who still has the violation problem with the mindset. They've tried the military; they've tried government officials; it sounds like a lot of the problem is the people are sitting down and they're not moving on when they're supposed to be getting it over with and really don't what to do with something that a lot of the people have never had to deal with, but it's not supposed to be problem in the middle of town twenty-four hours a day and also there's not supposed to be military machines all over the place and crazy hands and people with people who are above land targets who are targets that the US officials never could pull down and they've copied too many of them. So hopefully, again, they will get some buses; the people aren't supposed to be using the machines to do anything. There are sexual predators, child molesters, they're everything under the sun with military machines out of New York and California and muscle that doesn't match the ways the minds are. Too inmate population is what in a brothel twenty-four hours a day and everybody's drunk all the time and they're supported by the government military fund and it's a mess. They have image machines also where they're trying to live in peoples' lives; it's really, really meddlesome people; some of their minds are obsessive and really, really causing a lot of problem. Etc., etc., etc.

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Rick Toothman
1808 N. 16th St.

Graffiti: I discovered what appears to me to be a gang sign on the back of the garage which is on the alley. There is also a 666 spray painted on the top of the garbage lid covers. I'm going to go ahead and call 377-6790. Thank you.

8/26/08

Anonymous

Giving Thanks: I was just listening to the Mayor's speech on the disaster we had last night. I am the mother of an Ada County Paramedic here in town and he thanked everybody who could possibly be mentioned but the Ada Paramedics. I feel these poor people need praise once in a while; they work very hard, they're on 24-hour call and you never hear anything mentioned about them, and I am very thankful they are here when we need them and they are always ready to do their job. I would appreciate it if they would get a little praise here and there, and that's what I'm calling about.

8/26/08

Lori
1062 E. Ensignia
713-1123

Weeds: I would like to leave a comment in regard to the weeds and trash on Federal Way. It looks as if there are quite a few people who walk up and down that area, jog, bike, and it looks like nobody's been up there to clean out all the weeds that are coming out of the cement cracks. It looks pretty shady right now. I just wanted to see if there's a possibility that we can get that cleaned up. I appreciate it and I will talk with someone soon. Thanks.

BPR

8/26/08

Anonymous

Fire Storm: I just want to leave a comment regarding the Columbia Village fire. I happen to live in Columbia Village and from a resident's standpoint, I was absolutely appalled at how unorganized the entire catastrophic situation was. I'm not speaking of the Fire Department; I'm talking about the fact that there were absolutely no emergency relief people to help these people get out of their homes; people were frantically running in the streets, crying, young people afraid. I just find it appalling that the City of Boise, as large as we are, did not send out some sort of emergency crew to specifically deal with these people and these citizens that were basically getting smoked out of their homes and many of them have lost their homes. That's my comment; I was up there firsthand; I saw it for myself and I do live up there and I am just astounded and it makes me very, very nervous to think that we are so disorganized as a city that if something really catastrophic did happen, it would be total turmoil because it was pandemonium up there and regardless of what the news people say, regardless of what the Fire Chief might say, it was pandemonium. I think that the police officers specifically did not handle the crowd control at all; there were people coming and going, they were just barricading off roads; they were not dealing with the issues of the frantic people and I think that's appalling and that is my comment. Thank you.

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Graffiti: I'm calling to report some graffiti on public property; it's at the southwest corner of Hayes and 13th St. There's a silver utility box with a green tag on it.

Graffiti Team

8/27/08

Rod Poe

3289 E. Sweetwater Drive

429-1435 or 429-1230

Fires Storm: I was in the area that just had the firestorm. I had a comment as far as this field that's owned by Idaho Power. I have lived here since 1998; I have personally spoken with Idaho Power; I even advocated to them a long time ago to get 3D-9 Cat tractors down there and clear out a two-acre fire break, not a 15 ft., but a two-acre fire break; clear it from one end to the other along this rim, and then when that cheat grass tried to grow back up again, it was basically a road and they just had to keep a couple of tractors out there; the initial growth pan on that, cut it down, it wouldn't have grown back. I have been trying to get them to do something about that for a long time to no avail.

The end result is this sleeping giant woke up and we've got a lot of damage and a fatality. I myself and other neighbors put in a valiant effort to save three houses and lost one including saving my own. So anyway, that field is deeded to Idaho Power, they own it; if you go onto it, you're trespassing. The fuel that was down there, Idaho Power owned and the extreme fire danger Idaho Power owned. I would like to get some help on the backside of this hill; we are going to have severe problems as soon as that rain starts. Perhaps ACHD can get some sort of spray type cellulose base on it to keep this hill stable because it's going to start sliding and we're going to be losing foundations. Thank you for your concern and thank you, Mayor, for actually coming up here and seeing the site yourself. It meant a lot to a lot of homeowners and I really respect you, sir, for that and I appreciate your effort. Thank you.

TEM

8/27/08

Dr. Briatha Lvkken

5827 Flamingo Dr.

Boise, ID 83704

378-0330

Fire Storm: I wish somebody to investigate why the people who lost their homes first were not informed to get out. I saw the interview with Mary Ryder's husband who said that he went out to the back to see what was going on and the flames came up so fast. I know they evacuated afterwards, but certainly in the front of something like that, they should have been warned; they should have been able to get out. I taught with Mary Ryder for many, many years and I'm very, very sad that she didn't have the access to the public people who are culpable in this instance. I think the Police and the Fire Department are culpable; they needed to get there. The other people who were interviewed along that line said they were not warned either. I would like that investigated please.

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Teresa Meinburg
1618 Elder Ct.
Boise, ID 83705

Fire Storm: I just wanted to call and commend the new Fire Chief on what a wonderful job he did when he was on the news about the fire. I thought he did an exceptionally well job of keeping city informed and calm, and he did an awesome job in representing the Fire Department; however, I do want to say I found it highly inappropriate and unprofessional that we had a City Council person, I believe there were two Ada County Commissioners and Mr. Tibbs standing in the background chatting, smiling and joking during the conference. I found that highly unprofessional and rather disturbing watching that. I just wanted to say congratulations to the new chief, I'm not sure what his name is, but he did a wonderful job. Thank you.

8/28/08

Victor Burnett
5641 Millstream Way
Boise, ID 83714

Parking for Veterans: I'm calling in regards to the Veteran's Medical Center parking. There is not enough parking over there for our veterans. Some of our veterans are walking and waiting in line to get a spot for parking. I talked to the Chief of Police today and the Chief said that we need a parking structure over there to help our veterans because we do not have enough room for them. If there's anything you guys can do, please help our veterans out. Thank you much.

8/29/08

Mike Krenning
4620 Patton Pl.
Boise, ID
861-9458

Fire Storm Thank You: I have been employed with the city for 20 years and I would just like to pass along a big thank you to the Boise Police Department and the job they did up on the Oregon Train fire, and all the other fire agencies that came to help out. As the media talked to a lot of them, they noted that they've never seen anything quite like that, never experienced anything like that. So, our hats off to them and I appreciate the job. I would just like to say a big thank you to them and to the Boise Police Department. We need to look around; there isn't anything better than our Boise Fire Department and the Boise Police Department. I would just like to say that I hope somewhere down the line they give them a big thank you or something for all their efforts and what they did. Thank you much.

8/29/08

Holly Louie
620 Michael St.
368-9605

Construction Complaint: I would like to file a formal complaint about the construction at South Junior High School. They're starting work prior to 5:00 a.m. in the morning, which I think is unacceptable waking up the whole neighborhood. Thank you.
PDS

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Carl McCoy
1211 Vivian
375-3539

Neighbor's Weed Problem: I sent a notice about my neighbor behind me on Cole Road that has a weed patch. I sent you pictures and I've received no response. The recent fire in Southeast Boise has brought it to my attention again about the weed patch that nobody seems to be concerned about except me. We had a fire on the top of a power pole this spring and this weed patch is 50 ft. from this power pole. I would think that somebody could do something about this; it's a 2 x 2 child care center on N. Cole that will not do anything with the weed patch. They had enough money to pave their entire back yard and this is the second time that I've...I shouldn't say the second time, it's probably the hundredth and second time that I have tried to get the department, Mr. Brown, to do something about this and they claim they can't do anything about it. Well the Police Chief says it's a fire hazard and if you verify this complaint, you can get hold of Captain Jason Benard, Boise Fire Department who put out the fire on this power pole this spring. I would appreciate very much if somebody would do something about this weed patch. If not, maybe when election time comes around I can get the attention of somebody else. Thank you very much.
Code Enforcement

8/29/08
Barbara Finch
8850 W. Susan Dr.
Boise, ID 83704
853-6245

Broken Septic: I left a letter to the Mayor in his office earlier in the week. We were hoping for a response from him yesterday, which would have been August 28th of 08. We haven't gotten anything back. It's regarding getting hooked up to city sewer. We are currently on a broken septic tank; we have been on a broken septic tank for the last three to four weeks; we were hoping that maybe we could get some help in expediting getting hooked up to city sewer. We've been told we have to wait three months. We have two children and it's kind of miserable not being able to do laundry, take showers, wash dishes, and all that fun stuff. So we were hoping that this could get to somebody that maybe could help us along. If you need to contact me, please do. Thank you.
Letter sent