

HOTLINE
August 30 – September 5, 2008

8/29/08
Michael Cook
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921-0802

Park Picnic Policy: I'm helping with the East End Neighborhood Association picnic and we are coming up against a policy that we believe really oversteps the bounds. All we want to have is a neighborhood picnic and we are being told that we have to purchase a million dollar policy that costs us \$100 to use this part of our park permit. I see soccer teams daily at the park in question, Quarry View, and they certainly are not buying one-day hundred dollar policies for their use. My understanding is a special event like a Hyde Park event, that's reasonable to buy a million dollar policy. To have a neighborhood picnic is unreasonable and we're not going to pay it and we're going to cancel our park reservation for our annual picnic. This is a fund raiser; it earns \$400 or \$500 and to pay 25 per cent of it back into a policy that is really intended by the City Council for a large 1,000 person event is not appropriate. It's not conducive to helping neighborhoods build community and get together. So, we may just pursue an ACHD block party thing so we won't get hassled so much. So anyway please transcribe this and bring this to Mayor Bieter's attention. Like I say, that policy is totally reasonable for large special events like Hyde Park; it's totally unreasonable for neighborhoods to get together for a picnic. Thank you your time and attention and for sponsoring this hotline.
BPR

8/30/08

CA: Hello, this is the lady from Sacramento that still has the violation problem with mindset. The officials are still failing and the people that are the targets also are causing the problems it sounds like still in the mess. These are target lines from a copy line approximately, I guess before 1700 or whatever, from is what's heard. They keep doing the same thing; they're holding brothel daily and they were supposed to kill the people at first because of the mindset violation of the people up and down the town with mindset up and down the states with military machines and peoples' mindsets uncivilizing slowly because they are not understood and a lot of the official minds are not qualified and it sounds like an overhaul in power is being made. Some of the officials out of Kentucky and other places ...etc., etc., etc.

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This is Lt. Colonel Dan Hemrey
286-2488

F-16 Jet Flyover: What I want to know is why there are two F-16 jets flying below a 500 ft. ceiling over the North End of Boise at 6:00 p.m. today. What is going on? Is that not a concern of anyone else? I've had two tours in Iraq; this is an unusual event. They should not be flying under that ceiling over the city unless there is something significant happening.
IDNG

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8/31/08
Brent Joshua Wilcke
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Mail Fraud: I would like to report my concerns for mail fraud and littering. This morning I found a couple of dozen U.S. Postal documents scattered in the street in front of my house. They were also scattered around the corner. It appears that somebody went berserk; probably somebody who is stealing mail and they just got frustrated, I don't know. I myself am a victim of ID theft, so what I did was bundle the documents that were in front of my house and set them on my post office box with a note to the postal delivery man. I know that mail fraud is a federal offense, so this may have to go above the Mayor's head if this continues. Some of those documents were of a personal nature, but I did not retain any of the information; I simply bundled them into a neat organized fashion and posted them for the mail server to pick up and sort, but that's my concern. Thank you.

Action Taken: Contacted

8/31/08
Lori Bilyeu
713-1123

Weeds & Fire Concerns: I am a resident in Promintory Ridge off of Federal Way. We've got, I'm sure you've heard several people in regards to – we've got a couple of abandoned homes and they have actually been boarded up, but there are some abandoned lots as well as the weeds around these houses, and some of the residents have taken it upon themselves to try and go in and cut those down around the houses and what not. My concern is with everything as dry as it is, if we don't get these lots cut down and the weeds around those, we could end up with a brush fire or something, and no one wants the problem that happened at Columbia Village to happen again. So, anyway, I just wanted to leave a message in the hope that I could get somebody, a city official, to come out and take a look at those lots that the builders are not coming out and cutting the weeds down, as well as the abandoned homes that have had weeds growing around. I also want to say that I did call in, in regards to some of the weeds on Federal Way, and that was handled very quickly and was taken care of and it looks awesome and I appreciate it. There's a gal by the name Eden who got on that. Thank you very much for your help.

PDS

9/1/08
George Moses
83702

Foothills Trail Rules: I was hiking with some friends today on the Crestline trail about 9:15, a group of us from the Mountain West Outdoor Club. We were met by someone hurtling downhill on a longboard, no brakes, no way to stop, being pursued by his dog off leash. When someone mentioned the off-leash dog to him, he stopped, jumped off his board, looked back up the hill at us, began to abuse us verbally, profanely, and threaten us physically, including at one, several points, offering to mash our teeth down our f...ing throats. If there are rules against this kind of riding in the foothills, they're not being enforced and this individual clearly had no regard for them. I'm not sure how you

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address this problem, but it makes hiking in the foothill a lot less attractive than it would otherwise be. Thank you.
Parks & Rec.

9/3/08
Anonymous

Rhodes Park Homeless Concerns: My concern is I was here at Rhodes Park, and lately it just seems to be infested with these homeless people. They're down there drinking and hanging out all day. That's actually a kid's skate park, and I've seen a lot of families go there, but don't stay down there because of all the homeless people lying around sleeping and stuff. It's something I believe needs to be looked into and made safe for these families to use.

Parks & Rec.

9/3/08
Scott Phipps
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Rhodes Park Homeless Complaint: I've got a complaint about the homeless people taking over Rhodes Skate Park. In the last week, I've seen violence, urinating in public, indecent exposure, and I'm trying to avoid all this. If you can give me a call, that would be great, otherwise I will be calling you back. Thank you.

Parks & Rec.

9/3/08
Brandon Winters
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Safe Routes to School Program: I'm calling to ask the Mayor to look into this Safe Routes to School program that has been implemented this year at the Maple Grove Elementary School. Last year our children in first and third grades were bused, but this year they decided they were going to do this safe route to school. They've added these curbs on Maple Grove, I don't know, requiring a first grader and a third grader to walk to school because it's exercise healthy. I think the real concern is that they are doing this under the guise of exercise and healthy, but they're cutting bus routes because of the fuel costs. I see that there are several programs going across the state where this is happening. So, I just wonder what their fuel savings is because they've eliminated all these bus routes, and now my wife has to spend more than 20 minutes a day waiting in the parking lot at Maple Grove school, which is now a horrendous nightmare because they've blocked off all the street parking they had because they had to put in these curbs. Now they have this little teeny tiny parking lot with all these parents who are not dumb enough to let their first grader walk all the way down Maple Grove along a very busy, dangerous street. I just don't think it's a very good situation. It's my understanding that a kid riding a bike last week had an accident and had to have an ambulance pick him up because he hurt his knee and was severely injured. I just don't know what the cost of fuel versus a child's life is for these kids to be walking along the length of Maple Grove until some kid is not going to be protected by a little piece of curb when someone is inattentive on their cell phone and hits one of them, or one of them is

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playing around and falls in the canal that is there. They're obviously doing this to save fuel costs. I just wonder what the price of our children's safety really is. There's a reason why they made school buses, and why school buses are very important; it's to get our children safely to school, and I don't think that this Safe Route to School is a very good idea.

Boise School District

Action Taken: Contacted

9/5/08

Eileen Howell

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343-8273

ACHD: I guess it's a concern that I have. I walk to work from the North End down to St. Luke's four times a week, and because of it being closed around the Capital, I have to cross State St. (generally I walk State St.), which I've made do for a year; that's fine, I understand. My concern now is across from the Capital itself, in front of the Len B. Jordan building, someone a week or more ago, erected an orange sort of barricade around part of the sidewalk there, so you to either have to walk in the street or walk on the grass, or find some other way around to get down State St. It's been a week and I'm wondering how long I can expect to have that out of commission. In the morning, it's a bit of concern because I do step out into the street, and it's very dark. Since the Capital has been closed, that whole section of the street is very dark in the mornings. Please give me a call if you know anything; I looked on the web and it said to contact Lemley, and I emailed Lemley about my concern and haven't heard back. I realize it's not the end of the world and it's sort of half embarrassing, but it is kind of awkward and I am trying to do the right thing by walking. I would appreciate your help.

ACHD

Action Taken: Contacted