

MUIR WOODS

Homeowners
Association
October 2014

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Muir Woods will have its annual Christmas lighting contest again this year. Judging will be on **Monday, December 8th.**

Let's continue with, and add some additional, fun and creative decorations in our subdivision!

CONGRATULATIONS

Morris Bastian was recognized in September by Mayor Dave Bieter as one of 40 "Good Neighbors" whom are making Boise a better place. Morris serves the Homeowners Association as the leader of the Hospitality Team, Vice Chairman for the Neighborhood Watch program, Special Projects coordinator for the Board of Directors, overseer of the irrigation water program, the maintainer of common area flower beds, plus is the unofficial Idaho Statesman newspaper "box to doorstep" re-positioner. Thank you Morris for all that you do for Muir Woods!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch program was initiated in Muir Woods on June 1st. At the present time, 114 residents (86%) have signed up for inclusion in the program. The neighborhood is subdivided into 12 Neighborhood Watch Blocks and each block has an assigned Captain. The Chairman for the program is Dave Perrault with Morris Bastian and Mike Smith sharing the duties as Vice-Chairmen. Neighborhood Watch signs have been installed at the 4 entrances and window stickers are being distributed. Individuals desiring to join the Neighborhood Watch program should contact Dave (email: dperau@cableone.net or cell:860-7924).



WEBSITE ~ The Muir Woods website (www.mwhoa.org) is going to be updated this fall. The site will include a new look along with other useful program information and reference documents. Items of interest should be provided to Mike Smith (email: masboise@gmail.com).

EMAIL NETWORK

The Muir Woods Email Network program is up and running with 106 (80%) of the 133 residents opting-in for the program. The primary purpose of the program is to communicate items of common interest. All emails are sent to the subscribers by blind copy (bcc) to prevent distribution of email addresses. Individuals desiring to subscribe to the network should send an email request to the network coordinator, Mike Smith at masboise@gmail.com.

NEXT DOOR SOCIAL NETWORK A social network for the Muir Woods and Pepperwood subdivisions is available for anyone to join. This site is not sponsored by the Muir Woods Homeowners Association, however, it does include notices and information of general use such as lost and found (including animals), items for sale, crime and safety, contractor recommendations, etc., to name a few. Individuals desiring to join should go to the program website (muirwoodspepperwood.nextdoor.com).

TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT ~ Strong efforts are being made to address concerns about speeding traffic in our subdivision, particularly along Muir Ridge Drive. This problem and concern was expressed in our last annual meeting in April. Morris Bastian is working with Ada County Highway Dept. and John Wasson to address the issue. Below are steps that need to be taken to resolve the problem.

1. 75% of the homeowners must sign on to any remedy/solution that is proposed.
2. Ada County needs to verify the number of cars/vehicles that travel through Muir Woods on any given day.
(A minimum number of drive thru's per day are needed before traffic calming devices can be approved and installed.)

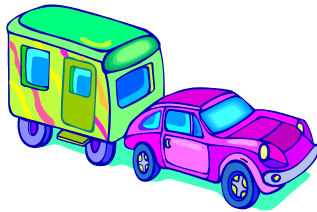
If you have any questions or would like to participate in this process, contact Morris Bastian at 378-9919.

MUIR WOODS PARKING

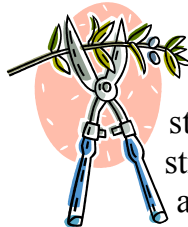
When you or your guests park in the driveway, please be certain that the sidewalk adjacent to the driveway is not blocked. We have a great many children, walkers, parents pushing strollers, etc., in Muir Woods. We must all be careful that they do not have to go into the street to get around parked vehicles.

Also remember that the governing documents for Muir Woods prohibit parking or storing of campers, trailers, boats, etc. on the driveway or on the streets of Muir Woods. Please ensure that these items are stored off site or screened from view inside your garage.

Owners have expressed that their truck/campers are their regular transportation and should not have to abide by the rules governing boats, campers, and other recreational equipment. The Board considers any vehicle that has to be registered annually with the state as a camper or RV to be subject to Section 5.17 of the Muir Woods CC&Rs. Please do your part to comply with the CC&Rs and keep Muir Woods the beautiful subdivision that it is.



Please prune the MOW STRIP TREES



Please check the trees in the mow strip at your property...this is the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street. The trees in these are- as are getting larger as the subdivision matures and give the neighborhood a beautiful welcoming appearance. However, they need to be pruned back enough to allow walkers, children on riding toys, visitors parking on the street, etc. Please check yours and make certain they are pruned to 14 feet in height (as required by the City) over the street and at least 8 feet over the sidewalks. Also check shrubbery and ornamental grasses next to the sidewalk to keep them off the sidewalk throughout the growing season.

Also, please ensure that any vegetation on your lot does not interfere with street signs such as stop signs. Trees and shrubs must be kept trimmed back to allow a clear view of all signage in the subdivision.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

A Hospitality Team has been formed to welcome new neighbors and say goodbye to former residents of Muir Woods. Current team members include Morris & Elaine Bastian, Mick & Penny Schraunfnagel, and Mike & Stephany Smith. All new neighbors receive a hand-

crafted basket filled with baked goods, general information on the Homeowners Association, a listing of neighbors, information on the Neighborhood Watch and Email Network programs, and, if requested, a copy of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR's).



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A NOTE ABOUT THE LANDSCAPING

The landscaping season is coming to a close with only fall cleanup remaining. We had a good year. Most of the trees are well established and we rarely lose trees any more. We have, in a few select situations, removed trees due to overcrowding and potential damage to the walkways. For the most part we were able to get enough water on the lawn to keep it green and looking nice while still watering outside normal times that resident use the paths and lawn.

Many thanks to the vast majority of homeowners who walk their pets on a leash and carry cleanup bags. Your responsibility and leadership is very much appreciated by all who use the common areas. Thanks for being good neighbors.

We painted the middle third of the wrought iron fence this fall. We got a good paint job and it will hopefully last at least another five to seven years. The fence is holding up well and the longer we can go without having to replace it, the better we position our reserve fund to be able to replace common property.

Mark sends his apology for the short notice on pruning shrubs prior to painting the fence. It was planned to allow a minimum of 12 days' notice but the notices were not put out as planned. Thank you to the homeowners who supported the painters with irrigation water for preparation and cleaning of the fence and electrical connections for the paint sprayer. The bottom line is this round was a bit frenetic in the execution, but we did get a good paint job.

Early next spring we plan to paint the last third of the fence. We will paint the fence along both sides of the southern most access paths to the commons area from the east and west sides. Additionally, we will paint everything to the south of those access paths. Fall and winter may be a good time to start thinking about pruning shrubs and trees off the fence if you live in the South end of the commons. The painters need about a foot of free clearance to be able to paint both sides of the fence. We will send another notice in the spring, but this notice will allow you to plan or work ahead of time.

Now that water is off BE SURE that your valve to the common irrigation main is shut and remains shut. If you hook up to city water and pressurize your lot with that valve open, you will push thousands of gallons into the common main and essentially pressurize that main and potentially all adjoining lots. That would represent thousands of gallons going backward through your meter to the common main. United Water is not understanding and will bill you for that water. If you do not know how to operate your system, seek professional help. Additionally, Progressive is very good and for some reasonable fee can ensure you are set up correctly. Call their office at 463-6393.

The irrigation water is now off for the season. Remember, frozen dry soil and dry winds are the real killers in this high desert climate. Trees and shrubs cannot pull water from frozen soil and dry winter winds suck moisture out of them. Look for an opportunity just before the ground freezes and soon after it thaws to run a hose on high value trees and shrubs. Two good drinks in December and March can save their life.

Don't let winter desiccation kill your prized plants. Remember trees have two growing seasons and we are just finishing the first one. A tree's root system grows vigorously from leaf drop to dormancy setting the stage to support a larger tree next year. A good balanced fertilizer (16-16-16) will help the root system expand now and pull nitrogen up into the tree for next spring. Consult local nurseries.

And a special thank you again to Morris Bastian who walks our neighborhood most every day and is the eyes and ears of the landscaping program here. He maintains an ongoing conversation with our ditch rider to be sure the irrigation system operates normally, and contacts the right people when problems arise. He also personally tends the flowers and gardens along Cloverdale road. Give Morris a tip of the hat and well-deserved thanks when you see him. We would not be where we are without his vigilance and constant service to us all. Thank you Morris.



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SPRINKLER BLOWOUTS

Our landscape company Progressive will be in the neighborhood on October 15 and 16 blowing out our irrigation main. They are also available to blow out sprinklers on individual lots and only charge \$30 per residence. While you may find a cheaper price, few stand behind their work as Progressive does. Based on our longstanding relationship with Progressive, they have an interest in doing good work and standing behind the job if there is later freeze damage. If you are interested, contact Progressive at 463-6393.

Please remember to slow down as you drive through the neighborhood. The speed limit is 20 mph.

