A Letter from Chief William L. “Bill” Bones

A letter to our community,

I have been granted an incredibly rare opportunity, the chance to serve as the Chief of Police for the City of Boise, the best city in America, and in what I firmly believe is the best police department in the Country. I would like to thank the entire community for providing me this privilege. For the past 22 years, the Boise Police Department (BPD) has provided me a career where I still look forward to coming to work each day and a fantastic place for my family and me to grow together. I very much look forward to the opportunity of giving back to the city and police department which has given me so much.

Boise enjoys an enviable relationship between its police department and community. We believe we are a part of our community and those we serve are friends, neighbors, family and all who enjoy living in the city we’ve chosen to call home. As I have watched events unfold across the Country, I have been deeply saddened by the damaged relationships between police and the people they serve. These incidents may be isolated and their root causes deep and complex, but as police leaders, it’s useful and wise for all of us to reflect on how these divides developed. It appears a lack of communication and failure on the part of police to engage

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with community members has played a role in creating feelings of anger, distrust and alienation. It will take years to repair those fractured relationships, but public safety depends on it and it is my deep hope and desire that healing will occur.

Policing is a social contract wherein a community empowers and charges members of the community, the police officers, with maintaining the safety of all citizens. Police are an extension of the social consciousness with a sworn duty to protect the rights and safety of those they serve. The role of a police department is to be an integral part of the community it serves, providing a foundation of safety to foster a more livable city.

In Boise, we continue to follow that path, the path BPD has taken over the past decade; working with you to earn your trust, forging cooperative and beneficial relationships and accepting only the highest level of service for all. Transparency, community involvement, an honest relationship with citizens and a genuine desire to create a better place to live will drive our decisions. We will work proactively with our citizenry to solve problems, providing pathways for partnerships instead of roadblocks, and always with a dedication to making Boise the most livable city in America.

Our Officers will, without hesitation, risk their lives for people they have never met. They will rush forward towards danger when every instinct tells others to flee. As life safety is a priority, so is the feeling of safety. Our officers are committed to working with you to solve community issues by employing new ideas, building partnerships with stakeholders, and keeping focused on the best interests of our neighborhoods safety.

Many of us are proud to have played a part as Boise has become a great city; a welcoming place for people from all walks of life to meet, to work and live and play. Our city has become an example of what a city can do to appreciate families as well as businesses, to re-energize neighborhoods and provide opportunities for employment to entertainment. But only a safe city can be vibrant and successful. Boise PD has also grown, and I’m proud to say, has become a leading example of what law enforcement and their community partners can do together.

While we have many successes, we are constantly looking for ways we can do even better. We seek best practices and new ideas from across the world and I will admit, we freely “borrow from the best” any great idea we believe we can implement and make work for us. As a department we will try new ideas and programs. We will learn from ideas that don’t work as well as we’d hoped and continue to improve on those that do. We will move forward in taking Boise to a safer tomorrow.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve as your police chief and thank you for being the most important part of what makes Boise such a great place to live. It’s the incredible people of this city who inspire me to do all I can to make Boise the most livable city in America.

Sincerely,
Your Police Chief
William L. Bones

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Events
District 19 –
Legislative Town Hall
February 24, 7-9pm
Hidden Springs Club House, Boise, ID

North End Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
February 24th at 7pm
Hyde Park Mennonite Church
March 31st at 7pm
Hyde Park Mennonite Church
April 28th at 7pm
Hyde Park Mennonite Church

Taste 208
April 11th

HPSF Application Due
June 1

REGULAR MEETINGS
OF INTEREST

ACHD Commission
3775 Adams St, Garden City
12 pm, first 3 Wednesdays
6 pm, 4th Wednesday

City of Boise Meetings
3rd floor, City Hall
150 N. Capitol Blvd

Boise City Council
12 pm, 4th Tuesday
6 pm all other Tuesdays

Boise Planning & Zoning
6 pm, 1st & 2nd Mondays

Boise Historic Preservation
6 pm, 4th Monday

Boise Design Review
6 pm, 2nd Wednesday

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Just Around the Corner: North End Grocery Store Project

By Barbara Perry Bauer, TAG Historical Research & Consulting

Although most of the North End’s independent grocery stores are gone, many of the stores and their owners are not forgotten by folks who grew up in the neighborhood. Nulton’s Grocery, which served customers for over three decades, was located on the southwest corner of 25th and Sunset Streets. Owned and operated by Hilda Nulton, the small grocery store sold bread, dairy items, and penny candy—a favorite with the neighborhood kids.

Mrs. Nulton moved to Boise in the spring of 1934 and on the advice of her son-in-law decided to open a small grocery store. She purchased two lots in the spring of 1934 and had a small building with a store in one section and living quarters in the other section built. In just a few months, “Your Neighbor’s Store” was up and running.

In 1963, Mrs. Nulton told a reporter for the Idaho Statesman that although she was inexperienced in the grocery business, she was able to build her business and learn about operating a store with the help of the Idaho Food Dealers Association. Mrs. Nulton made good use of what she learned and operated her store until 1966.

1500 North 28th Street has been a landmark near Lowell Elementary School since 1923. When Clarence F. Morgan built the store building with attached living quarters, Mr. Morgan was a dispatcher and motorman for the Boise Valley Traction Company who changed careers and became a grocer. He and his wife Ella managed the store, called Lowell Grocery, and lived on the premises with their two children Jack and Elizabeth. Like other neighborhood stores, the Morgans stocked bread, milk, canned goods, and meat, but the store’s close proximity to Lowell School opened up a slightly different market for school supplies. The Morgans sometimes provided incentives to Lowell’s students—offering free pencils in the school colors to students who purchased school supplies amounting to 25 cents or more. The Morgans ran the grocery until the early 1940s when ownership was transferred to Henry F. Marler. Trained as a meat cutter, under Mr. Marler’s management, the market, eventually known as Lowell Meat Market, provided fresh meat as well dry goods and other groceries until 1980.

Historians Barbara Perry Bauer and Elizabeth Jacox are continuing research on the neighborhood markets in the North End. If you have information, stories, or photographs, please contact Barbara at 338-1014.

Advertisement from the Idaho Statesman, September 29, 1933

Check out the website at www.northendboise.org for our community calendar and more information on what’s happening in the historic North End.
Hyde Park Street Fair Success Funds School Projects

By Josh Kyzer, VP NENA

Rain, football, and an entertainment line-up can all impact the success of the North End Neighborhood Association’s Hyde Park Street Fair. Last year was a trifecta of success. The weather was gorgeous, Boise State Football had a bye week, and Boise’s very own Built to Spill performed in front of a great crowd on the lawn of Camelback Park, making the 2014 Street Fair one of the most successful in our 35 year history.

Your support and participation of the Hyde Park Street Fair directly impacts the North End. This annual event is North End Neighborhood Association’s (NENAs) flagship family event, providing an annual source of income to fund grants, capital improvement projects, and non-profit organizations that provide vital services to the North End and the region.

Every year, NENA distributes a Fund to Improve the North End (FINE) School Funds application to North End school principals. This flexible grant program helps fund a variety of school projects throughout the North End, and each school can apply for up to $1,000. NENA recently awarded two, $1,000 FINE School Funds to North Junior High, and Lowell Elementary School.

North Junior High will use their FINE School Funds to support their Viking Value program. This program promotes five Viking Values: Respect, Dignity, Responsibility, Honesty, and Team Work. Teachers select students whom have demonstrated these values. The parents of these students receive a personal call from the principal, letting them know of their child’s success in one or more of these areas. Students are also invited to speak with the principal, and given a Vikings Value t-shirt. This

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program has helped keep these values at the top of their minds, and publicly recognizes students who display these character traits. NENA has supported this program for several years.

Lowell Elementary will use their 2015 FINE School Funds to help pay for the installation of the new Lowell Music Park. This innovative play structure will promote music education by building on students’ academic skills, and help student make new friends and build positive connections within their diverse student population. Lowell will be partnering with Boise State University, and a Music Education intern will teach lessons to all classes and show students how to play cooperative games on the instruments. Lowell hopes to have their new playground installed this spring.

The 36th annual Hyde Park Street Fair will be held Friday, September 18th through Sunday, September 20th. For more information, please like us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HydeParkStreetFair or visit us on our website http://www.northendboise.org/hyde-park-street-fair-2015

We thank our North End neighbors for their continued support of the Hyde Park Street Fair. Your support helps in keeping with NENAs mission to support schools, parks, businesses, and neighborhoods.

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Making our North End safe and livable is our neighborhood’s number one concern. To support this initiative, early last year North End Neighborhood Association (NENA) embarked on an ambitious campaign to improve safety along the 13th Street corridor between State Street and Hill Road. One of the major concerns was lack of lighting along the route, heavily used by students, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

NENA’s campaign included a public outreach period, where we provided information about a proposed lighting project within our newsletter, and followed up by hitting the streets knocking on every door on 13th Street in the project area. Neighbors who were available participated in a short two question survey, and were overwhelmingly supportive of this initiative.

In December, NENA filed an application asking the City of Boise...

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to include 13th Street in an expanded Historic Street Lighting District. Our application went before the Boise Historic Preservation Commission and a recommendation for approval was made to the Boise City Council in January. At the time of print a City Council hearing date has not yet been established.

NENA, and our neighbors believe that new lights along this corridor will improve safety, enrich the overall look and feel of our historic neighborhood, and unify 13th Street. These historically appropriate lights can be controlled to monitor the light output so that they are suitable for a residential neighborhood.

This project is still in its infancy. If approved by the City Council, this project will require future neighborhood reinvestment grants (NRG) and NENA capital funding source, and will be completed over several phases.

Final lighting locations have not been determined at this time, but are only being proposed at street intersections, and along Camelsback Park.

NENA would like to thank our 13th Street neighbors for their continued support of this project.
North End Neighborhood Association Partnership

By Josh Kyzer, VP NENA

The North End is a special place to live and work. Our neighbors and businesses are critical to the success of our neighborhood. To better align the vision of The North End Neighborhood Association (NENA) with the businesses that operate within the neighborhood, NENA is creating the North End Neighborhood Association Partnership (NENAP). The goal of this group is to connect new and existing north end businesses, and provide a platform to communicate and share common goals.

Businesses that are a part of NENAP will be invited to join a quarterly discussion on a wide range of topics affecting north end businesses, ranging from place making, marketing, and community involvement to transportation, public awareness, and security. Each business partner will have their business name and contact information listed in the quarterly newsletter, and on the northendboise.org website. Additionally, each business partner will receive a certificate of partnership, and a NENAP decal that can be displayed on a storefront or entrance window.

NENA volunteers will be reaching out to all 200 businesses to gauge interest in participating in NENAP. This exciting initiative will launch in 2015, and the partnership will be renewed annually. To inquire about a NENAP business partnership, starting a committee within NENAP, or to simply request additional information, please email NENAP@northendboise.org.

Wanted: North End Neighborhood Newsletter Facilitator. Work with our NENA Board gathering ideas for articles, coordinating with the authors of articles to hit deadlines, send content to our layout team, proofing newsletter and sending it to our printer. Work with our volunteer team of distributors to get the newsletter out during the months of February, May, August and October. Pays a nominal fee. Contact board@northendboise.org.