

Waterside



Ways

Fall 2017

Welcome to the first edition of **Waterside Ways**, the new quarterly newsletter for your neighborhood community here at Waterside. We all survived what turned out to be one of the worst winters on record for the city of Boise, and also the threat of flooding. It was wonderful to see how members of our little community pulled together to help with the snow and ice dam removal as well as with the clearing of the drainage ditches. It was definitely a group effort and everyone's help was greatly appreciated! We also hope that you were able to take advantage of our wonderful amenities by enjoying some time recreating this summer at our beautiful pool or by taking a dip in the hot tub.

Remember that the clubhouse is available year round upon reservation for meetings and small get-togethers. Reservations can be made by calling Danielle at 208-426-8676

Better Communication

The members of your HOA Board are currently working to foster more frequent and improved communication between the Board and Waterside residents. This newsletter is our first attempt to disseminate written information. Our intention is for this to be a quarterly newsletter. Other ideas to aid in this process include the creation of a Waterside website, the use of permanent and AD HOC committees made up of resident groups to address specific areas of need, and the use of both voluntary email and text notifications to help with reporting of safety concerns, weather notifications, upcoming events and other important information. River Run is also currently in the information gathering stage of website creation as well, so we will work together on links, etc.

Your HOA BOARD

Julie Smith : President - Teal

Marianne Blansett - Teal

Cynthia Brownsmith - Wood Duck

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Dates of interest

9/09/17 HOA Creative Session

10-12 @ clubhouse

9/16/17 Waterside Potluck

BBQ 4-7 @ Clubhouse

9/18/17 HOA Board Meeting

5-6:30 @ Clubhouse

NOTE: we have scheduled monthly board meetings for every 3rd Monday prior to the River Run meetings

9/23/17 Landscape Committee

Creative Session

10-12 @ Clubhouse

10/3/17 meeting with Felix and Danielle to develop a landscaping plan and improve communications

FYI: October is 2018 budget development month.

If you would like to attend any upcoming meetings or creative sessions with the Board or Committees, please notify in advance by emailing Julie at

jnumberssmith@gmail.com

or call at 208.869.8170



Committee Updates

Neighbors have volunteered time, interest and expertise to serve on standing or ad hoc committees for planning/policy development to ensure building and outdoor aesthetics and safety.

architectural committee: represents Waterside at the River Run committee level: reviews/approves applications for projects

landscape committee: planning and policy development for common and limited-common landscaping

repair /maintenance committee: identifies and prioritizes building repair and maintenance issues.

Sign up sheets are posted at the Potluck for residents to volunteer. If you did not attend or need more information, let Julie know.

It is the Board's intention to encourage as much community involvement as possible. We would like tap into any talents, interests and areas of expertise that make up this great neighborhood known as Waterside.

FEMA changes/flood Insurance:

You may recall the discussion at the April Waterside Annual meeting regarding the change in flood plain designations. If not, it might be helpful to review those the minutes.

The board would personally like thank Larry Chase and Diane Barker as well as Danielle for diligently working on issues related to proposed changes to the city's flood plain map. They have been gathering pertinent information regarding private vendor vs. FEMA insurance, mortgage companies' acceptance level, the possible benefits of obtaining elevation certificates, and the existence of exceptions known as LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment) already in place, and other items such as the difference between what flood insurance covers vs. a homeowners need for flood insurance for personal effects, not to mention deductibles and "grandfathering."

This is an extremely complicated issue, but as of today, we have not received official notification from FEMA that the new map is, indeed, the final determination of flood plain changes.

Once we do, we have 6 months to purchase coverage for the 9 buildings not currently covered (6 of 15 are currently covered and have been budgeted for since 2007).

This will require a special assessment OR we attain a LOMA. Our goal is to overturn as many stones as possible to understand our choices. We intend to make the most safe, practical and frugal decisions on this issue as we move forward.

Snow-mageddon repairs update:

Our hazard insurance covered several Snow-removal policy was reviewed by the River Run board and modified

Spring flooding

Following snow-mageddon was one of the worst Spring-thaws Boise has seen in years. Our Greenbelt flooded over and sustained some damage. The good news is that no one in all of River Run flooded. We learned a lot about cfs and it certainly informed our discussions around flood insurance. Five trees were uprooted due to softened soil that were promptly removed.

Delayed projects:

Painting three buildings

