

## SWNA Newsletter: Fall 2023

### What We've Been Up To?

#### *Community Funds and Efforts Hard at Work*

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed our lovely community at the Summer Bash! Special thank you to Meghan Brown, our Event Coordinator, for ordering the inflatable and to Deena Merrill-Reagle, our Secretary, for hosting the POUND® fitness event in the park! We've also been active in other ways!

#### **Front Entrance Maintenance: \$5,127.60**

New flowers were planted, and annuals were cleaned up in June, small-chip bark was installed in July, and part of the drip system and lights were fixed and replaced to keep the entrance looking sharp (top right)

#### **Tennis Court Clean-up: Volunteers**

A very kind family in the neighborhood assisted our board President, Mark Houston with cleaning up the tennis courts for the neighborhood: pulling weeds, sweeping up debris, etc. (middle right). We are now obtaining bids for a resurfacing project next year.

#### **South Canal Clean-up: \$21,500 and then \$400-\$1,900 annually**

The trees, bushes, and debris were so overgrown that there was a major risk towards the South Canal blockage (below left). All the vegetation was removed from the South Canal area and transitioned into mulch (below right). It is now safer for the canal, better for the neighboring homeowners and is on an annual maintenance plan.



### See Something, Say Something!

Please contact the Boise Police Department Non-Emergency number at 208-570-6000. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood safe!

Interested in volunteering with the board? We can always use help! **SCAN ME!**



## Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:30-10pm at Summerwind  
Elementary

Christmas Trolley and Santa  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
5-10pm at 4101 N. Armstrong Ave

Stay up to date on our website at  
[shenwest.org](http://shenwest.org) and find us on  
Facebook at "Shenandoah West  
Neighborhood Boise"

## Planning on Performing Exterior Changes to your Home or Yard?

Please fill out a 'Request for Exterior Alteration or Improvement' form found on our website: [www.shenwest.org](http://www.shenwest.org) for approval.

Questions on the form or accessing the website, please email us at [swnaboise@gmail.com](mailto:swnaboise@gmail.com).

Thank you for your  
cooperation!

## Upcoming Changes

As we announced in July, there will be some changes coming to the Shenandoah West Neighborhood Association Board that will impact each homeowner in the community.

**Property Management Company:** As a volunteer board with families, full-time jobs, and many other commitments, we are unable to give the community the management attention it deserves. To keep up with board duties, the average board member spends between five and 30 hours a month maintaining the responsibilities of their position. A management company will be able to focus their efforts to help achieve the best and most sustainable outcomes for our community.

**Annual Assessment Increase:** When looking at the cost of inflation from 1990 to 2023, our current \$65 annual fee should have increased to over \$150. The board has decided our annual rate must increase to \$130 to offset the cost of managing the community areas, resolving CC&R violations, and keeping up with inflation rates.

We sincerely hope that each homeowner will join us at the annual meeting in November to learn about how these changes will be implemented and the benefits that the community will receive as a result. For more immediate discussion, please contact us on our website or via email if you have any questions or concerns.

## How to contact us?

Like and follow us on Facebook at  
"Shenandoah West Neighborhood Boise"

Questions about the neighborhood or CC&R's?  
Send us an email at [swnaboise@gmail.com](mailto:swnaboise@gmail.com)

2023 Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the first full week of the month at the Library! on Cole and Ustick.  
Virtual links to join can be found on the website.

