

SWNA Newsletter: Summer 2023



A Letter from the President

Board President, Mark Houston, Discusses Who We Are, What We Do, and Our “Why”

Happy spring (and nearly summer) to you all! I want to thank everyone who came out to our annual Easter Egg Hunt in April (see right)! It was a great turnout as neighbors connected and enjoyed a beautiful spring morning together. Kudos to Meghan, our Event Coordinator holding the yellow chick pillow, for bringing it all together!

Who Are We: The Shenandoah West Neighborhood Association (SWNA) is the community’s Homeowners’ Association that is run by a five-person volunteer Board of Directors. We are elected annually by homeowners and are given the responsibility to manage the oversight of Shenandoah West as directed in our founding documents; Bylaws; Articles of Incorporation; and Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

What Do We Do: As the board, we oversee the common assets of community property and area, manage its finances, run business affairs, set annual fees and assessments, enforce rules through our CC&Rs, review complaints, and oversee maintenance and upkeep of our subdivision. In other words, the SWNA provides structure to our community, protects property values, and ensures it is a pleasant place to live.

Our “Why”: Our main goal is to increase property values in our community. To do that, the HOA sets and enforces rules for how properties in the neighborhood look and what homeowners can—or can’t—do. We are here for you!

Biggest Violations/Complaints: **(1)** Trash bins not concealed from view on the streets or sidewalks. They should be put out for pick up the night before collection and put away the evening they are picked up. **(2)** Exterior home or landscaping improvements without prior board approval. **(3)** Trailers parked in front of homes for extended periods of time. With your help, our board is committed to ensuring CC&Rs are followed, which benefits everyone!

We all have a responsibility as good neighbors to protect and maintain the values of our homes regardless of how long we have lived here. Let’s work together to achieve this!

Upcoming Costs

How much does it cost to keep up with community expenses?

2023 Budget:	<u>\$26,750</u>
Social Events:	\$5,000
Landscaping:	\$2,500
Maintenance:	\$3,500
Utilities:	\$700
Administration:	\$8,250
Legal:	\$5,000
Website:	\$1,800

Upcoming:	<u>\$55,000</u>
Tennis Court Repairs:	\$14,000
Canal Clean Up:	\$16,000
Five Mile Fence Replacement:	\$25,000

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



Upcoming Events

Community Garage Sale
June 3rd, 2023,
8am-2pm

Summer Bash!
August 5th, 2023,
10am-2pm at Jullion Park

Stay up to date on our website at 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 for approval.

Questions on the form or accessing the website, please email us at swnaboise@gmail.com.

Thank you for your
cooperation!

Summer Safety Tips:

1. **Lock your cars**, hide valuables from view, and check the backseat for kids and pets before leaving cars unattended.
2. **Bring extra water**, a hat, and sunscreen when on the go.
3. **Download the Red Cross First Aid app** on your smart devices for help in emergency situations. It's free!
4. **Stay hydrated**: consume an additional 12 ounces of water for every 30 minutes of activity for teens and adults, 6 ounces for young kids.
5. **Be vigilant when driving** in parking lots, neighborhoods, and parks, especially when children are present.

See Something, Say Something!

Please contact Victoria Nelson, the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 208-891-9112, or the Boise Police Department Non-Emergency number at 208-570-6000. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood safe!

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

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.

