



Sixth Annual Adams Elementary Auction
"Gather for Green: Building a Brighter Future for Our School"



What

The biggest fundraiser and social event for Adam's parents, faculty, staff, family and friend (adults only). Enjoy a casual evening with food, a silent auction and a rousing live auction full of classroom art projects and more.

When

Friday, February 22, 2008, 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Silent auction goes from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and the live auction begins at 8:30 pm.

Where

The Linen Building, 1402 W. Grove Street, 14th & Grove, Downtown Boise. There is plenty of parking both on the street and in the adjacent lot.

Why

For our children. The Mesa Board has donated \$125 from the picnic auction which will be matched by the Board of Realtors toward one of the raffle items, food for the float trips.

Cost

Tickets are \$20 per person. Appetizers and a chance to win a Trek cruiser bicycle are included. Raffle tickets are \$25 to win a 150 cc Argo Retro motor

scooter valued at \$2,500. A cash bar will be available. Forms will be sent home for purchasing tickets, or you can buy tickets after school beginning February 13th.

How can you help?

Buy a ticket and attend. Invite adult family and friends to join you. Donate an item, service or event: Host a dinner, donate tickets, tutor a child. Make a tax deductible donation with check or cash.

For More Information

Call Angie Sebolt, 703-2133, laded\_a@mac.com; Suzi Woodal, 866-6261, idahosuzi@hotmail.com or Kim Gattiker, 331-3444, kcgattiker@cableone.net.

Mesa Babysitters

The following list of sitters is provided as a service to our Mesa families. These Mesa sitters have parental approval to have their names and numbers printed in this newsletter.

- Ellie 344-4918
Sofia 869-8703 or home 342-8871
Eliza 345-6267
Audra &/or Kaylie (twins) 385-7392
Stephoni 342-1054
Katie 336-3933
Carley 344-2296
Corinne 345-1341

Comprehensive Plan

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Please consider completing and returning the "Mesa Comprehensive Plan Survey 2007" included in this newsletter to make your perspectives a part of our Mesa's future. Meetings to work on this project continue on a bi-monthly basis as '08 begins, with a goal of having a report presentation at MNA's annual meeting on April 17th.

To learn more about this project, you can contact secretary@warmspringmesa.org, sandrichboise@cab

MNA NEWS

From the President

Board Updates by Donna Burns

Happy new year everyone. Two thousand and eight has certainly come in with a flurry - a constant snow flurry that is. This weather has given me a new appreciation for all the service people we depend upon; the mail and newspaper delivery folks, the trash and recycle personnel, and those wonderful school bus drivers.

During all of this, your Board has been working behind the scenes planning the events for the year; monitoring city, county and other meetings representing you whenever the Mesa is impacted. We have been looking at projects to keep the Mesa vibrant and safe. And we have been developing a Comprehensive Plan to align the Mesa neighborhood to Boise City's Blueprint Boise and other community neighborhood Comprehensive Plans and the Foothills Development Plan.

Our Mesa website, warmspringmesa.org is constantly being upgraded with new chapters and information added. A photo gallery has been added with some great candid shots from last fall's picnic. Speaking of photos, the Board is asking anyone with old photos or information of the Mesa, to drop an email to presidentwarmspringmesa.org or call any of

the board members.

The Neighborhood Watch program keeps a look out over the Mesa for any activity that does not look normal, letting neighbors know when the garage door is left open at night, keeping an extra eye out while neighbors are away, etc. The Watch is designed to get neighbors connected in order to keep crime rates down, but it also serves to connect blocks of neighbors for many other reasons like those mentioned above.

There are several blocks that are Captainless. All it takes is someone willing to gather phone numbers or email addresses of the neighbors on the block and alert those neighbors with any messages the Watch Coordinator may receive from the Boise City Police department or disseminate Boise Barks Bulletins a couple of times a year. Captainless blocks include Starview on both sides of Stonepoint, Stonepoint, lower Windsong/Draco, Toluka both sides of Stonepoint. Please call or write Richard Carter to get more information.

The Board invites all readers to call or write with information, questions and concerns. And we invite new board members. We also ask you to reserve Thursday April 17 and join us for the Mesa Annual meeting, 7 pm, Adams School.

Defensible Space

Last year we witnessed some of the most devastating wildfires throughout the American West. We are again including the informative flier "Be Firewise Around Your Home" (generously provided by State Farm Insurance). Your MNA board members want to get this important information into the hands of your family early this year, as you begin to prepare your landscape and spring cleaning projects around your home.

Remember, fire fuel is building up everywhere around the Mesa as it matures. Special ignition points include fallen needles, rubbish, dead chickweed and leaves, unguarded wood piles and exposed shake roofs which add volatility to property contours and overgrown vegetation and foliage. MNA board

member Tom Burns, has copies of the Woodland Home Wildfire Hazard Assessment form, developed by the U.S. Forest Service. This self assessment tool helps property owners calculate their home's fire hazard rating. You can call Tom at 385-7254 to get your copy of this valuable information.

Few issues effect the well being of our neighborhood more than sensible planning for fire safety and the public good. The MNA seeks to improve safety in this wildland/urban interface by sharing information and responsibility to create and nurture local partnerships in disaster mitigation planning for the Mesa. If you would like to volunteer and become involved in this Firewise initiative or have questions or comments, please give Tom a call.

MNA BOARD MEMBERS

- President: Donna Burns
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- Dan Arnhols Mike Chaption
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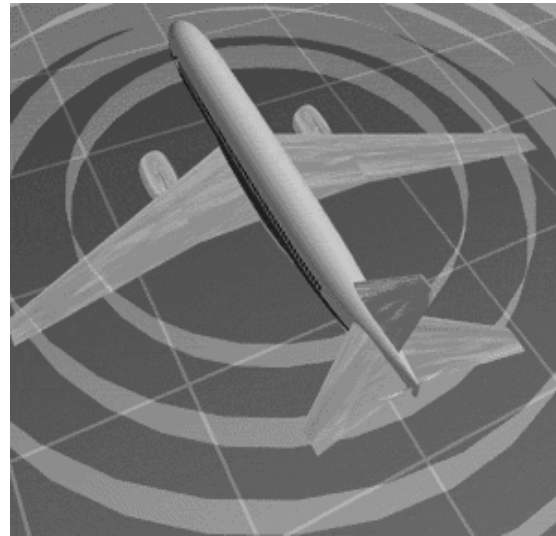
## Airlines Continue to Noise Pollute

*Editorial Comment by Bill Morse*

Had your windows rattled recently? More than likely it was a commercial airliner flying too low over your house. More and more commercial airlines are cutting flight patterns shorter and flying lower to conserve fuel and make on time arrivals. Neither of which is a legitimate reason to infringe on your quality of life or possible safety.

However the FAA nor our local politicians seem to care about this issue. Recently a spokesman at the Boise Airport answering my complaint, indicated that with the cost of fuel what it is they were just trying to get the planes on the ground as quickly as possible. A complaint about the noise lodged with Boise City councilman Sealy, who has liaison with the airport Commission, brought a response of "that's the sound of freedom to me."

A recent newspaper article



We must act now, it's only going to get worse if we as concerned citizens don't let the FAA and Boise City officials know that this is unacceptable.

## Boise City Grants: Accessing Ridge to Rivers

Since our last newsletter the Mesa Neighborhood Association has received a limited response to the Ridge to Rivers proposed trailheads. It is the intent of the MNA to provide access from the western fringes of Warm Springs Mesa (El Paseo) to the existing Ridge to Rivers trail system. Separate points of access will entail linkage by means of open spaces and existing easements extending through existing residential properties.

Suggested sites being considered for access are: 1) the area adjacent to the water tanks at the northeast end of Boulder Heights; 2) a second access point in the vicinity of S. Wind Dancer Way and the cul-de-sac of S. Ridge Point Court; and 3) by means of existing easements, a connecting trail starting at E. Rhyolite Way and extending by means of the power line right-of-way to the storage ponds and beyond.

indicated that the FAA was planning on rerouting planes over more residential areas near a major East coast airport in an effort to speed up flight delays. Could Boise be next?

Next time you see or hear a plane flying low over your home call the airport operations telephone number and complain. The number is 424-5609. You can also call the airport administration office at 383-3110 and complain.

You will need to tell them what time the over flight occurred and the airline involved. The worst violator in the past has been South West Airlines who claims to have the best arrival times in the industry. Could it be that South West Pilots are cutting flight patterns shorter and lower to make that on time arrival?

It certainly couldn't hurt to call Mayer Bieter's office, his hotline is 384-4404 or your, airport commission liaison, city councilmen Jim Tibbs or Alan Sealy. Please call. It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease.

The MNA will pursue possible grant monies to fund the proposed trailheads and connecting trails. These are funds set aside each year for specific capital improvement projects. The MNA is presently in the process of preparing a Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan in order to secure such funds.

Prior to the development of these access points and in cooperation with the Boise Parks and Recreation Department as well as the developer of Warm Springs Mesa it will be necessary to bring to completion the final phase of E. Windsong Drive prior to the development of the proposed trailheads. Temporary signage at each of the proposed points of entry will be initiated in the spring.

Any suggestions or concerns regarding these points of access or interest in this project can be directed toward Doug Erdman [herdman@bcidaho.com](mailto:herdman@bcidaho.com). 344-1066 or any of the individual board members.

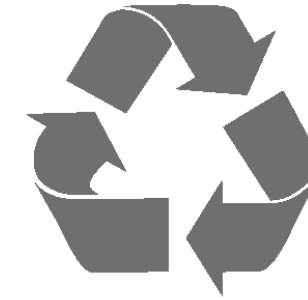
## Keeping The Mesa Green

Recycling is something everyone can do. Plastic, cardboard, newspaper, tin cans and other paper products are all items you can recycle on your regular garbage day.

Glass can be dropped off at the glass recycling center at 16<sup>th</sup> and State Streets anytime.

Hazardous materials including paint, cleaners, pesticides, drugs, batteries, car oil, incandescent and fluorescent bulbs, and any thing marked hazardous can be dropped off at the fire station on Highway 21 the fourth Wednesday of every month from noon to 7 PM and at the fire station on Reserve Street the first Thursday of each month from noon to 7 PM.

The new spiral-type fluorescent bulbs contain chemicals that are dangerous if inhaled, so be careful



not to break those.

Composting is also a good way to recycle fruit and vegetable scraps, along with leaves and other yard debris. Composting bins are now available at Boise City Hall or Allied Waste for \$59. For more information, call 384-3901 or 345-1265.

During the month of November, you can recycle your leaves by putting them in brown "leaf" bags on your trash day.

During the first two weeks of January, Christmas trees, shrubs, and tree limbs will be picked up on your regular trash day as long as they are cut into 4-foot sections or less.

Old car batteries can be taken to Barger Mattson Auto Salvage on State Street or most auto stores, where they operate battery buy-back programs.

## Mesa Comprehensive Plan

The Mesa Neighborhood Plan – introduced at our '07 Annual Meeting -- continues development in the hands of a committee of Mesa residents. Current writings reflect comments expressed by neighbors at the monthly 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday open Board meetings and responses collected from the continuing distribution of "Mesa...Plan Surveys 2007".

Its completion and city approval will include MNA with 17 of the city's other 35 neighborhoods as part of the 1997 Boise City Comprehensive Plan (currently being updated) called Blueprint Boise and interconnect MNA with : ACHD ; DEQ ; COMPASS ; Boise School District ; Idaho Transportation Department ; Chamber of Commerce ; others .

Inclusion into Blueprint Boise will place us into their Foothills Planning Area section and will acknowledge the Mesa's unique character and conditions while providing MNA a collaborative partnership and amendable contract whenever Boise City explores , modernizes , interprets , and/or enforces their planning visions , design review , zoning , capital spending , and/or budgeting regarding : public facilities & utilities ; environmental quality & hazards ; parks & recreation ; transportation ; community quality ; land use ; economic development ; and growth management.

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## 2008 Dues

It's a new year and time to collect the 2008 dues that support the activities of your Mesa Neighborhood Association. I want to thank all those who helped with their financial support in 2007. Your contributions supported the printing the newsletters and other communications, the establishment of the Mesa Neighborhood Association webpage, snacks and drinks at the annual meeting and for the crew on the Mesa Cleanup Days, the Mesa Neighborhood Picnic, and parts of other activities such as Fire Wise and Neighborhood Watch.

The Mesa Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association of those people that live in the geographical area known as the Warm Spring Mesa. (That includes the Warm Spring Mesa subdivisions, the Boulder Heights subdivisions, and the El Paseo subdivisions.) As such, the dues are also voluntary but very necessary to accomplish the work of building a better neighborhood.

Please enclose your dues (\$35.00 recommended but will gladly accept any donation that fits your budget) in the attached envelope and mail it back or give your dues to any board member at the annual meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE – Please use the same envelope to return your Mesa survey, even if you choose not to send in dues.**