



Warm Springs Mesa Neighborhood Association

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Hello from Donna

President of Mesa Neighborhood Association Board

Your Neighborhood Association is wrapping up a most unusual year with an annual meeting, and, if you choose to participate, trick or treating guidelines. We are also adding a new section by writer volunteer Karen Gleason about the history of the Mesa. We welcome all the newcomers to the Mesa and look forward to seeing all residents at events next year. You can stay in touch with us through warmspringmesa.org or you can contact us on our Facebook page until we resume our program next January. Wishing you all a safe winter and happy holiday season.

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE MESA

*** how we came to be**
Karen Gleason

Perched above the Boise River, Warm Springs Mesa is a plateau nestled over less than a square-mile on boulder-strewn slopes southeast of Table Rock. Part of the northwest-to-southeast trending Boise foothills, rocky terrain with more than 500-foot elevation reveals that dynamic forces shaped our neighborhood.

About 100 million years ago, the area which is now Idaho was beachfront when North America bedrock collided with the Pacific Ocean floor, melting the earth's crust. A large molten mass arose, slowly cooled, and crystallized into the granite backbone of central Idaho. Lava flows from a string of volcanoes active over millions of years hardened into layers of basalt and other igneous rock over the mostly granite base.

Between 2 and 12 million years ago, the Mesa lay along the northern edge of Lake Idaho, which deposited sediment on its rocky bottom. Melting

Neighborhood Association Meeting

Neighborhood Associations are required to annually hold a public meeting. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a Zoom meeting has been scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM. To track attendance, we are asking you to pre-register. Download the Zoom app on your device if you do not already have it. The agenda includes election of NA Board members, update on Starview/Boulder Point, speakers Boise Police Chief Lee and Neighborhood Contact Officers Tim Beaudoin and Jessica Knarr. **To make the meeting more efficient, please email any questions in advance to: wwidahodonna@yahoo.com by Friday 11/6/2020**

You can sign up to attend this meeting by putting the website below onto your device or by going to the Mesa website or our Facebook page (you can just click on the link there). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting link included.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/upwpuCvpijtGNcb6ZVIFoJx4YcWbQHx01Ya>

Natural History of the Mesa, Continued...

glaciers from the Pleistocene Ice Age caused the lake to overflow and drain west. The Boise Valley formed as the water receded, with the Boise River cutting through sediment and depositing gravel terraces on its new floodplain.

Ancient earthquake zones to the north and east of Boise created natural faults in the rock, while uplift and erosion revealed outcroppings. Silica-infused hot springs under the Boise foothills permeated laterally and vertically, fusing surface sediment into sandstone and gave the Warm Springs Mesa its current shape.

*This article summarizes public information from the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Geological Survey.

Warm Springs Mesa Celebrates Two Halloween Suggestions from the CDC

Trick-or-treating has been labelled a high-risk activity by both the CDC and CDH, and therefore, we want to do whatever is in the best interest of our Mesa neighbors. If you choose **not to participate, we ask that you leave your porch light turned off.** For all others who would like to participate, we list some ways below to keep our neighbors as safe as possible.

One solution option that we read about is participating in “one-way” trick-or-treating. That would require the neighbors of each street to organize and provide signage or arrows that identify which direction the traffic moves. You could put signage at the end of the street or an arrow with tape on the sidewalk. All solutions are encouraged if you have other ideas to share.

Steps to Take While Trick or Treating:

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you, and remember, indoors *and* outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.

Wear a mask:

- Make your cloth mask part of your costume.
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do NOT wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing.

Wash Your Hands

- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Parents: supervise young children using hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands with soap and water at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.

Free Service to Make Your Home More Firewise

Is your home Firewise? Can you do more to protect it? Sign up for a free Wildfire Safety Home Evaluation at <https://www.adafireadapted.org/homeowner/wildfire-home-safety-evaluation> through Boise Parks/Rec and Fire. In return, you can qualify for free chipper service to dispose of tree branches and hazardous vegetation by indicating interest in the chipping program on the second-to-last survey question. Recruit your neighbors to sign up as well---the more the better. For more information, contact adafac@cityofboise.org or <https://www.adafireadapted.org/homeowner/neighborhood-chipping-program>.

Fall Clean Up

Volunteers are needed to clean up the Starcrest entrance on Saturday, November 7, 9AM to noon. Please bring your chain saw, shovels, loppers, rakes, and other garden tools. Wear long sleeves and pants. Contact Rod Haars at 208-860-4622 or rod.haars@gmail.com to volunteer. Many hands make short work!

Thank You

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