ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS has expanded to three new neighborhoods! After extensive work and partnership with Vista and West Valley, Energize began collaborating with three additional neighborhoods in 2018: South Boise Village, West Bench and the West End.

Building on the framework established in the Vista Neighborhood, each neighborhood held multiple engagement opportunities throughout 2018. Through these Visioning events, people who live, work and have children attending school in the neighborhood were invited to share their input and feedback and connect with their neighbors. This provided a way for residents, businesses and families to identify areas of strengths, concerns, priorities and projects to create a shared vision for their neighborhood. People who were not able to attend an event could share their feedback online.

Learn more at EnergizeOurNeighborhoods.org.

THREE NEW ENERGIZE NEIGHBORHOODS

1. VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD
2. WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD
3. SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD
4. WEST BENCH NEIGHBORHOOD
5. WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD

ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS focuses on three main areas:

- LIVABILITY IMPROVEMENTS
  Energize Our Neighborhoods works with communities to identify opportunities to make neighborhood-level change. Projects, which are prioritized through a neighborhood Visioning process, are implemented by community working groups supported by the Energize team. All of Boise’s neighborhood associations are also eligible to request funding for projects through the Neighborhood Investment Program.

- COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
  Energize develops partnerships with businesses, non-profits, public agencies, foundations and institutions to strategically align investments in support of livability projects. Energize also acts as a conduit to connect residents with programs, services and other resources offered by organizations in the community.

- CAPACITY BUILDING
  The Energize team serves as a resource to support neighborhood engagement and strives to build community capacity through workshop series, the Boise Neighborhood Interactive community conference, resources developed through the Neighborhood Toolkit and simplified connections to city programs and services.
With great access to downtown, Boise State University and outdoor amenities like the greenbelt, SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE is tucked between Broadway, Boise Avenue and the base of the bench. The neighborhood has a friendly and diverse mix of residents, from long-time homeowners to renters and students. Garfield Elementary School and Manitou Park are neighborhood assets, with the park drawing people from other areas of the city to enjoy the beautiful green space and popular dog off-leash hours. Those entering the neighborhood are greeted by large trees, artistic neighborhood signage and small triangle parks with obelisks marking the Oregon Trail.

VISIONING EVENTS
- Visioning Event Kickoff at Garfield Elementary
- Garfield Cultural Night
- Ice Cream Social at Manitou Park
- National Night Out Event at Manitou Park
- Garfield Elementary Back to School Night
- South Boise Village Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting
- Hot Chocolate at Addie’s Restaurant
- Fall Festival and Potluck at Manitou Park
- Information Sharing at Polling Locations

CONTACT
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- Facebook: facebook.com/groups/661336890907111/

FAST FACTS

SOUTH BOISE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD
- 0.34 Square Miles (Area)
- 1,711 Total Population (1,424 over 18 years old)
- 760 Households
- COMMUNITY SCHOOL: Garfield Elementary
- KEY ASSETS: Manitou Park

Source: 2010 U.S. Census
The large WEST BENCH stretches from the busy corridor of Fairview up to Settlers Canal, and from Mountain View and Cole over to Maple Grove. Residents enjoy the easy access to amenities, restaurants, shopping, breweries and proximity to other parts of town. The neighborhood has multiple schools and a bustling branch library, as well as several parks, the popular swimming pool at Fairmont and the historic Spaulding Ranch site.

VISIONING EVENTS

• Visioning Open House & Resource Fair at Fairmont Park
• Morley Nelson 10-Year Anniversary Celebration
• Ice Cream Social at Fairmont Park
• Root Beer Float Social at Mountain View Park
• Visioning Event at King of Glory Lutheran Church
• Visioning Event at the Islamic Center of Boise
• Monster Mash at Morley Nelson
• Information Sharing at Polling Locations

CONTACT

• Website: wbnaboise.org
• Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestBenchNA/

FAST FACTS

WEST BENCH NEIGHBORHOOD

• 2.12 Square Miles (Area)
• 9,436 Total Population (7,221 over 18 years old)
• 3681 Households
• COMMUNITY SCHOOL: Morley Nelson Elementary
• KEY ASSETS: Fairmont Park, Mountain View Park, Morley Nelson Community Center, Spaulding Ranch Historic Site

Source: 2010 U.S. Census
Located west of downtown, the WEST END lies between the Boise River and State Street, extending from 19th and 23rd Streets to Veterans Memorial Parkway. The neighborhood includes multiple outdoor recreation opportunities, from the greenbelt to whitewater activities. Diversity stands out quickly with the presence of a synagogue, mosque, Russian and Greek orthodox churches and annual food festivals. A community garden provides opportunities for residents to grow food and connect with each other.

VISIONING EVENTS
- West End Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Visioning Kickoff at Whittier Elementary
- Resource Fair at Whittier Elementary
- Ice Cream Social at Fairview Park
- National Night Out at Davis Park Apartments
- Back to School Night at Whittier Elementary
- Resource Fair at Whittier Elementary
- Community Yard Sale at Whittier Elementary
- 5th Annual Garden Block Party at the Jordan Street Community Garden
- Visioning Event at Clairvoyant Brewing
- Information Sharing at Polling Locations

CONTACT
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FAST FACTS

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD
- .99 Square Miles (Area)
- 3,999 Total Population (3,258 over 18 years old)
- 1,983 Households
- COMMUNITY SCHOOL: Whittier Elementary
- KEY ASSETS: Esther Simplot and J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation Boise Whitewater Parks, Fairview Park, Veterans Memorial Park

Source: 2010 U.S. Census
LIVABILITY IMPROVEMENTS

VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

TAG Historical Research has been conducting a Reconnaissance Level Survey of the buildings in the Vista Neighborhood. This survey will identify, document and report historic resources, including architectural styles of buildings within the neighborhood. Their research was shared with the community through a series of walking tours and public presentations in the Fall of 2018. The final report will be available on the Energize website.

- **Mid-Century Magic**
  This walking tour revealed Vista Neighborhood’s early agricultural roots by examining early-20th century farms. The tour included mid-century architecture and reviewed how it transformed the neighborhood.

- **Farmers, Bankers and Engineers: The Legacy of the Eagleson Family**
  Andrew H. Eagleson and his four sons were instrumental in the development of the Vista Neighborhood. This tour explored their legacy on a tree-lined tour along Dorian and Gourley Streets and Pomander Road.

- **Vintage Vista**
  Vista’s hidden history, including Vista’s streetcar history and other surprises, was explored on this meandering ride along Palouse, Nez Perce and surrounding streets.

- **The Vista Neighborhood – A Hidden History**
  Historian Barbara Perry Bauer provided an overview of the development of the Vista Neighborhood. Attendees learned how it grew from its agricultural roots to a streetcar suburb to a booming post-war, mid-century neighborhood.

- **Architectural Styles of the Vista Neighborhood**
  The Vista Neighborhood is filled with a variety of residential house styles that reflect the neighborhood’s history. Barbara Perry Bauer discussed how the unique house styles, such as Craftsman, Tudor Revival and Ranch, create a diverse neighborhood.

VISTA BENCH SUMMER BASH

The Vista Bench Business Association and the Vista and Depot Bench Neighborhood Associations collaborated to host the 2nd Annual VISTA BENCH SUMMER BASH, a three-day community celebration held June 21-23, 2018.

The event kicked off with businesses along the corridor hosting local music, sidewalk fairs and customer appreciation raffles for Third Thursday on the Bench.

On Friday, Vista Village hosted the 2nd Annual Car Show, including trophies, dash plate giveaways and live music.

D.L. Evans hosted a family-friendly event at Vista and Overland on Saturday, with youth activities sponsored by Mobile Rec, a BBQ sponsored by Stinker, demonstrations by Idaho Angler and pop-up shops at Frog’s Fix. The morning started out with an informative bike tour led by the Vista Healthy Corridor Moving Committee. The tour highlighted historic points of interest and included information about upcoming Ada County Highway District projects and bicycle infrastructure. The evening concluded with a Movie Under the Stars in Bowden Park.
LIVABILITY IMPROVEMENTS

VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

VISTA AVENUE MEDIAN ART

Based on feedback from residents, the City of Boise, in partnership with Together Treasure Valley and the Vista Neighborhood, placed a 2nd open call-to-artists for the placement of sculptural artwork in two medians on Vista Avenue. The winning proposal was created by RIDE ART. Installation is planned for the Fall of 2019.

The project is funded through the city’s Community Development Block Grant, Percent for Art funds and a Together Treasure Valley grant to celebrate the vitality of the Treasure Valley.

WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD

USTICK TOWNSITE

The USTICK TOWNSITE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT kicked off in the Spring of 2018 as landscaping was installed along Ustick Avenue, from Shamrock Avenue to Wildwood Street. These streetscape improvements were funded through the Neighborhood Investment Program in 2017. Future additions to the streetscape will include interpretive historic signage, historic street poles, Ustick Townsite signage and other placemaking opportunities identified to bring vibrancy to the area.

REDWOOD PARK PLAZA

Development of a plaza in REDWOOD PARK is underway and construction will begin in the Spring of 2019. The re-imagined space will repurpose a canal abutment (currently located at Wildwood and Ustick) to become a seating area in the park. Bricks salvaged from the City Hall Plaza renovations will be used to expand the gathering space at Redwood Park and interpretive signage will provide a glimpse into the area’s history. Future phases of the plaza development will include public art and a restroom.
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

USTICK IN BLOOM

USTICK IN BLOOM was celebrated on May 12, 2018, with a dedication of the Ustick Townsite Beautification Project by Mayor Bieter and the Boise City Council. The Mayor spoke about the West Valley Neighborhood Association’s grassroots efforts that made the beautification project a great success. He also accepted a check for $20,000 from Wells Fargo Bank to continue further improvements of the Ustick Townsite.

Following the dedication ceremony, over 300 West Boise neighbors gathered in Redwood Park to peruse hand-crafted items for sale by local artisans and celebrate with live music and food from local food trucks.

The 2nd Annual Ustick in Bloom will be held on June 22, 2019, so mark your calendars and plan to join the fun in Redwood Park!
SEPTEMBER IS NEIGHBORHOOD MONTH

In 2018, Mayor David Bieter formally proclaimed September as NEIGHBORHOOD MONTH in Boise. His proclamation kicked off a month of neighborhood events, social media challenges and engagement opportunities for Boise residents of all ages.

“BOISE’S NEIGHBORHOODS ARE WHAT MAKE OUR CITY SO SUCCESSFUL.” - MAYOR BIETER

“Each has a unique character that adds to the overall fabric of our city’s livability. This September, Energize Our Neighborhoods is bringing residents and neighbors together to celebrate and enhance the community each neighborhood enjoys. I hope everyone will join us and do their part to bring their neighborhood together” Mayor Bieter said.

CHALLENGES

#ENERGIZEBOISE SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE: Share what you love about your neighborhood all month long!

YOUTH ART CONTEST: Draw a picture of something you love about your neighborhood. We want to know what makes your neighborhood special!

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Get outside for an evening walk, jog or bike ride with your neighbors.

PARK(ING) DAY: Coordinate with neighbors to turn a parking space into a temporary ‘parklet.’ Throw down some turf, a couple of chairs, a pot of flowers and greet passing neighbors from your own neighborhood ‘parklet.’

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Do a good deed for your neighbor – bake some cookies, pull in a neighbor’s trash can or help with yard work.

2018 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

• Sept. 11: National Day of Service + Remembrance
• Sept. 16: National Neighborhood Day
• Sept. 21: PARK(ing) Day + Unveiling of the Mobile Engagement Van
• Sept. 28: National Good Neighbor Day and Energize Boise Celebration

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

The city awarded 39 Good Neighbor Awards at the annual ENERGIZE BOISE CELEBRATION on September 28th. Nominated by their own neighbors for a variety of reasons, award recipients included 35 individuals, 2 businesses and 2 community groups.

A list of recipients, along with a brief summary from the nomination letters, is available online at Energize.cityofboise.org/GoodNeighborAwards.
The Energize Our Neighborhoods STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM members are active participants in the long-term planning and implementation of important neighborhood initiatives, bringing personal and professional expertise to ensure program success.

In June 2018, the team, led by co-chairs Holli Woodings (Boise City Council) and Lisa Roberts (Boise School District), convened to begin learning about and planning for the program’s expansion into the South Boise Village, West Bench and West End neighborhoods. This team meets quarterly and members represent key stakeholders in Boise’s business, non-profit and public agency community.

- Holli Woodings, Boise City Council, Co-Chair
- Lisa Roberts, Boise School District, Co-Chair
- Kelli Badesheim, Valley Regional Transit
- Elizabeth Barnes, South Boise Village Neighborhood Association
- Chief William Bones, Boise Police Department
- Rae Brooks, West End Neighborhood Association
- Nora Carpenter, United Way of Treasure Valley
- Bud Compher, NeighborWorks Boise
- Corey Cook, Boise State University School of Public Service
- Courtney Frost, Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health
- Cece Gassner, Boise State University
- AnaMarie Guiles, City of Boise, Housing and Community Development
- Jim Hansen, Ada County Highway District
- Kathy Holland, Albertsons
- Doug Holloway, City of Boise, Parks and Recreation
- Ronnie Marler, West Bench Neighborhood Association
- Daniel Mediate, St. Luke’s Health System
- Kate Nelson, Jannus – Economic Opportunity
- Jennifer Palagi, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
- Jane Pavek, Wells Fargo
- Kâren Sander, Urban Land Institute
- Terri Schorzman, City of Boise, Arts & History
- Kimbra Shaw, Love, INC
- Corey Surber, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
All of Boise’s registered neighborhood associations were active in 2018. From the Southwest to the Northeast, neighborhood associations presented at City Council, commission and committee hearings, and in several cases joined across neighborhood boundaries to present unified testimony. August 7th was National Night Out, which brought residents together for ice cream, potlucks, children’s activities and more. Many neighborhood associations also participated in two meetings of the Boise Neighborhood Association Network (BNAN).

Thank you to all leaders, boards and members of the city’s 35 vibrant neighborhood associations!

HIGHLIGHTS

CENTRAL BENCH and EAST END completed neighborhood plans, the first new plans in over ten years.

NORTH WEST launched its neighborhood plan process.

The NORTH END and WEST DOWNTOWN neighborhood plans will be underway in early 2019.

SOUTH EISENMAN formed over the summer on the south side of I-84 between Gowen Road and E. Memory Road interchange.

DEPOT BENCH expanded its boundaries northeast across Federal Way to the edge of the bench, with cooperation from SOUTHEAST, which ceded this section to Depot Bench.

WEST END formed, separating from VETERANS PARK (VPNA); respective boundaries are south and north of Veterans Memorial Parkway. Approximately 80 residents turned out for the first annual VPNA picnic at the end of July. West End hosted a successful National Night Out and is engaged along with VPNA in the Ada County Highway District West End Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

WINSTEAD PARK officially re-activated in January 2019, thanks to very energetic residents.

COTTONWOOD PARK is forming on the western edge of Boise between Eagle and Cloverdale Roads, and Fairview and Chinden Avenues.
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM

In July 2018, Mayor David Bieter announced the projects funded in 2018 and 2019 through the NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM. In all, the city approved 21 capital projects worth $808,200 through strategic alignment of funding resources, including the use of federal Community Development Block Grant and city funding. These projects represent investment in 15 unique neighborhoods throughout the city. 24 neighborhood associations also received $46,700 in mini-grants.

“Boise’s neighborhoods are a key pillar of our city’s celebrated livability,” said Mayor Bieter. “Our Neighborhood Investment Program and Energize Our Neighborhoods give us the opportunity to work with residents to understand what they need to create a more vibrant neighborhood. These projects are great examples of those partnerships.”

CAPITAL PROJECT AWARDS

**Barber Valley Neighborhood Association**
- Neighborhood Signage - $16,200

**Borah Neighborhood Association**
- Picnic Shelter at Grace Jordan Elementary - $22,500
- Neighborhood Signage - $15,000

**Central Bench Neighborhood Association**
- Infrastructure and Bike Racks at Franklin Park - $75,000

**Depot Bench Neighborhood Association**
- Neighborhood Signage - $15,500
- Public Art - $90,000

**Downtown Neighborhood Association**
- Historic ‘Faces & Facades’ Projection Project - $10,000

**East End Neighborhood Association**
- Roosevelt Elementary Playground - $55,750
- Traffic Box Wraps - $4,400
- Warm Springs Park Improvements - $10,350

**Hillcrest Neighborhood Association**
- Hillcrest Elementary ADA Accessible Playground - $61,400

**Lusk District Neighborhood Association**
- Greenbelt Pedestrian Lighting (Phase 2) - $47,500

**Morris Hill Neighborhood Association**
- Neighborhood Signage - $15,500

**North End Neighborhood Association**
- Historic District Signs - $6,000
- Neighborhood Plan - $30,000

**North West Neighborhood Association**
- Neighborhood Plan - $50,000

**Pierce Park Neighborhood Association**
- Connectivity Pathway Project - $136,100

**Warm Springs Mesa Neighborhood Association**
- Disaster Preparedness Project - $10,000

**West Bench Neighborhood Association**
- Fairmont Park Walking Paths - $43,000
- Fairmont Park Picnic Shelter - $64,000

**West Downtown Neighborhood Association**
- Neighborhood Plan - $30,000

A Totem to Winged Power by Marie Stewart
EXPLORING BOISE’S BOUNDARIES neighborhood tour series provides an opportunity for participants to view and learn about public art, local history and current development, as well as an opportunity to meet local stakeholders and chat with City of Boise staff.

In Fall 2017, the program launched with a series of walking tours called ‘Redefining Downtown’:
- Cultural and Warehouse District
- Old Boise + the Eastside Neighborhood
- Central Addition LIV District
- River Street Neighborhood
- Westside Neighborhood

The series picked back up in Spring 2018 with explorations of five neighborhoods across the city.
- Collister + Pierce Park Neighborhood Tour
- Historic Ustick Neighborhood Tour
- East End Neighborhood Tour
- West End Neighborhood Tour
- Lusk District Neighborhood Tour

2019 TOURS
Tours will resume in Spring 2019. Tours are advertised on the city’s social media and NextDoor feeds, so stay tuned for an announcement of 2019 dates and locations!

NEIGHBORHOODS, USA CONFERENCE
For the second year in a row, the Energize team had the opportunity to present at the Neighborhoods, USA Conference. They conducted a workshop about the Boise Neighborhood Interactive that Energize hosted in October 2017, including the planning process, successes and lessons learned. Energize was also a finalist for the Best Neighborhood Program Award.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Ada County Highway District
Addie’s
Albertsons
American Planning Association, Idaho Chapter
American Red Cross of Idaho & Montana
Art Zone
Autumn Gold
Bark n’ Purr
Becki & Friends
Beford Flooring
Bella Donna Salon
Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health
Boise School District
Boise State University
Boise Weekly
Borah High School Art Class
Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County
Brewer’s Haven
Bridgepoint Church
Canine Design
Central District Health Dept.
Ceramica
Church on the Bench
City of Boise
Cole Community Church
CШQA
CTA Group
Dave Kangas
Day Realty Co., LLC
Delsa’s
Depot Bench Neighborhood Association
D.L. Evans Bank
Downtown Boise Association
El-Ada Community Action Partnership
EMC Sugar
First Baptist Church
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Flagship Motors
Flowers at Will
Garfield Community School
George & Bev Harad
Go Green Insulation
Hardwoods Hardware Hobbies
Hawthorne Elementary PTO
Hellmann Construction
Hillview United Methodist
Icon Credit Union
Idaho Angler
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
Idaho Community Foundation
Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare
Idaho Power
Idaho Public Health Authority
Idaho Statesman
Idaho Youth Ranch
Integrated Design Lab
Integrity Hardwood Floors
Interior Systems, Inc.
Islamic Center of Boise
JANNUS
Katherine Delrich
Key Bank
Keynetics
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation
Love, INC
Micron Foundation
Morley Nelson Community School
Moxie Java / Blimpie
Musgrove Engineering
NeighborWorks Boise
New Beginnings Housing
Northview Montessori School
Oppenheimer Companies
PacificSource
Paige Mechanical Group
Pioneer Federal Credit Union
Pomeroy House Interiors
Quinn’s Restaurant
Republic Services
Retail West Properties
Saint Alphonsus Health System
Shangri-La Tea Room
St. Luke’s Health System
St. Mark’s Catholic Church
St. Mark’s Catholic School
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
St. Vincent de Paul
Sockeye
SoJourn Church
Solar Concepts
South Boise Village Neighborhood Association
South Junior High Partnership Action Team
Split Pea Edible Landscaping
SUEZ Water
Terry Reilly Health Services
the BENCH Salon & Gifts
Treasure Valley YMCA
United Way of Treasure Valley
Urban Land Institute
U.S. Bank
USGBC – Idaho Chapter
Valley Glass
Valley Regional Transit
Veronica’s Scooters
Vikki Paulson
Vista Neighborhood Association
Vista Village
VitaNovu
Washington Federal
Wells Fargo
West Bench Neighborhood Association
West End Neighborhood Association
Whitney Baptist Church
Whitney Elementary PTO
Whitney United Methodist
Whittier Community School
Whole Foods Market
Willowcreek Grill
Women’s and Children’s Alliance
Zen Riot