

BRISTOL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

EARLY SUMMER 2023 NEWS BRIEF



Work begins - May, 2022

Monument Lighting Ceremony Monday, July 3rd, 2023, 9:45 PM THIS SHOULD BE FUN!!!

Over the last year, extensive work has rehabilitated and restored our entry Monuments at Eagle Road and Bristol Heights Drive. As we peeled back the ‘layers of the onion’, we considered a sensible approach in simply asking “what have we got that’s still good?”. Years of water and ice, temperature extremes and the relentless expansion of tree roots were destroying the monuments. Their appearance was not representative of the quality of the Bristol Heights neighborhood community that lies just inside.

The monuments are our neighborhood’s first impression to visitors. They are also the quiet yet stalwart sentinels that welcome us back home. It was a challenging endeavor. The mottos that defined our demanding standards and expectations of our team and contractors have been: *Half right is all wrong!* and *Good enough is not good enough!* We believe you’ll like the results.

We are welcoming all residents, contractors, and project contributors to attend the Monument Lighting Ceremony. **We will begin gathering at 9:45 PM on Monday and throw the switches at precisely 10PM.** It will be a bit noisy at the intersection. We recommend bright clothing, walk to the site if you

can, and we ask that you do not park on Bristol Heights Drive. Use the side streets instead. And please, stay safe and use the sidewalks and crosswalks to avoid walking in the streets. It will be a brief, but fun and memorable event!

Completed – Jun 2023



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Irrigation Water, Pumps and Schedule

Our community’s irrigation water is served by canal water and the association’s own pumps and pipe network. We maintain one ‘pony’ pump and three additional large pumps in service. At full operation, the pumps could fill a 96-gallon garbage can in less than 8 seconds at 72 PSI. By design, we can theoretically service the entire community, including the common area, with only the pony and one of the three main pumps running. That assumes that we all, that’s 544 residential users, comply with the assigned [watering schedule published here on our website](#). Unfortunately, we have a large percentage of our residents that don’t honor the rotating schedule and are running their sprinklers during the hours from midnight to 7 AM. **When we have more than one of the pumps down, that simply will not work.** The result is nobody gets adequate water pressure during that period of time as the demand exceeds capacity. That has been the symptom for the last few weeks. To

compensate, we rescheduled all of the common area sprinklers to other than that time period and even that proved inadequate. **Why?**



Two pumps being replaced - June 23rd



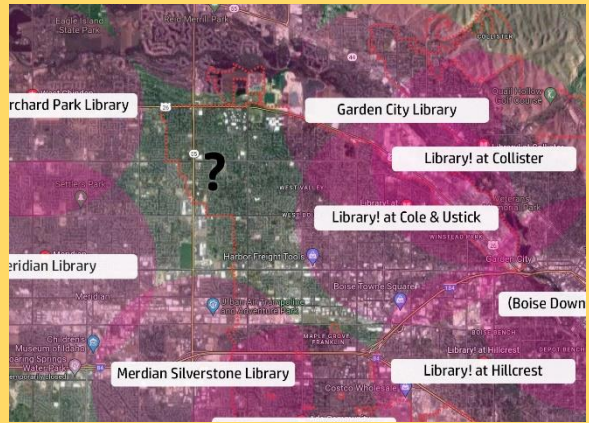
In mid-May, we lost one of the large pumps. We had hoped to hold off and replace it at the end of the watering season. Unfortunately, a second large pump failed soon after on June 1. A double failure is rare. Lead times on these motors and pumps can be quite long. **Precision Pump Systems**, our longtime maintenance and repair vendor, has expedited replacement components. By the time you read this, we are expecting all the pumps to be back online.

What can you do? A couple of things:

- 1) Please set your irrigation clock per your [assigned window](#). We have split the clock in four 6-hour blocks. Pick a random start time within your assigned block. Example: 1:45 or 3:15 AM, but not precisely the 12:00 AM beginning of that window. Do not overwater nor underwater your property's vegetation.

- 2) Understand that when the Irrigation Status Signs are posted as OFF, the appropriate parties are aware and working to get it back on. Please be patient and irrigate with your domestic water supply at your discretion. Check this website. If we will be down for more than 3 days we'll post a report.

Is there a Nearby Boise Branch Library In Our Future?



What's missing here?

Would you like to see a new library built by the City of Boise nearby? It is a possibility but will require advocacy and support to bring to a reality. Active members of the West Boise community have a fledgling effort underway. McDevitt Park is city owned property and is one possibility for a location. [Centennial Neighborhood Association](#) is making an effort to drum up support as well. Bristol Heights is a large subdivision with many voices and active members. Become informed, sign the [petition](#) by July 7th and help the cause move forward. We encourage you to visit <https://www.citizensforalibrary.org/west-boise/> as you will learn a lot about what a small group is doing and how you can get involved. A big tip of the hat to **Mark Salisbury** and his team for the exceptional effort to date.

A Word on the Bristol Heights Neighborhood Facebook Group

Many residents in this neighborhood, as well as a significant number outside of it, are members of this large user group. **Liz LeSueur VandeMerwe** assumed

responsibility for [this neighborhood group](#) from the founder many, many years ago and has been its prime admin all that time. She deserves a loud shoutout and applause for her tireless dedication to keeping this forum alive and monitored. She would likely welcome assistance. The group page serves a good purpose for the community. However, it clearly is not the panacea to our HOA communications, nor was it intended as such.

Some group members are under the mistaken impression that it is a formal medium for communication and resolution of HOA related concerns and problems. Please know that no members of your HOA's board of directors or management actively monitor the posts. And they seldom, if ever, respond to comments. In fact, your HOA president unplugged his membership in the group last fall. The board does, from time to time, publish information and updates on the HOA's website at www.BristolHeights.org. If you encounter an issue that needs management or the board's action, please reach out to our management, Sentry Community Management. Sentry's contact phone number and email are on the website's [homepage](#).

Have You Seen Me?



When you see these signs pop up at the entrances it means we have some fresh information on the website for you. We realize not everyone has provided their email address for news notifications.

And a few more notes . . .

While you have your **most recent assessment statement** from the association, great time to use your account number and register at [Community Pro](#) if you have not already. There is useful information there for you such as: board minutes, downloadable versions of the governing docs (CC&Rs, Bylaws), your account balance and history and more.

Adding your contact information can be very useful, particularly if you need to be contacted in an emergency.

Finally, we encourage you to take a tour of the Bristol Heights [website](#). **TJ Bliss** and others have labored to keep this website packed with information. We even have a [calendar](#) of events up and running!

A big *Thank You* to **TJ and Nick**.