

BRISTOL HEIGHTS NEWS BRIEF – APRIL 18, 2024

Irrigation Update: We have spent a great deal of time and significant funds, over the winter and early spring, on a project to renovate our pump station. We expect that these repairs and upgrades will help us to better maintain our irrigation system over the new watering season and beyond. We ask for your patience as we prepare to re-start the pumps and test out the upgraded system. Please keep watch on the website and main entrance signs for irrigation updates.

Canal Delivery Status Update: Settlers Irrigation District, the folks who supply water to our Zinger irrigation lateral, have informed us that because of a problem in the Banbury subdivision they are unable to supply water to our lateral until repaired. Because of this we are unable to test the extensive renovation of our own pumping station. Settlers is hopeful that they could have water in our lateral week of April 22, at which point we could start testing of our pump station. Therefore, the very earliest we could deliver water for irrigation to your yards would be at the end of the week of April 22 – **likely no sooner than April 27th**! We will update this information if the situation changes, so please check back here for any updates.

Please keep watch on the website and main entrances for irrigation updates. The 2024 irrigation assignments by address are also updated. Please adjust

your scheduled watering time accordingly.

<https://www.bristolheights.org/watering>

Park Playground Projects: We have been busy replacing fall zone material and repurposing the old bark material while refurbishing our common area landscape. In addition, we uncovered subterranean safety concerns in some playgrounds that necessitated closing three of our five playgrounds. We recognize the inconvenience this may cause, especially as the weather warms up. However, please know that we are working to get them open back up soon. **Safety is job one!** That's not negotiable.

Fence Maintenance: The Board has kicked off another project to inspect all resident owned fencing adjacent common areas throughout the neighborhood. Please watch for a letter in your mailboxes in the next week to discuss the project and the next steps. <https://www.bristolheights.org/fences>

Tapestry Park Renovation Project: A plan to develop a renovation project is underway. Thank you to those that have stepped up to be a part of the committee as well as those of you that participated in a recent survey. More information will be forthcoming and there will be plenty of opportunity to lend your thoughts before any changes are made. The board has decided to remove the Tapestry

playground structure – which can no longer meet safety criteria – and delay its replacement. The large swing set is being restored and refurbished and will not likely not go away – Yay! If you have any questions about this project or any others, please reach out to help@bristoheights.org.

Streetside Landscape Projects: As the community ages and the tree canopy fills out, some of the shaded areas below do not receive adequate sunlight for the turfgrass to thrive. The result is unsightly, muddy areas with a lot of slope runoff. We have begun converting some of these spots to a low maintenance format with decorative landscape lighting. Some residents may remember the lighting that existed many years ago. We are working to restore that with LED product. As mentioned, we are now repurposing essentially all of our tree trimmings and spreading back into the landscape areas. This change in appearance is obvious. But the expectation is to realize the benefits of sustainable recycling of materials and maintenance cost-reduction while also protecting the root systems of our mature trees.

McDevitt Park Update: Breaking News . . . On April 18th, the Boise Parks and Recreation Commission approved the McDevitt Park Master Plan (concept). Your Bristol Heights president was present to offer consensus testimony, at this hearing, on behalf of the Centennial Neighborhood Association. The NA and other individuals have contributed to this effort and have been working with the

City of Boise for some time on completion of this city park. Exciting things are coming!

A Thank You: Many of our residents have taken note of the common area work and care that our community is enjoying. Reactions and appreciative compliments mentioned to our landscape service team, board members and management, are indicative of genuine appreciation. New volunteers are hard at work learning the ropes from the veterans. New and innovative ideas are being explored. Complex projects are being executed with thought and precision. We have been catching up on deferred maintenance on rapidly aging and deteriorating amenities. It is truly satisfying work but more so, it is remarkable to see otherwise very busy people putting forth so much of their time, energy and skills as volunteers.

Your expressed appreciation is the reward for them in doing this work and, hopefully, doing it well. **They are deeply grateful to have your support!**



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