



*Welcome to the CBNA!*

**Our CBNA Vision and Mission:**

- **Vision**—Our vision is to promote safety and involvement in our community while celebrating diversity in the Central Bench neighborhood.
- **Mission**—We will accomplish our vision through sustainable community planning in collaboration with Boise City's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and Comprehensive Plan encouraging all residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to be active members in the process.

- CBNA Membership:**
- Anyone living in or owning a business or property in CBNA boundaries can join.
  - No membership dues are required.
  - Members have a voice in community decisions.
  - Neighborhoods become stronger and safer.
  - Promotes neighborhood communication.

**Franklin Elementary School Property Initiative**

What would you like to see done to the vacant lot where Franklin Elementary School (corner of Orchard Street/ Franklin Road) was located for 100 years until it was torn down in 2009? One vision is for the community to purchase the Franklin school property, owned by the Boise Independent School District, to preserve the urban green space, develop a park and community garden as part of this urban green space, and eventually develop a Cultural Arts and Community Center. The CBNA is currently working on an initiative to develop the Cultural Arts and Community Center at the vacant Franklin School site. In collaboration with Associate Professor Sherry McKibben, director of the University of Idaho (U of I) Urban Design

and Research Center, and her students, a class project discussing and presenting design proposals to develop the Franklin Elementary property with one of these concepts considering the vision of a Cultural Arts and Community Center. Our volunteers walked door-to-door surveying residents of the area of impact around the property to collect community feedback for their opinions on potential community space at the location. We are very mindful of the voice of the people in the area and want to consider all ideas. U of I students are also looking for input from residents in the area and would like participation in upcoming meetings. A kickoff meeting was conducted on March 2, 2011 and an all-day intensive

poster session (charrette) was held on March 5. Students will process information gathered and complete their designs and presentations so that they can be reviewed by residents who are encouraged to provide feedback. The Mid-Project Presentation and Review was held April 6. After considering comments and review, the U of I students will make revisions and amendments to these designs and conduct a Final Project Presentation and Review on Wednesday, May 4, at Heatherwood Retirement Community, 5277 Kootenai Street at 6:30 p.m. We have a separate e-mail address for comments/ feedback for this project. The address is: [cbna.cacc@gmail.com](mailto:cbna.cacc@gmail.com).

**Second Annual Spring Festival**

Come celebrate the end of spring and the beginning of summer. The CBNA's second annual Spring Festival will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Cassia Park located on Camas Street from 10:00 am until 8:00 p.m. Last year's festival was very successful despite awful weather and we are hoping for a warm sunny

celebration with music, dance, art, games, food, and non-profit/community resource information.

Join the fun!



**Just a Note:** Acknowledging our past CBNA whose members envisioned the Central Bench as the "sunflower neighborhood", we are using sunflower images in our Newsletter and our website. We also have a large donation of sunflower and other flower seeds for planting in the neighborhood.





## Meet our CBNA Board

### CBNA Boundaries:

**North**—Alpine Street

**South**—Overland Road

**East**—Roosevelt Street

**West**—Curtis Road

The following individuals make up our CBNA Board:

Sarah Cunningham, President; Susie Schuetz, Vice president; Dick Anderson, Treasurer; Shari Hennefer, Secretary; Randy Harkelroade, Director; Rainy Pearlman, Director; Marie Dewey, Director; and Nancy Barkell, Director. Directors are elected for a 2-year term and officers serve for one year. This is the second year Sarah has served as president. She is an energetic leader and passionate

about the CBNA and the future of our neighborhood. Vice president Susie Schuetz is relatively new to the neighborhood and has another exciting role as mom to baby Cade Raikker who was born in February. She is also a great advocate for the CBNA. Treasurer Dick Anderson is great with numbers and the go-to guy for distributing CBNA information door-to-door. Secretary Shari Hennefer, a life-long Boisean, was born into the neighborhood, as was her brother

Director Randy Harkelroade, and both believe an active CBNA is essential to our neighborhood's future. Director Rainy Pearlman is also a Central Bench native. She and numerous family members attended Franklin school. Marie Dewey and Nancy Barkell are our newest Directors. Marie is president of her Neighborhood Watch group. Nancy is involved in property management of her rental units. Both are eager to participate in CBNA activities.



## Getting Involved in the CBNA

### Did you Know?

We are a very diverse group of Boiseans living and working in the CBNA boundaries. Residents hail from all over the world, including Mexico, many parts of Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Vietnam, China, and Korea. CBNA welcomes diversity and embraces all cultures.

Maybe you have not yet heard of the CBNA. We reinstated the CBNA in October 2009 after many years of inactive status. The CBNA is recognized by the city of Boise, has official bylaws, and is incorporated. Nonprofit status as a 501(c)3 entity is in process. In order for our neighborhood to become more vital and participate in grant opportunities, we need

active participation in the CBNA. We want to know your ideas, what we should prioritize as our goals for the future, and your areas of concern. It is your neighborhood and you have a voice to make the Central Bench an even better place.

We have a number of committees and are always looking for members. Our committees are follows: Public

Agency; Grants; Grievance; Events; Neighborhood Planning; Business Member; Neighborhood Watch Support; Neighborly Assistance; and Newsletter.

**Contact CBNA at [www.centralbench.org](http://www.centralbench.org). Upcoming meetings dates are April 25, July 25, and Oct. 24, 2011 (annual meeting) at the Wright Community Congregational Church, 4821 Franklin Road. Meetings are held in the church basement and begin at 7:00 p.m.**

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## This and That... from Marilyn Schmitz



After many years of searching for a great custard recipe, CBNA contributor Marilyn Schmitz recently found this one from 1957 in a nearby second-hand store. It was in a packet of recipes clipped from magazines and newspapers. The recipe for "Failure Proof" Custard follows: Combine together 4 eggs, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup water, and 1 2/3 cups of undiluted evaporated milk. Beat

ingredients to mix well and pour into 6-8 custard dishes. Pour dishes in 2 1/2" deep pan and pour water around dishes. Sprinkle custard with nutmeg before baking. Bake at 350 °F for 40-45 minutes or until knife inserted into custard comes out clean. Best served cold with whipped cream. Enjoy! \* \* \* \*

Marilyn is dedicated to animals' rights and fellow CBNA member and animal activist Diane Ayers would like everyone to know about the

monthly Black Dog Walk to bring awareness to the plight of black dogs and cats in shelters and known as Black Dog Syndrome. The walks are free and held the second Sunday of the month starting at 12:00 noon at the Ram Restaurant near Broadway at rear (east) parking lot. The event includes prizes, music, and a raffle. For more information, phone 968-1338 or check out [www.snipidaho.org](http://www.snipidaho.org).

