



## 2013 EVENTS

- **Easter Egg Hunt at Wright Community Congregational Church, 4821 Franklin Rd., March 30, 11 am to 1 pm**
- **Central Bench 3rd Annual Spring Festival at Cassia Park, June 8th 11 am to 6 pm**
- **National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 6th at Heatherwood Retirement Center, 5277 Kootenai Rd.**

## 2013 MEETINGS

Wright Community Church,  
4821 Franklin Road  
6:00 Board Meeting  
7:00 General Meeting

- **January 28, 2013 (completed, see minutes on website)**
- **April 22, 2013**
- **July 22, 2013**
- **October 21, 2013**

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I was elected last October as President of the Central Bench Neighborhood Association. It is my desire to have an open association that is responsive to its members. So, please let me know if you have any concerns, questions, or comments. Our e-mail contact is centralbenchna@gmail.com. You can also contact me through our website at [www.centralbench.org](http://www.centralbench.org).

We have several exciting things happening this year. Our board has decided to organize and promote three major events—Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, Spring Festival on June 8, and National Night

Out on August 6th. I hope that you can each find a way to help with these events either as a volunteer or as a participant. These events help build community which makes our neighborhood stronger.

Our board has also applied for several neighborhood grants this year. We expect to receive funds to:

- collect history about the Central Bench. We are looking for older pictures and memorabilia that we can archive and return to you. We are also wanting to interview longtime residents of the bench. Jim Durant will be this historian for this project (he was just elected to Morris Hill

Association President), and a local neighbor, David Mattee (acting Chief State Archivist) has offered to help.

- add historical art demonstrations to the Spring Festival
- install art decals on traffic control boxes in the neighborhood
- install sign toppers to mark our Central Bench Neighborhood on street signs in our area

I hope you can all find ways to help and support our efforts in our neighborhood!

Sincerely,

*Randy Harkelroade*

## HISTORICAL BENCH KNOWLEDGE

Part of the grants we expect to receive this year, is for an oral history project. We hope to find long time residents of the bench. Our plan is to interview these residents and gain a picture of our neighborhood history. The information we gather will be put together for

future use in a brochure or public display of this history of the Central Bench Neighborhood.

We are looking for longtime residents, history, photos, and memorabilia. If you know of anybody who is a long time

resident of the bench or if you have bench memorabilia, please contact us. For this purpose please contact Randy Harkelroade at 336-9973. If he is not there please leave a message.

## NEW BIKE RACKS AT CASSIA PARK

The Central Bench Neighborhood Association was awarded a grant last spring to install bike racks at Cassia Park. The project has been completed. The racks are located next to the bathrooms and by the tennis courts. We hope to help encourage biking in our area and discourage bike thefts. The Boise City Parks & Recreation Dept. was essential to the project. Project manager, Eden Belanger, and the park crew helped us with the design and installation. We were

also able to purchase the racks locally from Kuna Machine Shop and had them powder coated locally by Coatings Plus.

Many thanks to Boise City Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Program, CBNA Board Members, and Boise City Parks and Recreation Employees to get this worthwhile project completed!



## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. WORK ON?

*“You must be  
the change you  
wish to see in the  
world.”*

- Mahatma  
Ghandi

The Central Bench Neighborhood Association wants opinions and suggestions from YOU about your neighborhood association. Please fill out our survey at [centralbench.org](http://centralbench.org). Let us know what you think is wonderful about our neighborhood and what things you would like to see changed.

You can also let us know your thoughts by sending an e-mail to [centralbenchna@gmail.com](mailto:centralbenchna@gmail.com). Or, post to our facebook page—central bench neighborhood association. Be sure to like our page so you can get updates from neighbors there too!

We maintain an e-mail list of neighbors wanting to receive this newsletter electronically and bi-weekly updates. We are working on including a subscription option on our website, but for now, if you want to be included on bi-monthly updates please send us an e-mail.

Our association meets quarterly at the Wright Community Church on Franklin Road at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. Our meetings for the remainder of the year are: April 22, July 22, October 21.



## E A S T E R E G G H U N T ! ! !



We'd like to invite you to an Easter Egg Hunt at Wright Congregational Church on Saturday, March 30. The Central Bench Neighborhood Association will be hiding eggs outside on the lawn (weather permitting) for young children. The first hunt will be at 11:00 for children 5 and under and at 11:30 for the ten years and under. Inside the church basement, we will have free craft activities and hot chocolate.

If you would like to help us with the set up or clean up please send a quick e-mail to [centralbenchna@gmail.com](mailto:centralbenchna@gmail.com). We hope to see lots of neighborhood children come join the fun!

## C E N T R A L B E N C H 3 R D A N N U A L S P R I N G F E S T I V A L

Our third spring festival is scheduled for June 8th at Cassia Park! We need help! If you can help organize art demonstrations, performance events, children's art, food vendors, family activities . . . Let us know right away! We'd love the extra hands. This year we plan to continue the great performances, dog walk, children's art, and international food. We hope to have more gardening demonstrations and information. We will also have folk art demonstrations reminiscent of Boise's History - part of

the 150th year celebration. If you or someone you know might be interested in demonstrating folk arts at the festival—please let us know!

We are also looking for festival sponsors. If you are a business owner or know a local business, we'd love to include you in our festival! You can find festival sponsorship forms on our website at [www.centralbench.org](http://www.centralbench.org).



## N A T I O N A L N I G H T O U T

This year, Heatherwood Retirement Center has agreed to host our National Night Out Picnic. We plan to have a fun, social time along with safety information and a focus this year on emergency preparedness. If this is an area of your interest, please let us know so we can include you in the planning!



*"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."*

*- Theodore*

*Roosevelt*

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CENTRALBENCH.ORG

**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.**

**Central Bench Neighborhood Association Board:**

**Randy Harkelroade, President**

**Anna Alton, Vice-President**

**Molly Cochell, Secretary**

**Dick Anderson, Treasurer**

**Shari Hennefer, Director**

**Bryan DuFosse, Director**

**Bev Pederson, Director**

**Susan Lowman-Thomas, Director**

**Contact us at [www.centralbench.org](http://www.centralbench.org) OR [centralbenchna@gmail.com](mailto:centralbenchna@gmail.com) OR [central bench neighborhood association on facebook](#)**

**WHAT HAS FACEBOOK BEEN SAYING ABOUT  
CENTRAL BENCH ???**

Thanks to one of our wonderful directors, Susan Lowman-Thomas, we have had some great images appear on our facebook page this year. She finds great shots of our neighbors in action—mostly at Cassia Park. She also posts opportunities from other non-profit organizations such as Boise Bicycle Project, BUGS garden, and the Foothills Learning Center.

We also had a generous neighbor offer some extra iris bulbs. I think this worked out well as they were all taken. I was thinking if I overplanted cucumbers this year, it would be a great opportunity to share.

Sarah Cunningham helps keep us

apprised of activities in our neighborhood as well. Recently she let us know about the upcoming South Jr. High International Festival, April 12th at 5:30.

Michele Konechny posted a call to artists for a new local art co-op—Wild Lotus Art Consignment on Overland Rd.

Dick Anderson continually shows us what it is to be a community volunteer and great neighbor! You can look for pictures of events, and neighborhood happenings from him!

Look for an upcoming photo of a new bench donated to Cassia Park. It is donated in the name of Earlene

Pinneo – Harkelroade, Central Bench resident since 1930 to 2010.

Please come and add to our community!

