

Caldwell News

Message from the Mayor

Garret L. Nancolas



The City of Caldwell recently received confirmation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) that the data and suggestions supplied to them by us and others will be sufficient to revise the initial proposed maps released in 2006.

Technical and historical data provided played a large role in convincing FEMA to revise their original model. The proposal submitted to FEMA included a plan to adjust the callopy gates located east of Nampa to reduce flows in the New York Canal; thereby precluding flooding in downtown Caldwell.

This is incredible news for the City of Caldwell. The original maps would have had an enormous impact on our community; taking resources away from our citizens and halting development just when our economy needs a boost. We could not be more excited and are very thankful to everyone who gave of their time and resources.

The City, in partnership with the City of Nampa, CH2M Hill, Senator Crapo, Congressman Minnick, Governor Otter, Bureau of Homeland Security Director Colonel Bill Shawver, Bureau of Reclamation and the Boise Project, has been working with FEMA since spring of 2008 to address this issue.

Caldwell expects to receive the revised preliminary maps in December and further meetings will most likely be necessary to explain the new conditions and address questions.

DOWNTOWN CATALYST PROJECT BEGINS WITH DEMOLITION

Representatives from the City of Caldwell, Caldwell East Urban Renewal Agency, Oppenheimer Development Corporation, the Indian Creek Steering Committee and Treasure Valley Community College held a Demolition Ceremony during the Indian Creek Festival to officially kick-off demolition and construction of the Catalyst Project. The old Model Market (most recently the home of CAN-ACT) and the old Cindy's Quilt Shop were both torn down to make room for parking and potential future development.

Oppenheimer Development expects to demolish the old H&H Heating Building - located 6th and Arthur – in November in order to construct a new Treasure Valley Community College. The target completion date is September 2010, just in time for the start of classes. It is expected that TVCC will serve over 1300 students daily.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND TREE LIGHTING

2nd Annual

Winter Wonderland

in Downtown Caldwell

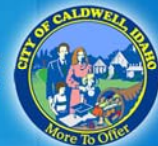
Friday, November 20, 2009
Depot Open House - 5:00-8:00 pm
Tree Lighting - 7:00 pm



- * Cookies, hot cider and hot chocolate
- * Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus
- * Entertainment at the Depot & Indian Creek
- * Door prize give-aways
- * Lighting Ceremony



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- * Vendor booths
- * Guest cartoon characters in costume
- * Christmas Train Rides
- * "Clyde" the Camel
- & Much More!



The Caldwell Police Department has recognized the need for stronger community policing and has implemented new programs to meet those demands. For instance, you may have noticed an increase in bike patrol this past summer. They are affectionally known as the Bumble Bees; with their bright yellow shirts and black shorts they were easily seen riding around the community. Most of the bike patrol officers you saw were SRO's (School Resource Officers), who excitedly hopped on their bikes each and every day. Not only was it great physical exercise, but it allowed officers a chance to access places that the patrol car couldn't – like parks and around Indian Creek. Bike patrol officers are seen as more approachable, especially to children, and our officers were always fully stocked with stickers and tattoos to give out to little hands. In addition to patrolling, these officers were able to teach bike safety, and it provided an excellent opportunity to provide community policing services in areas that otherwise might have been missed.

As school starts again, and the weather turns colder, it's very important to the Caldwell Police Department to keep the community policing programs. Community Service Officers (CSO's) work a majority of the time in the records department; however, they are utilized more for a variety of community services. You might have seen them out during National Night Out last August, or anywhere where there is a McGruff event. We also send our CSO's into the schools, to teach a wide range of classes to all ages. Many of you with seniors at either Caldwell or Vallivue High School may have heard of the "When you Turn 18" class – a high energy class that is taught by CSO's to those kids about ready to turn 18 and how the laws change and effect them differently as an adult. Those of you with 8th graders at Jefferson Middle School may have heard of the Juvenile Crimes and Consequences class which is an informative class put on by CSO's explaining the top juvenile crimes that are being committed in Canyon County and their consequences. Other services CSO's offer are free home and business safety inspections, the TRIAD group (for senior citizens), the DARE Halloween party and Neighborhood Watch. If you would like to participate in any of the community policing programs we have in place, all you have to do is call 208-455-3115 or check us out on our website at www.caldwellpolice.org and click on the crime prevention page. We hope to see you out in our community soon!

We are also very proud to introduce to you the newest members of the Caldwell Police Department: Officer (Jeff) Irby, Officer (Deny) Burns, Officer (Patrick) Lewis, Officer (Jacob) Simon, Officer (Chad) Ivie, and Officer (Lane) Bowen. And, very special congratulations go out to our most recent P.O.S.T. graduates: Officer (Tyler) Marston, Officer (Jeremy) Heinrich, and Officer (Taylor) Farnsworth.

City Launches Homeless Program

In August, the City of Caldwell – along with program partners City of Boise and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare – hosted the official launch for C.A.T.C.H. (Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless) of Canyon County, a rapid re-housing program that provides long-term supportive housing for the homeless through business and church sponsorships. C.A.T.C.H. will serve families with children younger than 18, with the City serving as fiscal agent.. By offering rental assistance and intensive case management for up to six months, CATCH increases the likelihood of self sufficiency.

CATCH began in Boise in 2006 and has shown over an 80% success rate in equipping families with the tools they need to become self-sufficient. Boise's CATCH program was nationally recognized by the National League of Cities and CH2MHill and honored with the prestigious Silver Award for Municipal Excellence at the 2008 Congress of Cities in Orlando, Florida.

A case manager was hired in July and is already receiving referrals from area shelters, including Hope's Door, Lighthouse Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Valley Crisis. WICAP will help refer those in need from the outlying counties. The program currently serves 12 families and has received several private and government grants to assist even more.

This is truly a case where no one can do it all but everyone can something. Private companies, faith-based organizations and government have really stepped up to the plate. Our impressive list of partners shows that people believe in this program and we are so thankful to each of them, including:

Caldwell United Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Deer Flat Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Idaho Department of Labor, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Evergreen Mennonite Church, Mountain West Bank, Petra Construction, Save-Most Self Storage, Simplot, Sorrento Lactalis, Inc., Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA), Tomlinson & Associates, United Way of the Treasure Valley, Wells Fargo and WICAP.

To learn more about how you can help the C.A.T.C.H. of Canyon County program, please contact Christy Thomas at 455-7138 or cthomas@ci.caldwell.id.us.

City Updates

Update on Conservation Grant

Caldwell received an Energy Efficiency grant from the US Department of Energy and has initiated an aggressive program to reduce the cost of power in the City's facilities through the installation of energy-saving lighting.

Focusing the grant efforts on more efficient lighting systems will enable the City to reduce operating costs while improving lighting levels. We will also be able to take advantage of generous cost-sharing incentives from Idaho Power. In many cases, Idaho Power will contribute over 20% of the cost of energy efficient lighting upgrades, since those upgrades reduce their electrical power loads. The City recently released a Request for Proposals and hopes to start work within the next two months.

The City's plan involves reducing power usage and costs and reinvesting those savings in additional cost saving lighting and equipment, with a goal of reducing energy usage by 25% over the next five years and saving over \$700,000 in energy costs.

The city also plans to hold energy saving workshops over the next year for both City staff and the general public to point out effective ways to reduce the cost of utility bills.



Planning and Zoning

In order to comply with new state regulations regarding daycares, the City will be updating daycare licensing codes. The City will now have two separate definitions of child care facilities: Family Group Daycares (12 children and under) and Daycare Centers (13 children and above). The allowable counts will include the provider's own children. Square footage requirements are the same for both facilities: 35 visible net square foot per person in the building.

Both will be required to obtain a permit through the City and renew that permit on an annual basis. The permitting and renewal process will involve inspections by both Caldwell Fire Department and Planning and Zoning as well as a criminal history check. New permits require full criminal history checks; renewals a limited criminal history check. The background checks for Family Group Daycare's will be applied to all living in the home, including juveniles.

Don't let the cold weather stop you from having fun!

Youth Recreation Programs

5TH/6TH Grade Basketball League – Separate leagues for boys and girls. Practice held twice a week beginning at 6:30p.m. Games are held on Saturday mornings. Practice will begin the week of January 4th. Fee is \$30.00. Registration deadline is December 18th.

1ST/2ND Grade Basketball Clinic –Held Saturday mornings January 9 – 30, 2010. A great way to introduce children to the fundamentals of basketball. Participants receive a basketball. Fee is \$20.00.

1ST/2ND Grade Basketball League - Separate leagues for boys and girls. Players will practice in the evenings twice a week at area schools beginning at 6:30p.m. Games are held on Saturday mornings. Registration will begin in February. League play will start in March. Fee is \$25.00.

Youth Basketball Turkey Shoot – Free-throw competition with separate divisions for boys and girls: 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, 5th/6th grade, and 7th/8th grade. Each participant will receive a treat bag, and winners will receive a gift certificate from our sponsor, Wal*Mart. Held November 7th @ 2:00p.m. Fee is only \$5.00.

4th – 6th Grade Coed Volleyball League – Registration will begin in February. League play starts March. Players will practice in the evenings twice a week. Games are held on Saturday mornings. Fee is \$25.00.

Holiday Crafts –Kids 7 years and up will make great holiday gifts to give their family. All materials are provided. Class held at the Memorial Park classroom on November 7 & 14 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$20.

Adult

Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament – This pre-season tournament is played Monday – Thursday night, beginning November 30, and guarantees 3 games. Registration deadline is November 20. Fee is \$180.00 per team.

Men's Basketball League – This league offers B & C Divisions, and consists of 9 games plus a double elimination tournament. Registration deadline is December 18th. Fee is \$420.00 per team.

McCall Winter Carnival & Elk Feed – “55 Alive” tour for those 55 years and older. An all day adventure to the Donnelly Elk Feed in the morning, and the afternoon spent viewing ice sculptures in McCall. Fee includes transportation, lunch and entrance ticket to the Elk Feed. Call the Recreation office in December for cost and more info (455-3060).

PARKS

*Park restrooms will close for the season on November 1st.

*The fountain at the Train Depot is disabled for the season. The Train Depot is great for weddings, reception and parties. Call 455-4656 for reservations.

*Reservations for the Memorial Park Band Shelter, Luby Park Gazebo, Luby Park Rose Garden, and the Caldwell Municipal Pool can be made one year in advance. Call the Parks & Recreation office at 455-3060 for fees and park availability for your summer 2010 event.

Look for our new Winter/Spring Activity Guide in the Idaho Press Tribune on Saturday, December 12. Guides will be available at City Hall, the YMCA, Caldwell Public Library, and the Parks & Recreation office at 618 Irving Street beginning December 14

Government

Affairs

Council Corner

Name: Jim Blacker

Nickname: None

Years in public service: 9 years

Day job: Beneficial Financial

Last book you read: Clive Cusler novel

Biggest issue the City of Caldwell is facing:

Revenues

Dream Destination: Upstate New York



Congressional Updates

Congressman Walt Minnick's office has set up shop in the Canyon County Courthouse, located at 1115 Albany Street. The office will be staffed part – time, 10a -4p Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (hours subject to change).

Constituents are encouraged to visit if they have questions, require assistance or are looking for congressional updates. The office number is (208) 455-5518.

State Legislative Contact Information

Idaho State Legislature—Capitol Annex
P. O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720 - 0038 (House)
-0081 (Senate)
208.332.1000

For more information:
www.legislature.idaho.gov

NOTE: The 2010 Legislative Session is scheduled to begin in January.



"CATCH" the Christmas Spirit

C.A.T.C.H. (**Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless**) of Canyon County is looking for individuals, small groups, congregations, offices and/or companies to provide Christmas gifts for our current C.A.T.C.H. families.

C.A.T.C.H. provides a home, rental assistance and case management for homeless families in Canyon County for up to 6 months. During their participation in the program C.A.T.C.H. families are working towards providing for their family independently. Providing Christmas gifts is a way to encourage our families on their journey towards self-sufficiency.

If you are interested please fill in and return the following information:

Name/Company/Congregation: _____
(Name)

Contact Person: _____
(Name) (Phone #)

Are you interested in sponsoring a family (2-6 people) or an individual?

Are you interested in delivering your gifts to the family? Yes or No

Gift ideas are currently being collected from the C.A.T.C.H. families and will be distributed to donors the second week of November. Gifts will need to be collected by **Monday Dec. 21st** for delivery to the families.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions.

Thank you so much for considering giving in this way!

Sincerely,

Christy Thomas, LMSW, C.A.T.C.H. Program Coordinator

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Community Calendar

November 2009

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| 3rd | Election Day |
| 7th | Rake-Up Caldwell (455-3011) |
| 13-14th | Holiday Bazaar, O'Connor Fieldhouse |
| 20th | Winter Wonderland, 5-8p, downtown Caldwell (455-4656) |
| 21st | Community Drop-Off Day fMercury and Prescription Drugs, 10a-4p, O'Connor Fieldhouse (455-4773) |
| 26-27th | Thanks giving Holiday—City Offices Closed |

December 2009

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| 5th | Treasure Valley Night Light Parade, downtown Caldwell (459-7493) |
| 12th | Advocates Against Family Violence Festival of Choirs, 7p, Caldwell Methodist Church (459-6279) |
| 24-25th | Christmas Holiday—City Offices Closed |

January 2009

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| 9th | CHS Crab Feed, 6pm, O'Connor Fieldhouse (867-2709) |
| 11th | 2010 State Legislative Session begins (332-1000) |
| 16th | Basque Charity Dance, 6pm, O'Connor Fieldhouse |
| 26-27th | Western Idaho Ag Expo, all day, O'Connor Fieldhouse |

If you have calendar items for the next newsletter, please email date, time, location and contact information for the event to mcolwell@ci.caldwell.id.us. If your event is free, please specify as such. Only family-friendly items will be listed.