

# Caldwell News

## Message from the Mayor

*Garret L. Nancolas*

In January, I had the pleasure of standing alongside the College of Idaho President Marvin Henberg and student body representatives to launch internal recycling efforts for City employees and College of Idaho students, faculty and administration. Kudos to the College of Idaho Sustainability Council, The Environmental Resource and Recreation Council and the Student Senate for their part in this new program.



The combined recycling effort will equal the largest in Caldwell and the hope is to encourage other businesses and government entities to join us in reducing our impact on the environment. Offering recycling to our employees in nearly all city buildings will reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill by over two tons. In some departments, we expect that nearly 90% of our waste is recyclable.

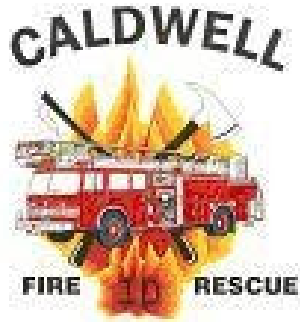
Allied Waste was on hand as a collaborator in this effort and our hope is to work with them in the future to expand recycling opportunities for all in Caldwell. I thank The College of Idaho and Allied Waste for their partnership in making this possible.



## UPDATE ON C.A.T.C.H. of Canyon County

C.A.T.C.H. (Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless) began in August of 2009 and is currently serving 15 families, with a waiting list of 13 more. The C.A.T.C.H. program takes homeless families out of shelters and into apartments, where their rent is paid for six months and they receive intensive case management. The program has been hugely successful and will graduate three clients by the end of March. Those clients are able to pay their own rent and support their family.

**The C.A.T.C.H. program needs your help. If you can make a donation of cash, goods or services or want to volunteer, contact Christy Thomas at 455-7138.**



## Caldwell Fire Department

### New Training Facility Set to Open Spring 2010

Caldwell Fire & Rescue is just completing a large training facility located on city property at the Caldwell Ponds, near the north end of Chicago; close to the police gun range. Through the efforts of the Street Department, the Water Department, Planning and Zoning and the Building Department, we were able to complete our long awaited training facility.

The facility is constructed of Intermodal Containers and stands over 50' tall. The containers provide numerous levels of both inside and outside training props. The main stairwell runs from the ground level to on top of the fourth level. Contained within the main stairwell is a standpipe system to simulate a high rise building. Attached to the standpipe system are several floors of pipes that provide water to sprinkler heads used in all types of buildings. The two tallest containers are stood on end and simulate elevator shafts that have numerous access points. They are several storage containers that house specialty equipment which is used to enhance the training operations. There is a water tank located on the containers that supplies our apparatus during training.

The top of the containers provide work areas and anchors for high angle rope work and confined space simulators. There are numerous windows and access points where firefighters can work on techniques of firefighting and rescue.

Located near the main container structure are other training devices that allow firefighters to experience live fire operations. The live fire trainer allows firefighters to attack actual fires on the same level, fires above the entry level and fires below the entry level. The flashover simulator provides valuable life safety training for firefighters so they may recognize dangerous fire conditions and respond immediately to those threats. Our fire department currently has certified instructors who conduct these operations.

The Street Department has worked feverishly helping us to comply with road and drainage issues. The Water Department installed a street manhole near the facility which will allow us to train on confined space access and will assist the Water Department in staying current with underground safety training.

The facility is nearly complete and in the near future we will be conducting an open house to show off our new facility. We will also be conducting "Learn to Burn" sessions where citizens can experience some of the work the firefighters do. There will be live burns, ladders climbs, and flashover simulations, just to name a few activities. Please join us if you can.

# Building Safety Month: May 2010

Commemorating a  
30-year Legacy of Leadership



**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL FOUNDATION

**MAY 2010**

May is National Building Safety Month. Building Safety Week was first celebrated in 1980. Building Safety Week was expanded to Building Safety Month to increase awareness in the extend opportunities to increase awareness about the importance of building safety.

## **Summer safety tips from the City of Caldwell Building Department**

As summer approaches, the Caldwell Building Department is urging homeowners to take the time to check outdoor areas for potential safety hazards. Proper inspections now can help to keep you family and friends safe in the future. These codes exist as added safety measures to protect you and your guests from outdoor accidents.

### **Porches, Decks and Balconies**

Porches can be at risk of collapsing if they are not properly constructed or if they are old. A common safety hazard occurs when porches are nailed to buildings rather than being attached with the proper anchors or bolts. The use of nails to adhere porches to buildings can potentially be dangerous as those nails can work their way loose over time. Other safety hazards to look for are:

- Split or rotting wood
- Wobbly handrails or guardrails
- Loose, missing or rusting anchors, nails or screws
- Missing, damaged or loose support beams and planking
- Poor end support of the porch deck, joists or girders
- Excessive movement of the porch when walked on
- Swaying or unstable porches

*If you have any questions please feel free to contact the building department 455-3024. We want to work with you to ensure that your home is safe for everyone who may enter it.*

**Congratulations to Tammy Tucker with the Department of Building Safety for passing her Permit Technician Exam!**

# City Updates

## Update on Conservation Grant

Caldwell received a Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the US Department of Energy . The City will 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. Six workshops— directed toward all city employees, residents, building operators, building owners and business owners—will take place in April/May of 2010. There is no cost to attend the workshops and more information will be available in the near future.



### REMINDER:

**All signs—including yard sale advertisements—are prohibited from being posted on power poles, stop signs, traffic lights or placed on street corners. Violators are subject to fines.**

### Friends of the Depot in need of volunteers

The Caldwell Friends of the Depot is looking for new members to join this long-standing committee. The Friends of the Depot meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30p at the Caldwell Train Depot. Members participate in various educational and historical activities, including partnering with the City of Caldwell on the annual Friday Night Express Events and the Winter Wonderland Celebration.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Those looking for more information are encouraged to contact Rudi or Barbara Lotz at 455-8843.

# Parks and Recreation

**Watch for our summer activity guide, delivered in the Idaho Press Tribune on April 10. Activities guide will be available in the City Hall, Caldwell Public Library, YMCA and at our Parks & Recreation office, located at 618 Irving.**

## FREE Meals in the Park during the Summer

Monday – Friday All children age 1 – 18 years will receive a free meal. You are required to stay in the park to eat your meal. Lunch will be served at Memorial Park, Luby Park, Brothers Park, Jaycee Park, Ustick Park, Sebree Park, Manchester Park, Nazarene Park on Canyon Hill, and Farmway Village. Evening meals will be served at the Caldwell Pool, Rose Garden, Ustick Park and Farmway Village. This is a USDA program. Last year 5,000 to 6,000 meals were served in Caldwell, with a greater need expected this year. You can contact Oasis Food Center at 455-6000 for times and more information.

## RECREATION

- \* 4-H Spring Break Day Camps - \$12 per camp
  - \* Mon, March 29 - GPS – Science Made Fun! Ages 9 – 14 yrs
  - \* Tues, March 30 – So ... You Want to SEW! Ages 9 – 14 yrs
  - \* Wed, March 31 – Lego Robotics – Ages 9 – 14 yrs
  - \* Thurs, April 1 – Cards, Cards, and MORE Cards! – Ages 9 -14 yrs
  - \* Fri, April 2 – Babysitting Basics – Ages 12 – 16 yrs
- Register at Caldwell Recreation.

## PARKS

- \* Construction of the new restroom at Pipe Dream Park has completed and will be open this spring. All park restrooms are closed during the winter, but should reopen for the season during spring break, weather permitting.
- \* As spring approaches and park usage increases, we remind pet owners to please be considerate of other park patrons and clean up pet waste. The City Leash Law applies in all City parks.

**Don't forget to make park reservations for your summer event. Memorial Park Bandshell rental is \$60.00 for 1 – 4 hours and \$100 for 4+ hours. Luby Park Gazebo fees are \$50.00 for 1 – 4 hours and \$75.00 for 4+ hours. Rose Garden rental is \$50.00 for up to 2 hours and \$90.00 for 2 - 4 hours. To check on availability or make reservations, call the Parks and Rec office at 455-3060.**

**The historic Caldwell Train Depot is also available to rent for special occasions or large groups. Contact Debbie Geyer at 455-4656.**

When it gets hot outside, jump in the pool!

## Caldwell Municipal Pool

**Opens May 29** Hours May 29 – June 4 are 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Beginning June 5, we will be open our regular hours:

**Weekdays:** 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Weekends:** 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Family Swim Night - Fridays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

### **Admission Costs:**

Under 18 - \$1.50   Adults - \$2.00   Seniors - \$.50

### **Season Passes:**

Family - \$125   Individuals: Adult - \$50.00   Child - \$40.00

### **Adult Lap Swim (16 and older)**

Monday – Friday: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Fee: \$1.00 per swim or free with pool pass

AquaFit Exercise – Purchase a punch card at Caldwell Recreation to participate in this fun class. Punch card rates are \$22 for 10 classes and \$42 for 20 classes.

Monday – Friday: 12:00 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Monday – Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### **Swim Lessons**

Fees:	City Resident	Non-Resident
Infant – Level 5	\$18.00	\$22.00
Level 6 (1 hour)	\$22.00	\$25.00

### **Lesson Dates**

Session I:      June 7 -18

Session II:     June 21 – July 2

Session III:    July 5 - 16

Session IV:    July 19 - 30

Session V:      TBA

Registration for June classes begins on May 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration for July classes begins on June 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration for Aug classes begins on July 19 at 9:00 a.m.

The pool is available to rent for private parties during the months of June, July and August.

Rental times are:      **Weekdays**      9:30 – 11:00 p.m.

**Weekends**        6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

***Call Caldwell Recreation at 455-3060 for rental rates, reservations and more information.***

# Government

# Affairs

## *Council Corner*

**Name:** Rob Hopper

**Nickname:** None

**Years in public service:** Eight (8) on Council;  
Three (3) as School District Trustee

**Day job:** IT Manager, Hewlett-Packard

**Last book you read:** On the Edge: The Spectacular  
Rise and Fall of Commodore, by Brian Bagnall,  
and Profiles in Leadership, by Alan Axelrod

**Biggest issue the City of Caldwell is facing:**  
Strengthening economic development

**Dream Destination:** Ireland and Australia



## State Legislative Contact Information

The 2010 Idaho State Legislature is now in session. We encourage you to get involved. If you ever have questions about the legislative process, do not hesitate to contact Maggie Colwell, Special Assistant to the Mayor, at 455-4773.

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](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov)

# Other Useful Information



Caldwell Police is hosting their first annual crime fair on July 24 from 10a-3p at Memorial Park. The event will be packed full of informational booths, food, kid's treats and activities, etc. The crime fair will serve as a kick-off to National Night-Out and a promotion for Neighborhood Watch.

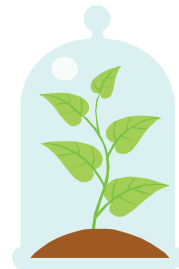
If your organization is interested in participating, please contact Diana Register at 455-4569.

## Caldwell Community Garden:

Caldwell Recreation is considering plans to offer a community garden to 30 to 40 interested families. We are currently formulating ideas on developing a ¼ acre area in which the participants will share in the labor and harvest of the "garden".

A garden manager will work with the families, arrange schedules, and give basic instruction on gardening and composting. There will be a small joining fee to cover the cost of seeds, plants, and soil amenities.

Join this fun group and cut family meal expenses at the same time! Contact Caldwell Recreation for more information – 455-3060.



## Electrical Safety:

In these economic times, it's tempting to save money by doing your electrical work yourself or asking a friend for help. However, if electrical wiring is not done properly, there is a substantial risk of shock and fire hazard. Is what little you save really worth the risk?

Like many other professionals, a licensed electrical contractor is in good standing with the State of Idaho and therefore spends hours each year in seminars and training to maintain certifications and keep up with the latest codes, products, technologies, and trends in the industry. The City of Caldwell has many local contractors with the experience and knowledge needed to make sure your project will be completed safely and is up-to-date on current codes.

If you want more information on licensing standards, contact Javier Guzman, City of Caldwell Electrical Inspector, at 455-3024.





*Save Lives...*

## *Change Batteries*

On March 14, 2010, it will be time to “spring forward.” This is the best time to start a bi-yearly tradition of “Change your clocks, change your batteries.”

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half, by providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape. Smoke alarms should be installed in each bedroom, as well as in the hallway outside the sleeping areas.

When you change your clock, take a few minutes to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Also, take a few other safety prevention measures, such as:

- Making sure the alarms work by pushing the test button. This should be done once a month.
- Clean the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors by vacuuming and/or dusting them.
- Practice EDITH – Exit drills in the home. Practice with your family rehearsing two escape routes during a fire, “stay low and go” and a family meeting place such as a neighbor’s house.



***The Caldwell Fire Department will gladly come out and assess a home or building for the necessity of smoke alarms and other fire prevention measures. In addition, we will install battery operated smoke alarms and replace batteries in people’s homes. If you have any questions regarding our smoke alarm program, please call the Caldwell Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Division at (208) 455-4701.***

# Community Calendar

## March 2010

- 9th Mayor's Old Guys v. Young Guys Basketball Game, 7p, Caldwell High
- 9th City-sponsored Planning & Zoning Open House, 5-6:30p, Community Room, Caldwell Police Department (455-4666)
- 12th Centennial Baptist School Carnival and Auction, 4-9p, O'Connor Fieldhouse (454-1997)
- 25th Mayor's Old Guys v. Young Guys Basketball Game, 7p, Vallivue High

## April 2010

- 3rd City of Caldwell Easter Egg Scramble, 10a, Memorial Park, Ages 3-12, special treat for kids under 2 (455-3060)
- 3rd Registration begins for Church League Men's Slowpitch softball (Arlene Robinett, 459-1012)
- 15th Mayor's Old Guys v. Young Guys Basketball Game, 7p, Middleton High
- 17th Canyon County Prayer Walk and Potluck, 3p, Memorial Park (Arlene Robinett, 459-1012)
- 24th Community Pride Day/Clean-up Caldwell, 9a-noon, The Hartwell Corporation (455-3011)
- 24th Angler's Habitat Fishing Derby, noon-1p fishing safety for kids and fly fishing basics for adults, 1-3p fishing derby for ages 2-13 (455-4730)
- 24th Free Landfill Day, Pickles Butte Landfill (466-7288)

## May 2010

- 1st Cinco De Mayo, 1p-8p, Memorial Park, Food, Fun and Entertainment (Caldwell Chamber of Commerce 459-7493)
- 22nd Registration begins for Church League Co-ed Slowpitch Softball (Arlene Robinett, 459-1012)