

The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association submits our 2017 annual report and highlights the association's events and accomplishments for this past calendar year.

Ramaker Property Acquisition: the BVNA Board led the effort to raise funds to purchase a highly visible 25-acre parcel above the River Heights neighborhood and the scenic background of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival main stage. The Board initiated the fund-raising campaign in March and pledged 10% of the \$495,000 purchase price. The subsequent fund-raising efforts were successful and resulted in the purchase and donation of the property to the City Parks department in September 2017. This was a unique NA-led conservation effort [documented in this case study](#).

Summer: Boise Green Bike Station installed at the corner of Eckert Rd and E. Warm Springs Avenue. A 5-bike station was purchased by the Barber Valley Development Company (Harris Family).

Memorial Day: Boise Farmer's Mobile Market began regular service after a successful pilot program in 2016 demonstrated neighbor interest and participation.

Safe Routes: BVNA contracted with Idaho Smart Growth to fund a contract to use the May 2016 [Barber Valley Placemaking report](#) to develop a robust signage plan and map the informal neighborhood paths and bike/ped transportation options within the NA. This effort was funded with a Boise City Neighborhood Investment Program grant.

Warm Springs Avenue Rockfall Closure: BVNA coordinated with ACHD and the Warm Springs Mesa Neighborhood Association to educate neighbors and explain the geo-technical situation and proposed and executed solutions to re-opening WSA.

Ped/Bike Path from DHE 14 to Harris Ranch Road: BVNA supported Barber Valley Development Company's efforts to secure an Idaho Power Company easement to change the development plan and install a 12-foot-wide bike/ped path in lieu of a new street.

Barber Drive Bridge: BVNA worked with ACHD to increase the prioritization of a bridge replacement project based on safety concerns and increased traffic from the new Harris North development.

Barber Hill Vistas Subdivision: BVNA worked with a newly organized group of concerned citizens, the East Boise Concerned Citizens (EBCC) to oppose the development of an apartment community at 3555 E. Warm Springs Avenue (adjacent to the Antelope Springs subdivision and across the street from the Privada subdivision). The opposition was successful, and the application was denied by City Council on 29 August. BVNA engaged with the developer after the application was denied and then coordinated a series of collaborative neighborhood meetings in October and November that resulted in a new application submitted in November 2018 and recommended for approval by PZC in January 2018. The initial application in April 2017 was for 125 apartment units and the current project is a total of 41 single family patio homes; a much-improved project that was due to passionate, educated, and respectful neighborhood engagement with the developer (BHV, LLC).

History of Barberton: a neighborhood grant resulted in an outstanding series of presentations about the history of Barberton. The City Arts and History department offered presentations and neighborhood bicycle tours in May.

NA Collaboration: BVNA participated in a series of neighborhood collaboration events and attended the Boise Neighborhood Interactive event in October 2017.

Pen Canal Improvement Project: BVNA facilitated a series of meetings between City Parks, Ada County Parks, and ACHD to determine if there were viable detour options during the Pen Canal “tile-over” project. In the end, there was no option, but all options were considered.

Sue Howell Park & Finis Terra Proposed Development: BVNA was notified in mid-December of a proposed development of two 6-acre parcels in the south Barber Valley outside the specific plans. BVNA aggressively engaged with the developer and was successful in facilitating a series of neighborhood meetings. In addition, BVNA facilitated a meeting of government stakeholders to determine if the Sue Howell Park development could be leveraged with the Finis Terra development to coordinate a ‘gateway project’ at this southeast entrance to the City of Boise. Collaboration and coordination is ongoing as of January 2018.

Barber Valley Path: the City required developers to provide a trail at the toe of the foothills for developments in the Barber Valley. BVNA discovered the trail provided by the Conger Development Company on the foothills side of the East Valley development was substandard and essentially unusable for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The Barber Valley Development Company agreed to facilitate a project to remediate the substandard sections of this trail. BVNA is facilitating a soil stabilization project that would be accomplished by a City-recommended trail company (Cuddy Mountain Trails) and graciously funded by the Barber Valley Development Company (ie. It’s not being funded by the Conger Development Company that constructed the substandard trail). Project completion is estimated in May/June 2018.

Neighborhood Celebrations: the Harris Ranch HOA hosted the National Night Out in August with a large gathering to include attendance by the Mayor and our local City Council member. In addition, BVNA hosted an October celebration of the successful acquisition and donation of the Ramaker parcel to the City of Boise.