



ENERGIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Project Status Update | January 2017

What's been done in Vista so far? (2014-2016)

- **Children & Youth Committee (meets monthly - 3rd Tuesday)**
 - Boise Pre-K Project (expanded in 2016), provides early childhood education for 80 students at Whitney and Hawthorne (launched in Nov. 2015)
 - Energizing Out of School Project: provides Hawthorne students with before & after school programs, in addition to summer-time programming at little-to-no cost through partnership between Parks & Recreation, YMCA, and Boys & Girls Club (launched in 2016)
 - Weekly Adventures at South Junior High – offers ~40 students/week an opportunity to engage in after school activities offered by the Sierra Club, local businesses, and other community partners at little-to-no cost (launched Jan. 2017)
- **Economic Development Committee/Vista Bench Business Association (meets monthly - 2nd Thursday)**
 - Formation of the Vista Bench Business Association, whose vision is to “protect the interests of its members, provide a larger regional voice in Boise City matters pertaining to the Vista Bench, and to support economic development on the Vista Bench.” (Summer 2016)
 - Monthly First Friday Events sponsored by the VBBA (launched in Spring 2016), and bi-annual community events (Vista Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt held October 2016)
- **Environment Committee**
 - NeighborWoods provided 118+ trees to Vista Neighborhood residents at no cost (2015)
- **Healthy Communities Committee (meets monthly - 2nd Tuesday)**
 - The Healthy Communities Committee supported the VNA and local churches at the Whitney Block Party, 4th of July Celebrations, and other community events (2015 & 2016)
 - Neighborhood Clean Up Day removed over 60 tons of debris from the Vista Neighborhood (May 2015)
 - Walking path added at Hawthorne Elementary through NRG funding (2015)
 - Mobile Farmers Market offered SNAP match & Mobile Rec programming at Vista apartments (2016)
 - Plan4Health awarded \$125,000 in grant funds to develop a tool kit and set of recommendations for improving the health of Vista Neighborhood residents (2015-Fall 2016)
- **Housing Committee**
 - Housing Education Workshops offered hands-on opportunities to learn about care and maintenance of homes (Spring/Summer 2016)
 - \$8,000 in grant funds were awarded to Vista Neighborhood residents to make health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency improvements to their homes (2015)
- **Placemaking Arts & History Committee (meets monthly – 3rd Thursday)**
 - The history of the Vista Neighborhood was compiled in a report available to the neighborhood (2015)
 - A series of walking tours highlighted unique and historic aspects of the neighborhood (Spring/Summer 2016)

- A pop-up art gallery was showcased in the Vista Neighborhood, featuring art from BSU students (Fall 2016)
- **Public Safety Committee (meets monthly w/ Transportation Committee – 3rd Tuesday)**
 - A Boise Police Sub-Station and Neighborhood Contact Officer were located in the Vista Neighborhood (2015)
 - Stop signs were installed at 17 uncontrolled intersections in the neighborhood (2015)
 - Public Safety workshops were offered on numerous topics, including self-defense, home security, code enforcement, and emergency preparedness (Spring/Summer 2016)
 - 260+ smoke alarms installed in Vista Neighborhood homes (March 2016)
- **Transportation Committee (meets monthly w/ Public Safety Committee – 3rd Tuesday)**
 - Pedestrian improvements (sidewalks, curb, & gutter) were installed near Hawthorne (on Targee) and Whitney (on Owyhee) (2015-2016)
 - Signage to Shoshone Park installed (2016)
 - ULI awarded a \$25,000 grant to study Vista Avenue and provided a set of recommendations for improving the health & economic vitality of the corridor (2015-Spring 2016)

What's coming in 2017?

- **Children & Youth**
 - Expansion of South Junior High programming to incorporate additional field trip destinations and opportunities (ongoing, 2017 school year)
 - Students and Whitney, Hawthorne, and South will have the opportunity to create signage/art pieces to be placed around school zones reminding drivers to slow down (Spring/Fall 2017)
 - Native Plant Learning Center at Hawthorne Elementary, funded through NRG (Spring 2017)
- **Economic Development / Vista Bench Business Association**
 - Spring event hosted by the Vista Bench Business Association (April/May 2017)
 - Continuation of First Fridays on the Bench (monthly)
- **Environment**
 - Grand Opening of the Atlantic Idea House, showcasing energy efficient and sustainable improvements that can be incorporated into any home. Tours and resources will be available to the community (Spring 2017)
- **Healthy Communities**
 - The Healthy Communities Committee will continue to partner with community organizations to support events, festivals, and resource dissemination in the area (South J.H. Spring Fling – May 2017, 4th of July Celebration – July 2017, Whitney Block Party – September 2017)
 - A Neighborhood Clean Up Event will be hosted again (September 2017)
 - A shelter will be installed at Shoshone Park (Spring 2017 – NRG applied for by VNA in 2015)
- **Housing**
 - The Ormond Street development will provide home ownership opportunities to income-qualified families (Fall/Winter 2017/18)
 - Grants for safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency improvements continue to be available to Vista Neighborhood residents (ongoing)
 - Home Ownership programs continue to be available to assist potential buyers in purchasing a home (ongoing)
- **Placemaking Arts & History**
 - The Pop-Up Art Gallery will return to Vista (Spring 2017)
 - Three traffic boxes in the Vista Neighborhood will have public art (wraps) added (Summer 2017)

- Neighborhood residents will have opportunities to provide input regarding significant public art for Vista Avenue (community input – summer 2017, art installation – summer 2018)
- **Public Safety**
 - Fire Station #8 will open in its new location (summer 2017)
 - Mobile radar units will be used to slow traffic throughout the neighborhood (Spring 2017-ongoing)
- **Transportation**
 - Transit improvements (bike racks & new bus shelters featuring public art) will be installed along Vista Avenue (Spring/Summer 2017)
 - ACHD will install street lighting at Vista & Overland to improve safety (construction planned for 2017 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 77)
 - ACHD will install sidewalks & bike lanes on Kootenai, Vista to Federal Way (construction planned 2017 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 122)
- **Energize Program**
 - Continuation of Energize Hour Workshops, featuring new topics each month
 - Case study on Energize presented at 4 conferences- 3 national, 1 international (Spring 2017)
 - Energize Boise Celebration and Good Neighbor Awards Ceremony (September 2017)
 - Community/neighborhood conference (October 2017)
 - Awarding of \$600,000 in capital investments through Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants (Spring 2017)

What long-term projects are planned? (2018-2021)

- **2018**
 - Installation of significant public art on Vista Avenue (Summer 2018)
 - Sidewalks on Overland, Columbus to Federal Way (construction planned for 2018 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 125)
 - Sidewalks on Targee, Owyhee to Shoshone (construction planned for 2018 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 128)
- **2019**
 - Completion of the Ormond Street Development (est. 2019)
 - Sidewalks on Columbus, Overland to Kootenai (construction planned for 2019 - ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 116)
 - Pavement rehabilitation & upgrade of pedestrian ramps on multiple arterials and collector streets (construction planned for 2019 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 87)
- **2020**
 - Pedestrian crossing beacon w/ bike push buttons on Vista at Spaulding (construction planned for 2020 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 129)
 - Owyhee St. improved as a bike way, Elder St. to Alpine St. (construction planned for 2020 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 133)
 - Shoshone St. improved as bike way, Canal St. to Greenbelt (construction planned for 2020 – ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 133)
 - Sidewalks on Cherry Lane, Owyhee to Vista (RW acquisition planned for 2021 - ACHD 2017-2021 Five Year Plan pg. 114)