



BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

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KIDS ART CAMP-FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCE!

As the “Kids’ Art Camps” ends on Aug. 2, everyone agrees it remains a fun and wonderful learning experience! From cooking to creative art projects to science experiments, everyone agrees that helping over 40 kids learn new things in this entertaining venture is worthwhile! Our heartfelt “thanks” to all the volunteers who helped but especially to Michelle *Kozeluh* and Josh Johnson for their creative talents.

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

It’s not just about eating a hearty breakfast, but the Community Breakfasts at the Center have become a place to get re-acquainted with friends and to meet new ones! Folks have been conducting brief meetings while they enjoy their breakfast and work on projects. Aside from serving breakfast now at 7:30 a.m. to help golfers get an early start, who would have thought that PEACH COBBLERS would be such a highlight and success? Everyone seems to converge on that table especially when one is coming out of the oven! Additionally, for those who would like a bigger printed copy, requests have come to have copies of the monthly Newsletter on the tables; and so, we have accommodated those requests. We appreciate your donations for these breakfasts and especially for the cooks who are making the PEACH COBBLERS! Future breakfasts will be served on Aug. 7, 14 & 21 – Sept. 11, 18 & 25. See more dates and details at our website: www.blanchardidaho.net.

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” AND OTHER CRAFT EVENTS

How many of you took the opportunity to explore the fine talents of the vendors who were available for the “Christmas in July”? So many interesting items were on display. Our craft guru, Penny Funkhouser, puts in a lot of her time exploring ways to showcase the various local crafters. As the coordinator of the Community Center’s “Blanchard Stitchers” meeting twice every month, Penny’s talents are also exhibited with her wide circle of quilters. Speaking of quilters, mark your calendars for **SEPT. 22 & 23** when she will put on the **QUILTER’S STASH SALE!** Now that should be interesting; how can we resist exploring a “stash”?



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COMMUNITY PARKING LOT SALE

Save time and gas looking for those “treasures” you may find at the Community Center’s Annual Sale where local folks can sell and/or buy!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

There is plenty of room for you to spread out your tables to display items for sale. Members of the Center pay just \$15.00 for their display space and non-members pay \$25.00. The Center will be open, refreshments available and bathrooms accessible. It’s a great way to seek out those treasures or sell your unwanted odds and ends! Rumor has it that there will be several “gun enthusiasts” engaged in this opportunity. Contact Bob Niehaus for saving your space at 559-250-7917.

CALLING ALL CHEFS OR JUST HUNGRY FOLKS

How about entering 2 different cooking events? You can enter the competitions, or you can enjoy the results! Mouth-watering **BBQ Ribs** will be an event held on **September 16** and chefs can cook their special ribs right in the parking lot for judging and prizes.

Or how about entering the competition for the **Chili Cookoff on October 7?** Is your mouth watering yet? Watch for flyers to reserve your space in the competitions or just to eat some darn good food! Keep track of future events by following us on Facebook.

SCARY TIMES AHEAD



Yup, he’s coming back! Think about another night of fright, food, and fun! On **Saturday, Oct 28** the Community Center will once again be hosting the “Trunk or Treat” event for young and old. This “Grim-Reaper” had everyone on their toes last year.

For those of you who are new, everyone decorated the trunk of their car, many also had costumes, and everybody had “trick or treat” candy to hand out to all those who followed the big circle of cars/trunks. This is a safe and fun way for our local kids (and their parents and grandparents) to have a safe and fun Halloween time. Please mark your calendars!

BACK TO “BASIC”s

It’s hard to believe but it is only 3 months until the Annual Meeting takes place! The By-Laws state that the primary purpose of the November meeting is the Election and the Installation of Officers. Furthermore, the specific Officers elected in odd numbered years are: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Board Positions #2 & #3. Position descriptions are available if you have questions. During these next 3 months, the Board will be looking at ways to encourage succession planning and involvement. “Succession Planning” is about planning appropriate actions that perpetuate an effective and community-serving Board of Directors; it is also about retaining our current Board members and engaging fresh new talent! Consider being part of the Team that organizes activities for our Community.

More information can be found at: <https://www.blanchardidaho.net/who-we-are#OurBoard>