

I am sitting in my office watching the snow come down as I write this note. I love the snow; it gives nature a fresh coat of white paint. Recently the Come Play! Campaign is celebrating a fresh season of firsts. The end of October we held our first house party (see "Do you want to help?" for a picture), and at the end of November we did our first post-COVID park tour (see "Park Tours"). Thank you to those who joined us for our firsts. I anticipate having many more in 2023.

Bonnie Wilkerson Come Play! Campaign Chair



### What happened to the deer family?

For the Ann Morrison Park's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Harry Morrison Foundation commissioned Bernie Jesterbeck Hart to create a sculpture called Three Deer. A location just north of the fountain was its home for thirteen years. But no more. We moved it to create more green space for families to relax around the fountain. The deer family now has a new home along the green belt close to the Old Timer's shelter, a location where more people can view and enjoy.

#### **TO COME PLAY WITH US:**

Call Bonnie Wilkerson at 208-345-5225 Visit www.annmorrisonpark.org Mail P.O. Box 8445, Boise, ID 83707 Email come.play@annmorrisonpark.org Ask a team member Annie Anderson, Debbie Bloom, Vickie Daly, Rick Ogle, Russ Strong or Bonnie Wilkerson.

Trivia Question: When was Ann Morrison Park given to the City of Boise?





- Total project funding includes donations from Harry Morrison Foundation, City of Boise & the Come Play! Campaign.

## **Project Updates**

Donor Recognition Portal:

Some campaigns lay bricks on the ground, others mount plaques on a wall. The Come Play!



campaign wanted an interactive work of art for our donor's plaques. Since the park was created during the 1950s, we gave a nod to mid-century modern architecture



breeze block pattern. As of now, the concrete pad is poured, the first round of donor plaques are completed, and the 16 foot steel structure is built. We are just waiting for the portal to be painted prior to installation.

# Do you want to help?

A house party is a time for friends who support outdoor spaces to enjoy plenty of food and laughter. At a party, the Come Play! team will give a short talk outlining ways to help fund the Ann Morrison Park renewal and be available to answer questions about the project. Below is a picture of our first party, held the last week of October, where we raised \$1000. Thank you, Debbie & Gerry Bloom for hosting. If throwing a party is something you enjoy, we are looking for hosts. Contact Annie at (208) 407-8197 to get details.

We are also available to do presentations at your service group or club. Call Bonnie at (208) 345-5225 or see the front for other contact methods



Fountain, phase 1: Work on the new fountain is going slowly due to the cold weather, but the project is still on target for a grand opening in the spring. When this happens, we plan to throw a dedication party—to which you are invited!

Peasley Connection Stairway: The final engineering is completed, and the project will be taking construction bids any day. As far as funding, we have applied for grant money, but we are still waiting to hear the results.

Trivia Answer: Mr. Morrison turned over the deed to the park on June 7, 1959.

#### **Park Tours**

If you appreciate something a little more private, a member of the Come Play! team is available to take you on a driving tour of the park and talk about the projects on location. Afterwards, we can discuss ways for you to help over a cup of coffee or a mug of beer.