

## SURPRISE WAY ROADWORK

The Surprise Way repaving project will begin immediately with the construction of ADA (American Disability Act) compliant curbs. After the curbs are completed, asphalt pavement work will take place, either this fall if weather allows, or next spring. The SVHOA Board negotiated with the ACHD staff to preserve the paver crosswalks for aesthetic and traffic calming purposes, but eventually, the topic was escalated to ACHD Commission for their determination. At their Sept 22nd meeting, the Commission approved the ACHD staff's plan to remove all the paver crosswalks except the pavers at the Surprise Valley entrance, crosswalks leading to trails at the Farmhouse and Broadwing intersections and a crosswalk between Wagon Trail and Schooner. Staff presented retaining these crosswalks as a compromise to Surprise Valley's request and required the HOA to enter into a license agreement accepting maintenance responsibility for the crosswalks. The Commission's approval of the staff's proposal was contingent on ACHD following up with a traffic study next summer to determine if additional traffic calming measures are needed.



Vehicle speeds and the number of vehicles using Surprise Way to cut through from Hwy 21 to Amity will be included in the study.

Thanks to all SV homeowners who wrote to ACHD regarding traffic speed and volume on Surprise Way. Your efforts do make a difference.

## Sign and Flag Reminders

Signs in general are not allowed. Per SVHOA CC&R's and Architectural Guidelines only a single

For Sale sign is allowed in a homeowner's yard. All other signs are not allowed in yards or affixed to house or trees. In accordance with Idaho's House Bill 503, political signs supporting a candidate, or a ballot initiative are allowed, but only during the period of 60 days prior to an election and 14 days after. No other political signs are allowed.

HB 503 also states that the HOA cannot prohibit homeowners from displaying the American flag, Idaho State flag, a POW/MIA flag or any branch of the US Armed Forces. Political flags are not allowed. Sport team flags are allowed for "game day".



## Surprise Valley Hero

SV resident and this summer's Pool Attendant, Elizabeth Thompson, was honored recently by Mayor Lauren McClean at a City Council Session. Elizabeth, along with her SV duties, was a lifeguard at Boise City's Ivywild Pool. Elizabeth and three other lifeguards rescued a drowning boy on August 16<sup>th</sup> by providing CPR and chest compressions. The boy was taken to the hospital and has made a full recovery. Congratulations, Elizabeth, for a job well done. We are proud of you!

## Armstrong Maple Trees

Several homeowners have inquired about the various colored tapes around several of the Armstrong Maples along Surprise Way. The tape identifies trees that are "stressed" and are receiving added attention by our tree contractor and arborist. Surprise Valley has recently completed canopy work to open up the branch network and increase air flow on the 100 + Armstrong Maples.



## CC&R Violation Reminder Notices

In an effort to preserve Surprise Valley's clean and well-maintained surroundings, the HOA conducts bi-monthly neighborhood drive throughs to identify CC&R issues and communicate reminders.

The reminders are just that, a reminder. Do not take offense, simply address. Approximately 40 notices a month are sent out. Please familiarize yourself with the CC&Rs and the Homeowners handbook (both found on our website).

### Most Common reminders sent:

**Trash Collection:** Compost/Recycling/Garbage bins and other trash items are to be stored out of public view until the evening before pickup day and removed by the evening of pickup day. (CCR 4.4)

Boats/RVs/Trailers/Snowmobiles/ATVs etc. may be parked in your driveway for no longer than 48 hours at a time for cleaning, loading and unloading only. (CCR 4.8)

**Storage:** Lawnmowers, wheelbarrows, construction equipment and supplies, recreation equipment, firewood, and other items not in regular use, must be stored out of public view. (CCR 4.4)

The CC&R reminder letter can be found on the web site.

## Irrigation Shutoff

Surprise Valley's Pressurized Irrigation System will shut down on the morning of Friday, October 15th. ***Please ensure your sprinkler system is turned OFF the evening of October 15th.*** Common areas will be blown out on the week of October 17th. It is imperative you **DO NOT** blow out your sprinklers during this week.

***Homeowner blowout dates are Saturday, October 23rd and Sunday, October 24th.*** Please follow the sprinkler blowout schedule below. **The schedule uses the last digit of your house address number.**

Each house number has two assigned times. If you are out of town during these times, arrange for a neighbor to blowout your sprinklers for you. Failure to blowout your irrigation lines could result in freeze damage.

**Blowout instructions:** At your assigned time, manually run your sprinklers through all zones. Your sprinkler lines will be clear when there is just a very fine mist coming out of the sprinkler heads at each station. If you hire someone to blow out your sprinkler system, be sure they do so during your scheduled blowout time.

House Number	Start Date	Start Time	Alternate Date	Alternate Time
0	Saturday	8am	Sunday	11am
1	Saturday	9am	Sunday	12pm
2	Saturday	9am	Sunday	12pm
3	Saturday	10am	Sunday	1pm
4	Saturday	11am	Sunday	2pm
5	Saturday	12pm	Sunday	3pm
6	Saturday	1pm	Sunday	4pm
7	Saturday	2pm	Sunday	9am
8	Saturday	3pm	Sunday	9am
9	Saturday	4pm	Sunday	10am



## SV Christmas Party

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the annual SV Christmas party with Santa not be held. We hope Christmas 2022, will bring us all together again.