



COME PLAY! CAMPAIGN TO RENEW ANN MORRISON PARK

News Update

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Dear Supporters and Friends of Ann Morrison Park,

Two words come to mind as 2024 draws to a close – progress and accomplishment - toward both our fundraising goals and physical park improvements within Ann Morrison Park. Thanks to generous contributions from donors, volunteers, construction professionals and park staff, we’ve completed nearly 75% of our fundraising goal of \$2.0MM, combined with like amounts from Boise City Parks & Recreation Dept. and the Harry Morrison Foundation.

The Come Play Campaign sincerely and gratefully welcomes year end support of cash, stock, IRA gifts, and in-kind contributions to benefit Boise’s largest, most used and arguably, most beloved park. Prime locations remain to place your engraved donor circle on the Fountain Portal. New opportunities in 2025 include improved park entrances, internal wayfaring signage, and long overdue enhancements on the Boise River.

Park supporters have inquired “When will the Come Play! Campaign end?” The real answer is “never” as long as park users, urban space lovers and river enthusiasts are willing to help maintain and improve this vibrant island of beauty and serenity within our growing and vibrant urban community.

As always I welcome your thoughts and suggestions on future renovation and improvements within Ann Morrison Park.

Mark Daly, Chairman
Come Play! Campaign

Come Party!

Saturday, June 22 we enjoyed a fundraising event at Velma Morrison’s former residence on Crescent Rim Drive, We enjoyed Ansots’s paella, music, and an auction and casino night. The event raised money toward our 2 million dollar goal, but more importantly fun was had by all!



COME PLAY! WITH US:

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Trivia Question:

After reading this newsletter, what town used to lie under Cascade Reservoir?



Project Updates

Ann Morrison Memorial Clock

The renovation and relocation of Ann Morrison Memorial Clock is well underway. The tower has been sandblasted, primed and repainted. New clock faces have been delivered. Relocation to a prominent space in the oval just east of the memorial interactive fountain is planned.

Peasley Connection Stairs

The Peasley Connection Stair Project is in its final phase. We are excited to see the project completed by mid-December. Users will be able to enjoy safe travel from the Crescent Rim to AMP on foot or bicycle.

River Take Out

The River takeout team discussed project scope and ideas in September led by McMillian project manager Jodi Burns. To get some ideas, Jodi researched several river takeout facilities from other parks around the country, like the raft takeout on the New Braunfels River in Texas. The AMP Campaign funded initial design work which will be completed by The Burroughs Group who is currently drafting three initial design concepts.

COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining the COME PLAY! Campaign, please call Vickie Daly for more information at (208) 861-1271. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help guide projects and fundraising for the next phase of public outreach.

Trivia Answer:

The town of Van Wyck (now under Cascade Reservoir) was incorporated in 1882 and regarded as the chief town of Long Valley.



Thanksgiving in “Ye Olden Days”

Van Wyck, Idaho, November 20, 1917

Ann and Harry drove ten miles from their camp to the survey camp at 10:00 am on Thanksgiving. They arrived at 12:30 pm after driving through rain, sleet, wind and snow. Drove off the road several times.

“After an extra helping of pumpkin pie and coffee, they took off for their camp. The rain turned to snow, the wind to a howling blizzard; as darkness came on, the snow came down faster- wet and sticky- so thick we could not see. Aside from slowing down to a snail’s pace, slipping and sliding all over the road, poor Harry had to get out every few minutes to wipe off the windshield and lights.

We arrived at our camp at midnight, tired and cold. Our childhood recitation described the situation, “Thanksgiving Day was ending and the snow lay like a shroud.”

As I lay tucked in bed, cozy and warm. I silently admitted to myself that Harry was right about the storm; but all’s well that ends well. And I had a good dinner anyway.”

(Except from Diary of Ann Morrison – Those Were The Days quoted above.)

Campaign Finances

Total Cash Raised	\$569,546
Total Pledged	\$46,800
Open Spaces Grant	\$850,000
In-Kind Donations	\$14,192
Total raised to date	\$1,480,538
Amount left to raise	\$519,462

Amount as of 10/15/24