



City of N. Bonneville Newsletter April 2012



From the Mayor's Desk

Spring is officially here but from my window it still looks a lot like last month. The trees and bushes are starting to leaf out which tells us it's just a matter of time before things warm up and dry out a bit, but I'd sure be happy to see a few more sunny days.

One indication the seasons are changing is the rapidly growing grass all over town. We began an initial mowing of our open space but the rain came back and prevented us from getting to everything we wanted. We will be cutting the areas we missed as soon as the weather permits, but this is a good time to reiterate we will be cutting less again this year. We learned some lessons last year and will do everything we can to stay ahead of problem areas but the reality is we will not be able to maintain the finely manicured look we have all enjoyed in years past. Our goal is to get back to that level of lawn maintenance in the future but it is not likely to happen this year. Like many of us in our personal lives, our city is learning to get on less and we will continue to provide the highest level of service possible while staying within our budget.

On a brighter and somewhat related note, Lions Clubs International is interested in starting a club in our city. For anyone not familiar with Lions Clubs, they provide opportunities for people to give back to their communities through volunteerism and fund raising. Each Lions Club chooses their own projects and activities to benefit their community's needs. Some ideas that come to mind are improving our city playground, a recycling program and continuing our community garden project.

Lions Clubs representatives will be giving a presentation at our April 10th City Council meeting at 7:00pm and holding an informational meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30pm in City Hall. We welcome any and all interested citizens to attend one or both of these meetings to hear more about how we can all help improve this wonderful place we call home.

Your input and ideas regarding our city are welcome. You can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonnville.net.

April Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission 3rd & 17th - 6 pm
Budget Workshop 10th & 24th 6:30 pm
City Council 10th & 24th - 7 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Planning for the 2012 Gorge Days is in full swing and we are going to need help making it a success – please call or stop by if you can assist us either during Gorge Days (July 6-7) or in our planning efforts! **Meeting April 16th and 30th at 10:30 a.m inside city hall.**



A NOTE FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

You may have noticed that our public works crew has opened up the park bathrooms and mowed the city's lawns. While we're going to do our best to keep the city looking great, our financial situation remains challenging and we won't be able to keep it as nice as we have in the past. We intend to discuss where our mowing priorities are with council this month, and we would like to hear your input as well. Please attend a meeting or stop in to city hall and share your thoughts!

On another matter, many of our residents have heard about on-going labor disputes. Among some circles rumors about both sides of the dispute have been rife lately, and I have heard from employees that they are being approached with questions about these rumors. If there is one thing that everyone agrees on, it is that our employee's main goal is to provide the best possible service and living environment to our residents. Please help them achieve this goal by bringing your questions and concerns to city hall staff or our city council members rather than interrupting our staff's workdays.

I'm pleased to announce an exciting addition to Gorge Days this year – an antique fair! Please read the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Miscellaneous note:

Did you know? City Hall is in charge of animal control – if a dog is loose, please call us at 427-8182 and we will attempt to round it up!

For dangerous animals, you should still call 911.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Interested in joining the Fire Department? Attend a meeting. Meetings are every Monday at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall, or pick up an application at city hall.

Spring Banquet and Bluegrass Music Celebration

April 14th

The community is invited to a Spring Banquet and Bluegrass Music celebration the evening of April 14th at Skamania Community Church. Dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by music and entertainment. Come as you are or come dressed in your country best. The church is located on HW 14, ¼ mile east of the Skamania fire station 33391 SR 14, in Skamania, WA. Call 360-608-6307 to RSVP by April 10th.

WANTED: ANTIQUE AND ART VENDORS

Sell your antiques and art at Gorge Days, 7&8 July, along with other vendors from around the state (up to 50 vendors). Local business people are organizing an *Antiques and Art in the Park* event in conjunction with the City's Gorge Days. A portion of the Vendor's rent, along with tax revenues from sales, will go to help the City. If you or anyone you know, wish to be a part of this event; and, help put some life into our city, call to reserve your space. Reservations for vendor space (avg. 10x14 feet) are now being accepted. Call: 503-367-3368 or 509-427-7809.

Heritage Trails

A message from the Bigfoots,

Hello there residents of North Bonneville. My family and I are currently making our way down to your community from the surrounding forests of which we have inhabited for thousands of years. For many reasons we felt it was best to leave our forest home and try living in a new way amongst humans. And it is your community for which we felt like our children (the Littlefeet) would best adapt. So very soon you may begin to see us in the city park with our children playing in the trees and the rocks. We hope that we will be accepted and that a new beginning can perhaps take place not only for the Sasquatch, but for your community as well. We will see you soon,

The first family of the Sasquatch



Volunteers Needed

In February, your Council voted to approve the "Gorge Towns to Trails" vision, which conceives of a comprehensive trail system that wraps around the Columbia Gorge. We are now working to flesh out some possibilities for connecting trails within our city to this system – both west to Beacon Rock and east to the Bridge of the Gods. Please stop in if you are interested in helping make this dream a reality. We need your help!

**North Bonneville Shoreline Master
Program Update -Working Group Meeting
April 17, 2012 – 6 p.m. – City Hall
Shoreline Community Vision**

Our next working group meeting is set for Tuesday night at 5:00 at city hall. This is part of the process that will prepare a Community Vision Report for the shoreline.

We will be utilizing the Inventory and Characterization Report as well as the Shoreline Community Survey for the shoreline visioning. The visioning process will take some time and more than a couple of work group meetings so everyone should have ample time for input. It is not too late to fill out and return your Shoreline Survey.

Visit the city web site at <http://northbonneville.net/> for Shoreline Master Program Update maps, information and meeting minutes. You can also access the survey.

BILLING REMINDERS

Sewer bills for 2012 will be set based on winter water averages (Nov - Feb). Water bills are based on actual water consumption. Conservation tips available at city hall.

All payments are due the **20th** of the billing month. If you have questions or need to make payment arrangements, please call Jennifer at city hall .

Bonneville Hot Springs

EASTER BRUNCH April 8, 2012

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Adults \$32.95 Children 4-10 \$14.95

4th Friday Wine Tasting!

April 27th Waving Tree Vineyard & Winery

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Special Pool Prices For Our Neighbors!

Tuesday is Senior Discount Day

Senior pool passes are \$5.00 plus tax. Good for all pools and sauna from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.

Wednesday is BOGO Day! (Buy One Get One Free)

1:30 pm - 7:30 pm passes good for all pools and sauna. Bring ID that shows you live within 25 miles of the Resort. Required for both specials.

Library Happenings

April is Survey Month for the North Bonneville Library! A special survey has been developed so that you, our North Bonneville residents, can tell us how you are using your community library; the survey also asks you for suggestions for changes that would make the library more useful to you.

Please look for the survey online at <http://bit.ly/nbsurvey>, and on the two public Internets at the North Bonneville Library, as well as print copies at the library, and as an insert in the April City of North Bonneville Newsletter. We want your input; please take the time to respond to our survey.

And our Community Read is in full swing! The Friends of the Stevenson Library are sponsoring a Community Read, featuring the book, "The Highest Tide" by Jim Lynch. We have copies waiting for you to pick up at the Bonneville Library. This book is about a young man living on the South Puget Sound who is fascinated by marine life. We have 2 book discussions during the month of April on the book, and the author will be speaking at the Stevenson library on May 1. Call 427-5471 for more information about the book discussions, and the author program.

If you are a teen artist, participate in our Teen Art Slam on April 17th from 6-8 pm at the Stevenson library. Call 427-5471 for more information about this event, which involves music, poetry, and art.

Tina Sieg Smith
Librarian
(509) 427-5471

Bookmobile Schedule

Saturday, April 14 & 28
Celilo 9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates 9:45-10:15
Wana kawok 10:45-11:20



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden should be built and operating this spring! Pick up your application for a plot at city hall.



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