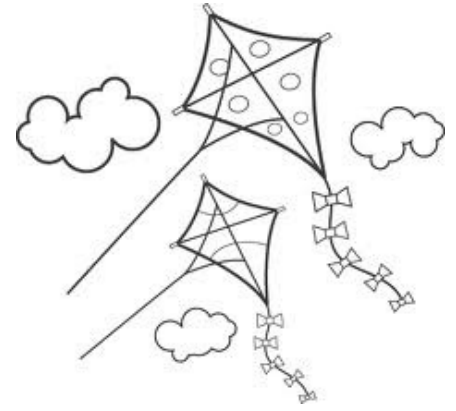




City Of North Bonneville Newsletter April 2013



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

As spring begins, I'm happy to report we have a new City Council member on board and at least one applicant for our remaining opening which we hope to fill at our next meeting on April 9th. If you're interested, there's still time to apply for the open position. In order to qualify you must have been a resident of North Bonneville for at least one year prior to applying and you must be registered to vote in Skamania County.

Our newest member, Bob Bianchi, was approved at our last meeting in March, getting us back to four of five positions filled. Bob has served on our Planning Commission for several years and brings a wealth of technical knowledge and experience to our Council along with his ability to listen carefully and work collaboratively towards common goals.

At our next meeting on April 9th the city council will consider applicants for the opening created by Patience Udall's departure. Patience has been a steadying influence, an analytical thinker and provided fresh insight into many of the issues our city faces. While we are saddened to see her leave, we thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Our Planning Commission has already approved a new member to fill Mr. Bianchi's vacated position but does still have two alternate positions open. For more information on City Council and Planning Commission duties you can contact City Hall at 427-8182 or in person or speak to a current member of either group.

Speaking of our Planning Commission, they have completed their Bigfoot Discovery Trails Plan (formerly Heritage Trails Plan) and will be hosting an open house on May 7th from 6 pm to 8 pm at City Hall to give us all a sneak peek at their plan. They will have a display showing their planned signage and other details and encourage all residents to stop by, take a look and share your thoughts. Comment cards will also be available in City Hall for those unable to attend.

As always, your input and ideas regarding our city are welcome and will help influence the look of our community for the future. Let your voice be heard.

If you have questions or comments about any aspect of our city you can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.

City Hall open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

City of North Bonneville is creating a list of local Handymen/Tradesmen

Drop of resume and contact information at City Hall Mon-Fri 8 AM to 5 PM

APRIL LIBRARY NEWS

Many exciting events are happening in the month of April at your North Bonneville and Stevenson Libraries. For example:

- **READ BREAKFAST AT SALLY'S**
By author Richard LeMieux.

This is the 2013 Skamania County Reads Title. Copies are available at the North Bonneville Library to read and to pass along to a friend.

Author Richard LeMieux highlights the month of April with a visit and a talk about writing this wonderful book on April 25 at 7 PM at the Stevenson Library.

Remember: North Bonneville Library is offering a weekly **Storytime** on Thursdays - 2 PM.

Pajama Story Time will be monthly this summer. Next one is on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 PM.

Motto for April: "No furniture so charming as books" (by Sydney Smith)

**Beacon Rock Golf Course Cafe
Now open:**

Weekdays - 8:00 to Dusk
Weekends & Holidays - 7:00 to Dusk

Come meet the new Managers Mark and Tamara Mayfield

Free Peach & Blueberry Muffin with breakfast

Community Gardens

There are still some garden spots left for this season. Please contact Darlene Mills at 509-427-8712

**SKAMANIA COUNTY EMS
PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES**

Classes are offered in:

First Aid and CPR classes are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm for a cost of \$45.

Classes for 4 or more people can be scheduled as needed.

Please call for schedules or if you have questions.

T.J. Bishop 509 427 5065 or
TJBishop@skamaniaems.com



WATER & SEWER BILLING NEWS

On February 19th the City switched to a new Cash Management system. How does this affect you?

The water/sewer account numbers have been changed. You will notice this one your March billing. If you have automatic withdraws taken from your bank account for water/sewer payments, please inform your bank of the new account numbers. While we will be retaining the old numbers for reference purposes, it will be very helpful if you could use the new account numbers when paying your bill.

Thank you

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with any news, events, and/or suggestions for the monthly newsletter.

City Administrator's Notes

Yard Debris

An issue we've seen recently is people dumping yard debris. Unfortunately, residents have few good legal options to dispose of their debris: compost it in your yard, get permission from a private land owner to compost it on their property, burn it or take it to the county dump.

As a partial answer to this problem, the City is teaming up with the Underwood Conservation District (UCD) to hold a "chipping day" on May 18th. If you sign up for it, the UCD folk will send out a crew to your property to chip your yard debris. The chipped debris will then be dumped over by the community gardens for composting. Keep an eye out for more information as we get nearer the date!

Pathway Repairs

Our pathways are in need of a lot of maintenance: we have root heaves, low-lying areas that often flood, and old gravel patches that need to be paved. Your Council set aside \$20,000 to work on them this year, but that's just not going to cover the need. Initial estimates for repairing paths are very high. At least 1,500 feet of pathways qualifies as being in bad need of repair, and our public works crew identified closer to 3,000 feet that needs some maintenance. Our bill just for paving (excluding staff time) would be between \$20,250 and \$40,500. We will be doing what we can to fix the worst of it this year. We will also be posting warning signs of trip hazards. Please be careful when you use our pathways!

Water/Sewer Bills

I've noted in the last couple newsletters that we experienced a number of minor billing errors as we transitioned from the old computer system to our new billing system. We think we have now corrected those errors and about 2/3 of the city's customers will be receiving billing adjustments. Since this revision comes late in our billing cycle, you can feel free to wait until the regular May billing to make payment. No late fees will accrue. Any account with a negative adjustment will be treated as a credit and will be applied to the May billing. Please contact us if you need further information.

On a positive note, I am actively working to set the city up to accept credit card payments. More to come on this soon!

Park Rangers from Bonneville Dam have set two types of live traps in Bass Lake. They are monitoring Western Pond Turtle and Western Painted Turtle populations. Please do not disturb these traps. For more information contact Jessie Brownlee at 541-374-4010.



Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
Stevenson, WA
Presents:

Groove For Thought

Seven singers performing classic tunes
in a jazz style

8 PM April 26th

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