



City of North Bonneville

Newsletter

August 2013



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

As we head into August we're taking time to look back and ahead at the same time. In the rear view we happily put another successful Gorge Days into the books. Our city was on display to somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,500 people who were treated to classic cars, delicious food, a free Johnny Limbo concert and more activities than I can remember. From Volks Walkers and Caterpillar Hunters to Bigfoot searchers and garage sale aficionados, there was certainly something for everybody to enjoy. Big thanks to Casey Roeder and the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for coordinating the entire event, the NBF crew for putting on another great car show, Darlene Caird for making the citywide garage sale happen (again), the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, our own Heritage Trails Committee and the host of others who all worked so hard to make this year's Gorge Days one of the best ever.

Looking ahead, we continue to see positive changes in our city, including a new City Council member and a new gazebo.

Mike Hamilton was appointed to fill the vacancy at the last council meeting in July and will officially take his seat at the first meeting on August 13th. Mike is a long time resident of North Bonneville and will be a great addition to our council. Please join me in welcoming him aboard when you see him.

Our public works team is putting the final touches on a new gazebo on the northwest side of City Hall, near the tunnel to the tennis courts. This gazebo will serve several purposes. As it sits near the first tee of our disc golf course it will help guide disc golfers to the start of the course and provide them with a place to take a break between rounds. Additionally, it gives all of us another spot to get out of the sun (or rain) and read our mail, enjoy lunch or just relax. I hope you all get a chance to take advantage of it while the weather is still on the summery side.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and applications to apply for our open council position. You can reach me by phone at 427-8182, email at don@northbonneville.net or just catch me walking or biking around town.

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

Annual Water Quality Report

The Annual Water Quality Report is ready for all residents of the City of North Bonneville. It is available on our web site at cityofnorthbonneville.net. Once you have logged on, click on Utilities. On the right side of the screen you find a link to "Water Quality Report", and "Water Quality Element Table".

Needed! Two Volunteers to Provide Skamania County with the AARP Tax-Aide Program.

Purpose: A free quality income tax assistance and income tax return preparation service which operates under the umbrella of the AARP Foundation. Funded by the IRS, AARP Foundation, and private monies.

Training includes tax law and preparation of income tax returns, including the tax forms and schedules used by most individual taxpayers. The volunteer income tax preparers are then certified with an IRS examination administered each year.

Qualification: You must sign an IRS Confidentiality Statement, which basically says you will not reveal personal or income tax-related information about anyone assisted by the program. You must successfully complete the required training for the position for which you are volunteering.

You must work a minimum number of hours preparing tax returns or performing other duties during tax season. **The goal** is to start in 2014 with one day of tax assistance a week, either at the Stevenson Library or the Hegewald Center.

Please call Tina Smith at the Stevenson Library at 509-427-5471 if you are interested in learning more about the opportunity to serve Skamania County as an AARP Tax-Aide.



A Blockhouse in the Park

The City Council is considering construction of a blockhouse/stage in the central park. We need your opinions. Please stop by City Hall and let us know how you feel about this potential project.

Community Gardens Update

There are still some sites left for Fall Planting. The garden spots look nice and participants have lots of different produce growing and ready to be picked.

A group of about 15 people from the Underwood Community Garden Tour visited our community gardens (among 7 of the gardens here in the gorge) and met with Darlene Mills, our organizer, and some other gardeners. Plenty interesting information and tips were exchanged, everybody had a great time.

\$50.00 was donated to the Community Gardens from the City Wide Garage Sale proceeds.

Thank you very much!

Library Update!

PJ Family Storytime Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 7 pm

Contact Stevenson Library (427-5471) for full schedule of special summer reading programs in July and August at the Stevenson Library, or come in to the North Bonneville Library to get a schedule of events.

Notary Public

**The City now has a Notary Public on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

City Administrator's Notes

We just recently appointed a new City Manager, Steve Hasson, to take the place of John Spencer, who has decided to become a private health care consultant.

Steve comes to us from the city of LaPine Oregon, where he served as City Manager. Steve would ask you to come by and say hello and introduce yourself.

Caution - Wet Paint

Who - Public Works Crew and Volunteers

What - Striping of All NB City Parking Lots

Where - Starting with City Hall/Post Office, Fire Station, Lot across the street from Gorge Gym, and Ball field

When - August 15 - 20, 2013 (Weather Dependent)

Why - Current parking lines are almost invisible

How - In cooperation with the City of Stevenson

***All vehicles must be moved to allow for this operation.**

***All lots will be swept on Friday August 15th.**

***First lots will be painted Sunday August 17th, with the remaining lots painted August 18th
And, if necessary, the 19th and the 20th.**

***The last lot to be painted is the large parking area by the basket ball court.**

**All days and times are dependent on weather and lighting. Any vehicle left parked in the lots
Scheduled to be painted could result in being towed at the owner's expense.**

Your cooperation is appreciated and for more information contact City Hall at 509-427-8182.



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