

City of North Bonneville Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor's Desk

At a recent City Council meeting a resident asked what the siren we are all so used to hearing means and whether there were different durations or numbers of blasts to signify different things. I had to say I wasn't sure but I would check into it and put the answers in the next newsletter and here we are.

I spoke with our Fire Chief, J.B. Tennison, who told me whenever a call is dispatched for the North Bonneville Fire Department the siren is also activated to emit one blast lasting about 20 seconds. We hear the same sound every Monday around 7pm when the siren is used to signal our volunteer firefighters are due for their weekly meeting.

When the siren goes off as part of a dispatch for a fire, motor vehicle accident or some other emergency, the dispatcher gives our fire department 3 minutes to respond via radio. If they do not respond, the siren will blast again for another 20 seconds. Under some circumstances earlier responders might find the situation manageable with the need for our fire department to assist. In these cases, the dispatcher may set off another 20 second blast to alert our firefighters they have been called off the run.

There is no other use for the siren and it is not used to signal a gas line rupture, dam breach or any other disaster. The method used to alert us to an emergency situation of that nature is the Reverse 911 system, which uses automated calling to notify a large number of people in a very short amount of time.

The Reverse 911 system uses landlines by default so if you are among those who have forsaken their landlines for mobile phones, you should go to the following link to sign up to be added to the database for our area.

<http://skamaniasheriff.com/1450/press-release/skamanian-county-institutes-an-emergency-notification-system/>

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. You can reach me by phone at 427-8182, email me at don@northbonneville.net or try to catch me running from the upcoming Cascadia Subduction Earthquake.

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Gorge Days Garage Sales

A big thanks to all of the 52 garage sale participants. The profit from the participation fees went to the local senior center and the Stevenson Veterinary Clinic to help pet owners who cannot afford to have their pets euthanized.

Underwood Conservation District 75 Year Anniversary

In honor of the the Underwood Conservation District's Anniversary they holding a "sponsor a tree" event. For \$30 you can purchase one of the 75 native tree seedlings with a commemorative placard. The tree seedling will be planted by the conservation district. If you would like an order form please stop by the City Hall. If you have any questions about this event please contact the Underwood Conservation District at (509) 232-1987 or info@ucdwa.org.

North Bonneville Photographer Work on Display

The award winning photography of North Bonneville resident, Debbie Paganucci, will be on display at the Stevenson Library through the month of August. Paganucci's work appeared in the on-line version of Country Magazine and Garnet (Montana) Ghost Town calendars. Her work has been displayed at the Drift Gallery in Dillon, Montana and the North Bonneville Event Center, and has been recognized at Artist of the Gorge juried exhibitions. She has been invited to serve as the judge for the Photography Exhibition at the 2015 Skamania County Fair, an honor she also held last year.

10 Water Conservation Ideas

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks

A small drip can waste 20 gallons of water per day.

2. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.

Uses approximately 5 - 7 gallons per flush.

3. Check your toilets for leaks

Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. Without flushing, if the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak.

4. Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks

Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period (using no water). If the meter changes, you have a leak.

5. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators

"Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute. All household faucets should be fit with [aerators](#), this single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest!

6. Put a float booster in your toilet tank

Buy an inexpensive [tank bank](#) or float booster, this may save 10 + gallons of water per day. Consider buying "low flush" toilets, which use 1 to 2 gallons per flush instead of the usual 3 to 5 gallons.

7. Insulate your water pipes

You will get hot water faster and avoid waste while it heats up.

8. Take shorter showers

Turn off the shower after soaping up and turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

9. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth

10. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads

North Bonneville Library Information

Stevenson Library Events

Executive Director Candidates Meet & Greet

August 10th 10:00am

SHIBA Advisor

August 17th 11am

Music on the Deck! Livery Bond Jug Band

August 18th 6:30pm

Learn N Play

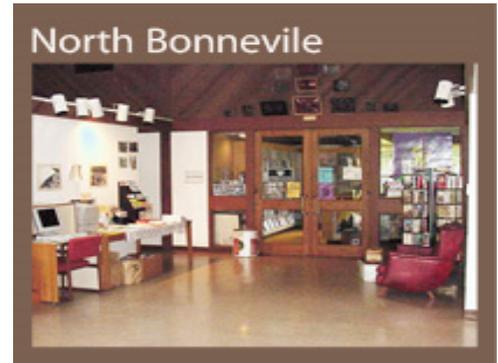
August 20th 5:30pm

Library Quilts! Quilting Group

August 21st 12pm

How to Fool a Dragon - Musician Eric Ode

August 26th 2pm



Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Thursday

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Services Available

- Pick up holds
- Browse & check out items
- Return items
- Discuss library services with staff
- Use of internet service
- Wi-Fi

North Bonneville Bookmobile

August 10th and 24th

Hamilton Park Apts: 3:30 - 4pm

Wana Kowak: 4:15 - 4:45pm

City Hall: 5:00 - 5:30pm

City Information

City Council Meetings

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month – 6:30pm

Planning Meetings

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month – 6pm

Senior Center Lunch

Every Tuesday and Thursday – 12pm – For information call - (509) 427- 5234

Skamania County Public Transit

Monday – Friday at the City Entrance; for information call – (509) 427 - 3990

Westbound Route – 6:03am, 11:27am (Friday only), 5:12pm

Eastbound Route– 7:47am, 1:27 (Friday only), 6:47pm

Local Restaurants

Beacon Rock Golf Course – Clubhouse Grill

Phone: (509) 427 – 5730 Website: www.beaconrockgolf.com/bar-and-grill/

Hours of Operation: 8am – 7pm Week; 7am – 7pm Weekends

Bonneville Hot Springs and Resort

Phone: (509) 427 – 7767 Website: www.bonnevilleresort.com/

Hours of Operation: 7:30 am – 9pm

The Dam Roadhouse

Phone: (509) 427 – 0080

Hours of Operation: 11am – 9pm

Event Venues

The North Bonneville City Gazebo

For reservations call: (509) 427 – 8182 Website: www.northbonneville.net

Bonneville Event Center

For reservations call: (360) 335 – 4524 Website: www.bonnevillecenter.com