



City of N. Bonneville Newsletter December 2011



From the Mayor's Desk

The last month of 2011 is here and our city is preparing for the end of one year and the start of a new one. Our City Council passed our 2012 Budget at their last meeting in November and I am happy to report it is a balanced budget. Marvin Showalter, Jennifer Stratton-Pies, Tim Dudley and Jim Runkles, The Finance Committee, all gave their time and energy working to balance our budget while maintaining the highest possible levels of service for our city and deserve our thanks.

Over the summer we saw the city's parks and other public areas grow a little unkempt as we cut back on mowing our fields. This winter we will be holding off a little longer on plowing our streets in order to live within our budget. You may rest assured our streets will be maintained and kept safe but if and when we receive a light dusting of snow we may leave nature to take its course in melting it rather than running our plows. Our intent is not to allow deep snow to become a driving hazard but be aware we may leave a few inches on the ground, especially if the forecast indicates it won't take long to melt.

Speaking of public service, the election results have been certified and at our meeting on December 13th we will welcome three new members to our City Council: Jerry Arthurs, Mike Baker and Charles Pace. Please join me in thanking these gentlemen for their willingness to help guide North Bonneville into the future.

With the holiday season approaching, I hope we can all be thankful for the wonderful community we call home. Whether you plan to travel to celebrate with loved ones or do the same at home, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Solstice or just a great December, whichever suits you best.

As always, I welcome all comments, ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me via email at don@northbonneville.net or by phone at 427-8182.

North Bonneville Website

Have you visited our website recently?
If not, check out the new information
and maps that have been added.

Community Garden

Changes are happening!
The fence for the garden has been installed.

Please contact Jennifer at 427-8182 or
jennifer@northbonneville.net with any news, events,
and/or suggestions for the monthly newsletter.



A NOTE FROM YOU CITY ADMINISTRATOR

With the end of the year fast approaching, the fall-out of the 2009/10 audit, and the holiday season, we've been real busy keeping up with work at city hall!

With all the budget woes we've been going through, it's wonderful to report that because of Planning Advisor Tom Jermann's efforts the city is receiving a grant totaling \$95,000 over the next two years to defray costs associated with the Shoreline Master Plan update. Not only will this pay for all our consulting fees, but it will also cover the equivalent of almost a year of Tom's salary! Way to go Tom!

This leads me to take a moment to publicly thank our staff for a job well done over this year. Despite some truly horrid financial and political hurdles Tom, Jennifer, Ray, Bryan and Cameron have managed to accomplish a lot:

- Newsletters, Billings, and Court have all been accurate and on time
- We completed a brand new sewer treatment plant
- New water and sewer pumps have been installed
- The Shoreline Master Plan process is off to a great start
- We updated utility rates (it wasn't a popular move, but it was necessary and handled well)
- Facilities and Parks look great.
- Planning Commission finished two Heritage Trails and is moving forward on the Children's Loop trail.
- The Disc Golf course has been improved with and it is being used by ever larges numbers of people coming from far away.
- A community garden has been organized and will soon be built
- Contracted for high speed internet cable service

UPDATE FROM GORGE WINDS COMMUNITY GROCERY

Gorge Winds Community Grocery is a co-op in progress. We will open a store as soon as financially possible, featuring local, natural, bulk and organic foods at the lowest possible prices.

We are organized as a consumer-owned grocery store to serve the interests of our owners and community, not to make a profit. Proceeds will be used to keep the co-op in business - making healthy food available locally.

GWCG is not just a grocery store, but part of the local food movement, including farmers' markets, community gardens, local growers and producers, and groups like Gorge Grown Food Network. Our ability to work together is the key to success for all of us.

This project is an opportunity to empower, educate, and revitalize our rural community. We are dedicated to an active role in building community through education. Our annual events include: •Fall Food Forum •Spring Seed Swap •Food Film Series

We recently presented our project at the Gorge Soup event at Celilo Restaurant in Hood River and won the vote! We received \$1,547.00 to contribute to our efforts.

Starting up a consumer owned business takes time and requires a lot of volunteer effort and community support – Go to www.gorgewindscoop.org to join our supporters as an Owner or Volunteer, or to get more information, or call 509-427-3664.

December Meetings at City Hall

Planning Committee 6th - 5:30 pm
City Council 13th & 27th(tbd) 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Dinner

I want to thank all the ladies and their families for the great Thanksgiving dinner at the N.B. Seniors on Thursday.

It was such a fine meal and they all did such a good job, it turned out so well. It really made it a great treat for all of us. Thanks so much ladies!

Sincerely,

Nora Cameron

Beacon Rock Golf Course

Winter Grill Hours

November - February

Closed Monday - Wednesday

9 am - 3 pm Thursday - Sunday

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is meeting once per month. The next meeting will be December 6th at 5:30 pm. This meeting will include an update on the Shoreline Master Program.

Heritage Trails

Bigfoot and littlefoots are coming!! Come to a meeting and find out what this means.

Bonneville Hot Springs

Water Aerobics Classes

Starting October 31, 2011

Only \$5 per class

Monday -Thursday

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Walk-Ins Welcome

Call 360-608-5624 for more information

Fourth Friday Tastings

Hosted by

Mt. Hood Winery & Cascadia Creamery

Friday - December 23, 2011

Only \$15 per person

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Christmas in the Gorge 2011

Friday, December 2 - Sunday, December 4
Contact the City of Stevenson for information.

Library Happenings

The Friends of Stevenson and North Bonneville Libraries is having a Holiday Book and Bake Sale with GREAT GIFTS! Find hardcover and paperback books in new & like-new condition, DVDs, books on tape/CD. Take home some festively wrapped treats for the holidays! Enjoy complimentary hot cider and free gift wrapping of purchases. Open Friday, Dec. 2, Noon-5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Stevenson Community Library Gallery.

Bring the whole family to the Stevenson Community Library Gallery for two holiday craft nights. Materials and refreshments will be provided. Winter Centerpiece Making will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 6 pm. Learn to make an amazing winter centerpiece for yourself or to give to a friend. This is a florist-quality project you will want to make every year. Solstice Crafts will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 6 pm. Enjoy an evening of solstice ornament painting and creating. Paint some handmade ornaments, enhance and garnish others.

To see a complete listing of library activities, visit our website at www.fvrl.org or pick up a monthly events calendar at the library.

Lee-Ann Flandreau
Librarian

Bookmobile Schedule

Saturday, September 17th

Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Wana kawok	10:45-11:20



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Shoreline Master Program Update

The December 6, 2011 Work Group meeting had a very good turnout and input was taken on the Shoreline Inventory, Shoreline Analysis & Characterization reports, and maps. Comments will continue to be taken with submittal of the drafts to the state at the end of the month.

The next Work Group Meeting will be 5:30 p.m. February 7, 2012 at City Hall.

Visit the city's website at www.northbonneville.net for updated information and links. This will be an ongoing process over the next year and public input is encouraged and needed.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Library 1 - 5 Snr Lunch 12 pm	2 City Hall Closed	3
4	5 Fire Training 7pm Court 1 pm	6 Library 1 - 5 Snr Lunch 12 pm Planning Comm 5:30 pm	7 Library 1 - 5	8 Library 1 - 5 Snr Lunch 12 pm	9 City Hall Closed Veteran's Day	10
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