



# City of N. Bonneville Newsletter

## **A Message from the Mayor's Desk**

As we begin a new year we face new challenges and welcome new opportunities. We are in the process of awarding the bid for construction of our new wastewater treatment plant. We expect this facility to provide our city with the ability to support our current needs as well as improve our chances to attract new residents and businesses. We are also close to signing a new contract with the Skamania County Sheriff's Office to provide North Bonneville with true 24/7 coverage. Our city is minimally covered through 2010 under the existing contract that was in place at the time our former Police Chief resigned, but the new contract will benefit our city in terms of improved safety and fiscal responsibility.

We are also working to find a new City Attorney to take over for Ken Woodrich. I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Ken for his many years of service and always doing his best on behalf of our entire community. Although it will be difficult to find another attorney with the level of experience Ken brought to our city, we will be diligent in our efforts to locate the best replacement available.

Another change that will be noticeable is a new emphasis on City Hall as a place of business. While employees will remain dedicated to providing a comfortable environment for our residents and guests to transact business, we will increase our focus on maintaining a professional and efficient workplace at all times. This doesn't mean we'll be rude or too busy to chat about the weather while we assist you, but we are here to conduct city work on your behalf and we ask that you help us by treating City Hall as a place of business. I welcome employee and citizen input on how we can streamline or improve our service to better meet our community's needs.

All the changes going on can make things seem a little overwhelming at times but I ask all North Bonneville residents to remember the words of Winston Churchill, who said, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Please feel free to contact me with any difficulty, opportunity or idea on your mind. My email address is [don@northbonneville.net](mailto:don@northbonneville.net) and the City Hall phone number is 427-8182. I may not be in when you call, but I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

**February Meetings at City Hall**

2nd & 16th - Planning Commission 6:00pm

9th & 23rd - City Council 7:00pm

These meetings are open to everyone. Agendas are posted on the window at city hall. You are welcome to speak at the public comment time but are asked to refrain from talking or disruption during the rest of the meeting.

The Planning Commission welcomed their newest member last month - Ron Winter was appointed as an alternate by the city council. The council reappointed Greg Hartnell and Joana Fry as regular members last month as well. One alternate position is still vacant, if you are interested please come to a meeting or pick up a Bio Sheet at City Hall. The commission is currently working on the Greenleaf Trail, planning the markers and signage. This trail begins at the downtown station and continues all the way to the Hot Springs. You are invited to attend the commission meetings and see what this project is all about! The commission values your input.



The city would like to welcome our newest employee Cameron Russell. Cameron was hired last month as a Maintenance Worker. He has been a resident of the city for 5 years, is married and has two daughters, 4 and 6 years old. When you see him out and about be sure to welcome him too!

Please also join us in congratulating Jim Brown for his promotion to Utility Operator!

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Jeremy (JB) Tennison is the new Chief of the N. Bonneville Fire Department. He was elected by the fire department members and confirmed by the city council. Congratulations JB! If you wish to become a member please attend a meeting or pick up an application at city hall. The department meets Monday nights, 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall. No experience necessary.



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When the Fire Department is called out the emergency signal sounds once. In the case of a city-wide emergency, you will hear 3 shorter blasts. If this happens, there will be an audible message over the N. Bonneville cable TV system. If you are not a subscriber to the city's cable TV system, find out which of your neighbors are. This may be a good task for the block leaders...

City Hall will be closed:  
Monday, February 15th  
in observance of President's Day

N. Bonneville Business & Community Association Mtg. is Thur, February 18th, 6:00 pm at Hamilton Park Apartments For info call Roger at 427-4449

**Library News**

North Bonneville Community Library staff members are busily working on a project to rearrange the library. Children's books about everything from nature to science to history will now be located on the lower shelves. Nonfiction for adults, including religion, gardening, cooking, medical information and more can be found on the higher shelves.

The children's reading and play area will also be revamped, with a play table and new games.

We continue to bring new and exciting materials to the branch each week. The library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Give us a call at 427-4439 to request materials or reserve Internet time. Stop by and check us out!

Library staff can be reached Tuesday through Saturday at the Stevenson branch, 427-5471.

Chris Hughey,  
Librarian

**Bookmobile Schedule**

Sat, February 6 & 20

Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Hamilton	10:45-11:15
Wacomac	11:30-12:00



**The Gratitude Campaign**

Say thank you to our Armed Forces men and women with a simple, meaningful gesture.

Place your right hand over your heart, and then extend it to a returning soldier. Thank you.

Video on [www.gratitudecampaign.org](http://www.gratitudecampaign.org)

Founded by Scott Truitt

In memory of Jeffrey Shaver



Skamania Co. Senior Services offers trips for everyone (not just seniors). The trip for February will be the 23rd to OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science & Industry). Now's your chance to view Sue+, the famous 40q Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton now on display, and there's plenty more if that doesn't draw you!

OMSI admission: Seniors (63+) \$9

Adults \$11, Youth (3-13) \$9

Budget for lunch somewhere along the way.

\$7 suggested donation for SKAT trips

Call 427-3990 for reservations

**NOTICE**

Please do not park on the streets when it is snowing (or expected). The snow plows need room to keep the streets clear!