



*City of
N. Bonneville
Newsletter
February 2012*



From the Mayor's Desk

With mixed emotions, we observed the end of an era January 31st at a retirement party for Ray Hays. While we're sorry to see his time as our city's Public Utilities Manager end, we enjoyed celebrating his 25 years of service to our city and recognizing the lasting impact he had in making North Bonneville the wonderful place in which we live.

Many of Ray's friends and colleagues from nearby communities joined the rest of our city staff to enjoy some cake and reminisce about how far our city has come in the past quarter century and what a large part Ray has played in that journey.

Ray received 2 plaques, an etched aluminum disc from the North Bonneville Disc Golf Association in recognition of the key role he played in building a disc golf course in our city and a bronze plaque honoring his service that will be installed in the Strawberry Island Trail gazebo near the baseball fields later this spring. For any who don't already know, Ray was instrumental in laying out the trail system on the island and has contributed untold volunteer hours making the wooden signs that mark the trails and making other improvements. The Heritage Trails Committee will also be commemorating Ray's contributions in an upcoming sign at the trailhead.

In other news, we will be receiving the final results of our state audit, covering the years 2009 and 2010, by the end of the month. While there were three findings on accountability, financial status and internal control, the good news is the majority of the audit team's recommendations were already implemented prior to their visit and we are working towards full compliance for our next audit. It was reassuring to have the changes our staff has put into practice validated as correct and appropriate. The full audit report will be available for review in city hall before the end of the month.

As always, your input and ideas regarding our city are welcome. You can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**We need help organizing Gorge Days 2012.
Please call city hall if you can help at 427-8182**

City Hall will be closed

February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day

February Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission 7th & 21st - 6 pm
SMP Working Group 7th - 6 pm
City Council 13th & 28th - 7 pm



A NOTE FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Over the holidays I tossed aside *"The Night Before Christmas"* and instead thrilled my children with a stimulating rendition of the city's 48 page budget document. But for those of you who aren't quite the nerd I am, I've decided to provide a greatly simplified version for you. The graphs below represent the majority of the city's roughly \$1,000,000 budget (the numbers don't quite add up because I left out the community garden and water deposits). These graphs tell a number of stories, but I think the biggest one is the amount of money available to streets and pathways. \$37K is simply not enough to keep up with plowing snow, painting stripes, patching potholes, lighting the paths and all the sundry work needed to keep the streets and paths in good shape. This is a problem not just for us, but for the entire state and most of the country, and an area you will be hearing more about in the months and years to come!

North Bonneville Shoreline Master Program Update Working Group Meeting #3 Shoreline Community Vision February 7, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. – City Hall

This will be the first of numerous meetings that will prepare a Community Vision Report for the shoreline. Feel free to add your own thoughts, questions or ideas for discussion by picking up a "Community Vision" handout from city hall that includes some example topics for the shoreline visioning. These are only examples and may be related to the Shoreline Master Program as a whole and/or as separate thoughts for each of the shoreline reaches. The visioning process will take some time and more than a couple of work group meetings, so everyone should have ample time for input. Again, these are only examples and your involvement in the process is encouraged either by attending the meetings or by submitting your input via email.

The web site www.northbonneville.net/smp.html is up and has Shoreline Master Program Update maps, information, minutes of meetings and links to state sites for more information. On the site (under "SMP Update Schedule") you can access the Draft Inventory and Characterization Report including maps that were submitted in December. These are items that can be used as a resource in your visioning.

Gorge Winds Community Grocery CO-OP

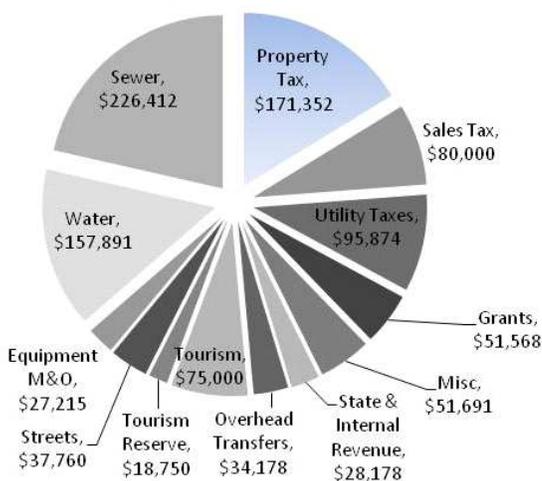
An informational meeting to explain what Gorge Winds Community Grocery is all about at Hamilton Park Apartments - Portage Road on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7 pm.

The Skamania County Chamber of Commerce is offering a Google Workshop taught by Scott Anderson of ABC Computing, Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Hegewald Center in Stevenson from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Bring your lap top for hands-on training! This workshop is free for Chamber members and \$5 for non-members. Space is limited so call the Chamber to RSVP at 427-8911. The Hegewald Center is located at 710 SW Rock Creek Drive.

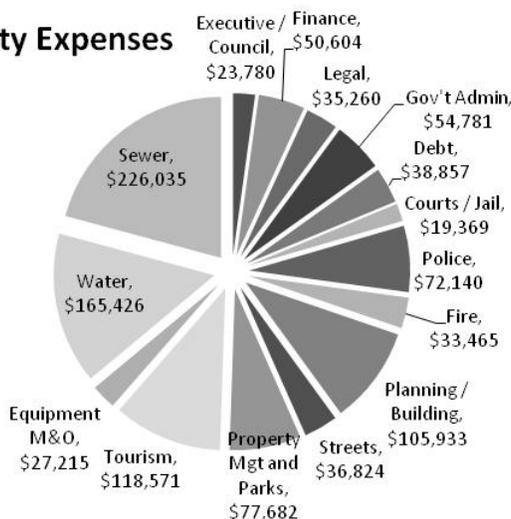
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Interested in joining the Fire Department? Attend a meeting. Meetings are every Monday at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall, or pick up an application at city hall.

City Revenues



City Expenses



BILLING REMINDERS

Sewer bills for 2012 will be set based on winter water averages (Nov - Feb). Water bills are based on actual water consumption. Conservation tips available at city hall.

All water and sewer payments are due the **20th** of the billing month. If you have questions or are not able to make your payment, please call Jennifer at city hall to make payment arrangements.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission/Heritage Trails Committee is meeting once per month. The next meeting will be February 7th at 6:00 pm. The next Shoreline Master Program workgroup will be February 7th at 6 pm.

Heritage Trails

Bigfoot and littlefoots are coming!! Wood Carver Ken Craig has been hired to create bigfoot and his family.



Bonneville Hot Springs **Sushi Wednesdays!**

5:00-9:00 pm only \$5 (lounge only)

Friday Night Prime Rib!

Only \$19.99 (Excludes holidays & special events)

4th Friday Wine Tastings!

February 24th **The Pines 1892 Winery**
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm \$15 per person - includes cheese and fruit plate, with music by Matt Brown

Special Pool Prices For Our Neighbors!

Tuesday is Senior Discount Day

Senior pool passes are \$5.00 plus tax. Good for all pools and sauna from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.

Wednesday is BOGO Day! (Buy One Get One

Free) 1:30 pm - 7:30 pm passes good for all pools and sauna. Bring ID that shows you live within 25 miles of the Resort. Required for both specials.

Evening of Romance

Dance the night away!

Music by The Madson Band
\$10 per person

Sat., February 11th, 6:30 - 10 pm



Library Happenings

Come to the Stevenson Library on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 for a very special program: ERIC ODE'S WILD AND WACKY WEDNESDAY CONCERT! Pirates and parrots, sea serpents and shaggy dogs. It's a wild time when author, poet and award-winning songwriter Eric Ode comes to the Stevenson library. Join Eric for a concert of songs, stories and silliness!!

Also, a very special art exhibit is at the Stevenson Library for February: THE PAPER OCCUPATION. February 1-29, 2012. This exhibit is a collaborative work by area artists Janet Essley and Diane Gadway. The installation, constructed predominantly of paper, captures some of the energy and explores the many issues raised by the "Occupy Wall Street" movement.

BOOKSALE!!

The Friends of the Stevenson Library will be having a booksale in the Gallery on Friday, March 16 from 9-5 and on Saturday March 17, from 9-4.

Lastly.... Please call the Stevenson Library at 427-5471 to find out more about our Preschool Storytime at the North Bonneville library. It is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2 PM.

Tina Sieg Smith
Stevenson Community Librarian
(509) 427-5471

"No furniture so charming as books...."
Sydney Smith



Bookmobile Schedule

Saturday, Feb 4 & 18

Celilo 9:00-9:30

Windsong Estates 9:45-10:15

Wana kawok 10:45-11:20

Time to renew

Business License \$25.00 per year

\$50.00 (after March 1)

Golf Cart License \$20.00 per year

Dog License \$10.00 per dog - \$ 3.00 per dog with proof of spay/neuter - \$1.00 for seniors over 65

Beacon Rock Golf Course

Winter Grill Hours

November - February

Closed Monday - Wednesday

9 am - 3 pm Thursday - Sunday

beaconrockgolf.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Library 1 - 5 pm	2 Library 1 - 5 pm Snr Lunch 12 pm	3	4 Book Mobile
5	6 Muni Court 1 pm Fire Dept Trning 7 pm	7 SMP work group 6 pm Planning 6 pm Library 1 - 5 pm Snr Lunch 12 pm	8 Library 1 - 5 pm	9 Library 1 - 5 pm Snr Lunch 12 pm	10	11
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