

City of North

Bonneville

Newsletter

February 2013

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As we move into the month with the toughest name to pronounce correctly (or should that be correctly pronounce?), one of the many focuses of our City Council is keeping our community as visually appealing as possible. A big step towards doing just that was the passing of a new sign ordinance at the last council meeting in January.

Like most ordinances, it's a bit wordy to go into the finer points here, but the Readers Digest version is, anyone planning to post any signs on public right of way is now required to obtain a permit that will specify locations, times and dates of posting and date of removal.

There is no charge or fee for a sign permit and it is not our intent to generate revenue in any way. Our goal is to see these permits serve as a reminder to us all of the importance of asking permission to use something and cleaning up after ourselves when we're done. Sign permits are available in City Hall and will be available to download via the city website soon. They will be found under the Forms link on the Government Tab.

If you're wondering where the heck we get these ideas, we just happen to have an available position on our City Council that's just waiting for you. I've always believed better results come from more ideas; come share yours at an upcoming meeting.

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

City Hall will be closed February 18th

for President's Day

Block Leaders Needed

The City of North Bonneville Block Leader Program needs your help. The initial goal for this program was to provide a point-of-contact between city hall and the residents of each block in an emergency.

The reason the program was established is still valid. The demands of modern life can often make finding opportunities to meet the people who live next door or down the street problematic.

Block leaders can provide the point-of contact many neighborhoods need to become better acquainted. They can provide useful community information by serving as liaisons between local government and citizens, and they can make neighbors aware of individual circumstances within their neighborhoods.

An effort is underway to revive and streamline the program by making it a self-sustaining civic organization that is loosely coordinated by the city manager. The organization would be run by the block leaders, but certain aspects of the program would still be organized by the city.

If you are interested in serving as block leader for your neighborhood please contact North Bonneville City Hall at 427-8182 during business hours.

Sharon Runkles and Mary Armentrout

Ft. Vancouver Library and Bookmobile

The North Bonneville branch of the Ft. Vancouver Library is open Tuesday through Thursday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The Bookmobile will be in North Bonneville on February 2nd and 16th:

Celilo	9:00 to 9:30
Hamilton Park Apts	9:45 to 10:15
Wana Kowak	10:45 to 11:20

SKAMANIA COUNTY EMS PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES

Classes are offered in:

- CPR Adult \$35
- CPR Infant and Child \$35
- Automatic External Defibrillator \$25
- Blood Borne Pathogens \$25
- Other classes available upon request

Classes scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am.

To schedule a class or answer any questions regarding the training, please contact:

T.J. Bishop

509 427 5065 or

TJBishop@skamaniaems.com



\$\$ REWARD \$\$

Acts of vandalism around the city are increasing. Recent months have seen the damage to our "little feet" statues, and spray paint on underpasses. Over the New Years holiday someone broke approximately 30 of the light fixtures around our pathways. A concerned citizen has offered a **\$100.00 reward** for information leading to an arrest and conviction for these senseless acts.

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

City Administrator's Notes

The only constant seems to be change. We now have people manning the front desk at city hall:

- Heidi Jones of Carson is on Mondays
- Annette Taylor of North Bonneville is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Jim Runkles of North Bonneville is on Thursdays and Fridays

I am very excited about this arrangement as each person brings different skills which we can tap, and having three people will make it much easier to arrange for coverage when someone is sick or is on vacation.

With the beautiful weather we're having at the start of February, many of us are thinking about getting out and about in the coming year. We have a number of great ways to get involved in our community. Please pick one (or more!):

- Block Leader Program: The Block Leader program is a great way to get involved in your neighborhood, meet your neighbors and help take care of each other. Two community volunteers, Sharon Runkles and Mary Armantrout, are working to rebuild this program. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for an advertisement!
- First-Aid/CPR: Look elsewhere in this newsletter for an advertisement. It's a great way to be sure you can help when the time comes.
- City Council: We have an opening for a new city councilor. The basic commitment is to show up to city meetings every other Tuesday evening (twice/month) and help make decisions about how to improve our community.
- Planning Commission: We have multiple openings on the Planning Commission. Like the city council, the commitment is to two evenings/month. This commission makes recommendations on land use issues and coordinates Heritage Trails/Big Feet programs.
- Gorge Days: Want to help plan our summer festival? Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 427-8911.
- Senior Center: They are an active group – it'd be worth a call to 427-5234.
- Community Garden: They're signing up for garden plots right now! They also are working to make improvements to the garden (gazebo, flowers, etc.). Call Darlene at 427-8712.



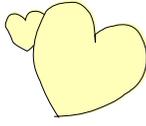
BRIDGE OF THE GODS LITTLE LEAGUE

2013 Registration is now open. This can be done on line at www.eteamz.com/bridgeofthegodslittleleague or in person at Carson Elementary School (gym) on February 10th and 24th from 3 - 5 pm

All children registered by Feb. 24 will be guaranteed placement on a team.

T-Ball (4-6).....	\$35
Coach Pitch (7-8).....	\$45
Minors (9-10).....	\$60
Majors (11-12).....	\$60
Juniors (13-14).....	\$70

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