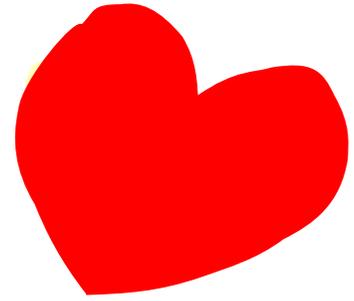


*February 2014
Newsletter
City of North
Bonneville,
Washington*



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

It's been an unusual winter thus far with less precipitation than normal, temperatures alternating between warmer than expected down into the teens and 20s and, of course, our fair share of wind. A big benefit of this crazy weather has been the lack of snow in town. This has resulted in safer driving around our community and precluded the need for our Public Works crew to plow snow, thus far at least. Of course, we all know weather conditions can change pretty quickly around here and there's still plenty of winter left so we may not have seen the worst yet.

Another topic we're taking a close look at is our utility rate structure. Our water and sewer funds are not paying their own way, a requirement under state law, RCW 35.92.010, which states in part, "No rate shall be charged that is less than the cost of the water and service to the class of customers served."

While our rate adjustments over the past several years have improved the situation considerably, we still find both our water and sewer funds failing to meet the costs of operating our public utility systems. As a resident and ratepayer myself I understand the frustration of contemplating another rate increase but we also have to face the reality of maintaining the aging infrastructure that provides us with clean water for our daily use as well as the wastewater system that transports and treats the used water and everything it carries with it.

We will be holding a Public Hearing at our Tuesday, February 25th City Council meeting to discuss this issue and I invite any and all interested residents to attend. We will be sharing as much information regarding our current situation as possible and your input will be welcomed. If you can't join us you will be able to listen to the audio on our city website, www.northbonneville.net, by clicking the City Council Meetings link under the City Council tab once the audio is posted. We try to get the audio files up within a week of the actual meetings and are usually successful in doing so.

If you have questions or comments about this or anything else regarding our city you can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.

City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City Hall will be closed February 17, 2014 President's Day.

City Administrator's Notes

North Bonneville Snow Plowing Policy

The North Bonneville City Council has approved the following snow plowing policy.

The City staff will clear the City roads of snow accumulations exceeding four [4] inches and/or as safety need dictates this removal action.

The public works supervisor will monitor weather forecasts and coordinate snow removal activities as needed. Contractors on the approved contractor's list will be relied upon for snow removal services, provided the need for their service arises. The City staff will rely on contractor's providing needed equipment, rather than renting equipment for this purpose, to the extent the City does not have the requisite apparatus.

In the case of significant snowfall, the staff may incur overtime expenses with verbal administrative approval.

Snow removal will be prioritized according to the following schedule: Emergency vehicles, West Cascade, East Cascade [up to the Hot Springs], Garrison and Evergreen collector streets will be plowed in this descending priority. Catch basin cleaning is the next priority for purposes of addressing drainage melt-off. Other roads and the municipal parking lots will be plowed as time allows. City staff will not plow private roads or driveways due to liability and credit lending issues.

Parked vehicles on side streets – placed as to impede snow removal may result in that street not being plowed. An effort will be made not to plow in driveways as part of the snow removal process.

WANTED - FIREFIGHTERS

Our city is in severe need of volunteer firefighters. Our numbers are desperately low at this time. If you have interest in helping out please contact City Hall or Fire Chief JB Tennison. Thank you for your consideration.



The Great Electrifying Event

Saturday, February 22

Family activities, films and presentations at
Bonneville Dam's Washington Shore Visitor
Center

541-374-8344



NOTARY PUBLIC
AVAILABLE AT CITY
HALL ON TUESDAYS
AND WEDNESDAYS

2014 IS HERE

Time to renew your Business License and/or Dog License.

Business License\$25.00

Dog License

Non-neutered animals....\$10.00

Neutered animals..... \$3.00

(If the owner is 65+) \$1.00



REMINDER

Be polite and courteous to your neighbor and please pick up after your dog.

The Planning Commission Needs You!

Please contact City Hall if you are interested in helping plan the city's future.



KEEP A LID ON IT!

The Municipal Code for North Bonneville requires that litter be deposited in containers such that the litter will be prevented from being carried away by the elements. Recent high winds have shown that we all need to be reminded to secure our trash can lids in order to keep our city clean.



Quote

I wake up every morning at nine and grab for the morning paper. Then I look at the obituary page. If my name is not on it, I get up.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

Library open Tuesday- Thursday 1-5 PM

All are welcome, adults, teens and children. Sit and read or check out a book, magazine or DVD's.

Internet service is available at the Library!

The current best sellers "Lucky Day" are available for your enjoyment.

Bookmark Contest is starting!

Kids and teens design you own bookmark. Come to branch and pick up an entry form. Deadline is March 31st.

Skamania County Reads Program:

Book is "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. Schedule to discuss the book will be in April, day to be determined.



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