



February 2015
City of nORTH Bonneville
Newsletter



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

As we head into February it's starting to look like we won't get much of a winter this year. I can't say I'm overly disappointed to have missed out on shoveling snow this winter but it is a little unnerving to see how small the local snowpack is for this time of year. I don't foresee any drought conditions in our near future but we certainly are living in some very interesting times.

I mentioned a few months ago we have been updating our city parking ordinances and our Planning Commission has submitted their recommendations for consideration at the first City Council meeting this month.

These changes will affect both our public parking areas near City Hall, the Post Office and the rest of the Central Business District as well as parking on our streets. I urge any and all residents interested in this topic to attend our meeting on February 10th and share their questions, ideas and input with us.

Our goal is to clarify what is and is not allowed and enhance the livability of our community. The number of illegally parked vehicles throughout our city has increased lately and the first step in rectifying this issue is to ensure our city ordinances are clear and consistent in describing what is allowed and what is not. The second step will be enforcement and I'm happy to report the Skamania County Sheriff's Office will be working with us to make sure we are all in compliance.

Through these changes, we seek to improve public safety by ensuring access for emergency vehicles as well as improving the visual appeal of our city.

If you have questions or comments about anything to do with our city you can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonnville.net.

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City Administrator's Report

Our Mayor, Don Stevens, has been fortunate to strike up a relationship with a local Bigfoot. He is to be congratulated on that action given how reticent the Bigfoot is to human encounter and especially interaction with politicians. However, overtime, the two have shared considerable information on many different topics, which by the way, has enhanced the Mayor's ability to govern our community.

Recently, the Mayor was intrigued by the fact that a far reaching weather forecast is determined by some scroungy rodent living in some indecipherable sounding community located in Pennsylvania that likely supports the New England Patriots. Thus, he asked his Bigfoot friend to provide some assessment of the weather forecast for the next 6 weeks and noting that a Bigfoot's survival depends on an accurate knowledge of the weather. In response, the Bigfoot replied - the West Coast will be endowed with a mild winter and a cheerful spring.

So there you have it - the Inaugural Bigfoot Weather Forecast. The Bigfoot did not wish to opine on East Coast weather - ridiculing the fact that Easterners would leave it up to an ear biting rodent for predicting weather outcomes.

Upcoming Events At the Stevenson Library February 2015

Book Club -
February - 17th 6:30pm

Family Game Day -
February - 7th 1pm

Movie Night - "Big Hero 6" -
February - 18th 6pm

Teen Game Day -
February - 21th 1pm

Chinese New Year Program-
February - 20th 3:30pm

**Mary Shelley's Frankenstein:
Anatomy of a Masterpiece -**
February - 27th 6:30pm

AARP Tax Help

February 14th and 28th

11am - 3pm

at

The Stevenson Library

Questions? (509) 427- 5471

2015 NB Community Garden Questions:

Please contact Bev at

(509) 427-7996

City of North Bonneville Utility Polices

1. North Bonneville sewer and water utility payments must be physically received at City Hall by 5 P. M. on the statement due date [no exceptions]. Any utility payment received after the due date [by the 20 day of the month] will be delinquent. A delinquent account is subject to a \$15.00 late fee.
2. An account holder who receives a late fee has 10 additional days to pay the full utility bill before subject to additional penalty. During this 10 day “grace” period the account holder may make a partial payment in accordance with the provisions of the utility payment plan found in “the” municipal code at 13.04.050. The temporary payment plan requires a minimum payment of 50 percent of the unpaid utility balance. This payment plan does not cover future payments rather it is limited to the subject billing cycle.

The remaining utility balance as agreed to in the payment plan must be paid in full prior the next billing cycle, which occurs the 1st day of every odd month of the year. If the account has not been paid in full by the next billing cycle, the account holder’s water service will be shut-off until the utility balance has been paid in full along with a \$60.00 turn-on fee. A person who does not follow through with the provisions of the agreement plan may lose the opportunity to rely on this relief mechanism at a future time.

3. If the unpaid utility balance has not been resolved during the 10 day grace period, a discontinuance notice will be hung [affixed] to the subject property. If the account holder does not pay the full utility bill or fill out a temporary payment plan by 5 P.M. of the 4th business day after receipt of the discontinuance notice, the water service will be shut off to the subject property. Once a meter has been shut off the account holder will need to pay the full amount due plus a \$60 reconnection fee in order to have service reestablished.
4. If the account holder is habitually in utility payment arrears, their water service will be shut-off in accordance with municipal code provision 13.04.050 until the past due utility balance is paid in full. The term “habitually” applies to account holders whose accounts are in arrears for three consecutive months or six of the past 12 months. A water meter may be shut off if the account holder has received late payment charges for three consecutive months and failed to pay those late payment fees during that time period.
5. If an account holder intends to leave their premises for some extended time period that is less than 180 continuous days in duration, the City will continue to charge them the bi monthly water and sewer utility base rate in their absence. If an account holder intends to leave their premises for an extended period of time [more than 180 continuous days] they may request the City shut off their water meter during this time period. The City will charge a \$60 turn off and on fee but the account holder will not be subject to the monthly base water and sewer rate during that timeframe and provided they remain away more than 180 continuous days. If the utility account holder returns prior to this time period they will be subject to all monthly base water and sewer charges incurred in the interim. If an account holder has been away from their premises for more than 180 continuous days but did not make prior water shutoff arrangements, yet continued to pay their monthly water and sewer utility bills. They may seek a credit for payments made during their departure, provided they can demonstrate they were away for the requisite amount of time to the City’s satisfaction.

***Please remember to update the City with any new contact information ***