



City of N. Bonneville Newsletter January 2012



From the Mayor's Desk

The New Year will bring further changes for our city, some of which we hope will be for the better. 2012 will be another challenging year in terms of balancing our needs with our resources, but our city employees are committed to keeping North Bonneville the wonderful place to live we all know it to be.

One of the more noticeable changes over the next few months will be our waiting a little longer to plow the snow from our streets. Assuming we get any more snow, we will be waiting until accumulations reach 3 inches before we begin plowing and depending on conditions we may just allow the snow to melt off. Be assured safety is still our top priority, but with our relatively temperate climate we will not be plowing snow that will in all likelihood disappear in a short time on its own.

Another very visible change will be the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Cascade Drive and Shady Oaks Lane. This area has a continuing issue with vehicles speeding and after considering several alternatives we have selected the 3-way stop option to see if we can get this problem under control. The 3-way stop was chosen based on its potential effectiveness due to the highly visible nature of stop signs as well as its lower cost compared to speed bumps or reader boards.

One other change for the better will be City Hall returning to Monday through Friday operation. Beginning January 3rd we will be open 5 days a week from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.. With the end of weekly furlough days, we will again have the staffing flexibility to keep city hall open. Please be aware there may be times when we will be closed due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness, but we will do everything we can to be open to serve you.

As always, your input and ideas regarding your city are welcome. The future of North Bonneville is in all our hands. You can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.

City Hall will be closed:

January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day and
January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission 17th - 6:00 pm
City Council 10th & 24th 7:00 pm

January 2012

City Hall open Monday - Friday 8 - 5



A NOTE FROM YOU CITY ADMINISTRATOR

With a new year, a new council, and a new budget we have new opportunities to do great things for our city. While it's a bit premature to announce any new goals or initiatives (those come from the council, not me!), I think it's safe to highlight a few activities coming up in 2012.

First, the council has expressed a lot of interest in economic development and it seems likely that we will get an economic development plan passed this year. The biggest economic development tool a city has is providing good infrastructure, so continuing to work toward a secondary water source will be a major focus in 2012. A related goal of mine is to develop a Capital Facilities Plan – a totally bureaucratic, but necessary document that describes our long-range infrastructure needs and plans. Putting that in place will help focus discussions and make us more eligible for grant funds.

Second, we will be making progress on the tourism promotion and development front. The Heritage Trails Committee (a subcommittee of the Planning Commission) has some neat plans for development of a children's loop trail (please attend a meeting to hear what Bigfoot's role will be!), and the city will be working with the Disc Golf Association on further improvements to the course.

Third, now that the funds have been raised and the plans are in place, the folks working on the community garden will be kicking into high gear to get it up and running. Contact City Hall or Darlene Mills if you are interested in renting a plot this Spring!

Fourth, we will have a very busy year updating the Shoreline Master Plan, which will help guide property use and development far into the future. If you haven't already heard about it, I encourage you to visit city hall or take a look at our website (www.northbonneville.net) for an update on this effort. With your participation, you have a real opportunity to make a difference in policies that will affect you and your children.

Finally, I guarantee that there will be lively discussions at the council meetings and at the front counter. Please join us, give us your ideas (and even your complaints!), and help us make North Bonneville even better than the great place it already is.

RAY HAYS RETIRES



After 25 years, Ray Hays will be retiring at the end of January. While we are sorry to lose his deep knowledge of the city and his ever-ready willingness to make things work, we wish him the best and look forward to seeing him getting some well-deserved relaxation! We haven't come up with the details yet, but there's sure to be a party in his honor. Contact us at city hall for more information.



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



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.

100 cubic feet equals 748 gallons

- Flushing the toilet **1 to 5 gal**
- Running the faucet **1 to 5 gal/min**
- Taking a shower **2 to 10 gal/min**
- Filling the bathtub half full **20 to 50 gal**
- running the dishwasher **At least 15 gal**
- running the washing mach **Up to 50 gal**
- A leaky faucet **Up to 2,700gal/yr**

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 January 17th at 6:00 pm. The next Shoreline Master Program workgroup will be February 7th at 5:30 pm.

Heritage Trails

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



Bonneville Hot Springs

Water Aerobics Classes
Starting October 31, 2011

Only \$5 per class

Monday –Thursday

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Walk-Ins Welcome

Call 360-608-5624 for more information
bonnevilleresort.com

Library Happenings

Tina Smith joins the Stevenson and North Bonneville libraries as Community Librarian this month. Former branch manager Lee-Anne Flandreau is returning to the downtown Vancouver library to manage the Information Services department.

Tina has been with the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District since 1985. She has served the system in a variety of capacities, including Ridgefield Community Librarian and Manager of Information Services. Prior to coming to FVRL, Smith worked in libraries in California and Oregon. She was a library assistant for several libraries at the University of California, Los Angeles, and was later a children’s librarian at the Central Library of the Multnomah County Library in Portland.

Tina has been in the Northwest since 1978, and lives with her husband, Dan, in Washougal. Between them, they have 2 sons in the Seattle area and 2 daughters in the Portland/Vancouver area.

Bookmobile Schedule

Lee-Ann Flandreau Librarian	Saturday, January 7 & 21
	Celilo 9:00-9:30
	Windsong Estates 9:45-10:15
	Wana kawok 10:45-11:20

Shoreline Master Program Update

The next Work Group Meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on February 7, 2012 at City Hall.

Visit the city’s website at www.northbonneville.net for updated information and links. This will be an ongoing process over the next year and public input is encouraged and needed.

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

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2 City Hall Closed	3 Library 1 - 5 Snr Lunch 12 pm Court 1pm	4 Library 1 - 5	5 Library 1 - 5 Snr Lunch 12 pm	6	7 Bookmobile
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