



City of N. Bonneville Newsletter January 2013



From the Mayor's Desk

The New Year has begun with a number of changes for our city and some pretty wild weather. We went from rain to snow to ice and back again, said goodbye to a member of our City Hall staff and one of our City Councilors and launched our new web site.

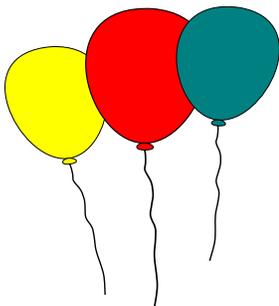
After two and a half years as our Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Lindsay has moved on to pursue a new career. I'd like to thank Jennifer for helping us review and improve many of the services we provide and for her calming influence in City Hall. We wish her all the best in her new calling. Not that we can replace Jennifer, but we have hired Jim Runkles (former council member) as a part-time temp Deputy Clerk to help fill her position.

The recent resignation of Rick Lowarence leaves Council position #2 open and we are gladly accepting applications to fill the remainder of the position's term, which runs through the end of this year. It requires a serious commitment of both time and effort to serve on the council and it's not always easy, but it can also be very rewarding to give something back to our community. The City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

As long as I'm in recruiting mode, our Planning Commission is still running with only three of five positions filled and is looking to add two new members and a couple of alternates. The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays every month and deals with many topics that ultimately impact our city in numerous ways. For more information or to submit your application please contact us at City Hall.

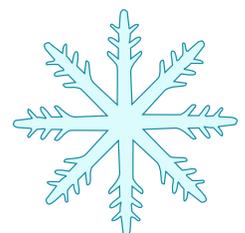
Our city web site has been upgraded to improve the way we edit and maintain the content as well as making it easier to find what you're looking for. As with most web sites, it will remain a work in progress so please let us know what you like about it and what you'd like to see improved. Feedback is vital to our ability to do our jobs correctly so don't be shy.

As always, I am happy to address your questions, comments and concerns regarding all aspects of our community. You can reach me by email at don@northbonneville.net and the phone number here at City Hall is 427-8182. I'm not always in my office, but I will get back to you as quickly as possible.



January 2013
City Hall open Monday - Friday 8 - 5

City Hall will be closed:
January 1st in observance of New Year's Day and
January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



A NOTE FROM YOU CITY ADMINISTRATOR

We've made it to another new year, and I'm excited about some of the possibilities we have facing us in 2013.

As Mayor Stevens mentioned on the front page, we've hired Jim Runkles to partially fill the Deputy Clerk position, and I anticipate hiring another person very soon. Finally bringing city hall back to full staffing will help us be more responsive to both citizens and our city council, and I hope to be able to concentrate more on some of our big projects.

I anticipate bringing the final Water System Plan before council on the 22nd for passage, which is the first step in our process toward drilling a second well and (if we can afford it) replacing a main transmission pipe. These are both important projects for the safety of our water supply.

The Council budgeted \$20,000 to fix the root heaves and other trip hazards on our pathways. We will tackle that project this summer when the weather dries up!

I'm also looking forward to the second year of our Community Garden. Depending on fundraising efforts, I hope to see a gazebo installed and continued beautification. We have a very active group of volunteers on this project, with people making new friends while growing good food. The first meeting of the year will be February 20th at 7:00 PM at Hamilton Park. Contact Darlene Mills (427-8712) if you are interested in renting a garden plot.

Speaking of gazebos, we are looking forward to improving the disc golf course with a small gazebo in front of hole #1, near city hall. While the intent is to build on our successful tourism efforts, the structure will also be available for general citizen's use.

I am hopeful that the city is turning a corner, and lots more good things will come!

CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE YOU DIG

A new law, passed by the Washington Legislature last year updates the state's "call-before-you-dig" law with higher penalties, mandatory damage-reporting, and clearer procedures. All citizens must call for a utility locate at least two business days prior to digging, including any digging more than 12 inches in a residential yard or garden. Any citizen can dial 8-1-1 or go online to www.callbeforeyoudig.org. Both call and the locate are free. A party that fails to request a locate and damages a hazardous liquid or gas transmission pipeline will be subject to a \$10,000 penalty and may be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

\$\$ REWARD \$\$

Acts of vandalism around the city are increasing. Recent months have seen the damage to our "little foot" 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.

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



BILLING REMINDERS

Sewer bills for 2013 will be set based on winter water averages (Nov - Feb). Water bills are based on actual water consumption. Conservation tips available at city hall.

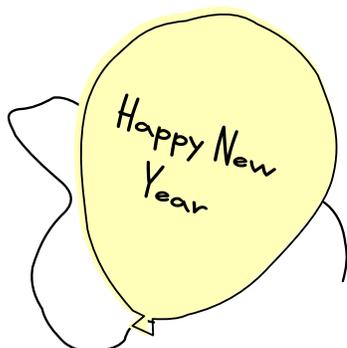
100 cubic feet equals 748 gallons

- 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**
- Doing the washing **Up to 50 gal**
- A leaky faucet **Up to 2,700 gal/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 this month. The next meeting will be January 15th at 6:00 p.m. The public is always invited to attend. Remember that we are looking for individuals to fill the two vacant planning commission positions and the two alternate positions. No experience necessary. If you have an interest in contributing, please drop by or contact us in city hall.



Library Happenings

Bookmobile Service

The bookmobile contains materials for all ages. It holds a rotating collection of approximately 2000 items. If the book you want to read or information you need is not on the bookmobile on the day of your visit, they can get it for you. Just ask a staff member. The bookmobile is a public library and contains a wide variety of materials for both children and adults. Parents and guardians are responsible for the selection choices of their own minor children. Please ask library staff if you would like assistance in locating materials to meet your individual or family needs. If you need accommodation to participate in programs, please contact your community librarian.

Bookmobile Schedule

Saturday, January 5 & 19

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 per dog owned by seniors over 65

Bonneville Hot Springs

Water Aerobics Classes

Only \$5 per class

Monday –Thursday

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Walk-Ins Welcome

Call 360-608-5624 for more information

bonnevilleresort.com

JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year City Hall Closed	2 Library 1 - 5	3 Snr Lunch 12 pm Library 1 - 5	4	5 Bookmobile
6	7 Fire Training 7pm	8 Snr Lunch 12 pm Library 1 - 5 Muni Court 1 pm Budget 6 pm Council 7 pm	9 Library 1 - 5	10 Snr Lunch 12 pm Library 1 - 5	11	12
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