



North Bonneville Newsletter July 2011



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

Summer is finally here and is making up for its late arrival. I'm trying to focus on enjoying the hot weather and remembering I was wishing for this just a couple of weeks ago. Another benefit of nature's timing is we should have perfect weather for Gorge Days, so come on out and see the classic cars, hunt for clues on our Heritage Trails, sample the delicious eating options from the food vendors, find some bargains at the garage sales and rock the night away with Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts in the park.

There are many challenges facing our community, just as there are many challenges facing our country, but we can still take some time to kick up our heels, or sit in our lawn chairs, and celebrate the fact that we live in a beautiful city populated by wonderful people.

The Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, North Bonneville Fire Department, Heritage Trails Committee, North Bonneville Community Library and our city employees have all been working to make this year's Gorge Days an entertaining two days and I hope you all get a chance to join in the fun.

We are doing our best to keep our city the wonderful home we all enjoy and I think it helps us appreciate what we have to see it through the eyes of visitors, some of whom will be seeing our town for the first time. Please help us make them welcome and show them what a hidden treasure we all share.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas. 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 PARKING LOT

The parking lot in front of city hall and the post office will be closed for Gorge Days Fri., July 8th at 12 pm and will reopen Sat., July 9th at 5 pm.

July Meetings at City Hall

5th & 19th - Planning Commission 6:00pm

12th & 26th - City Council 6:30pm

NAME THAT PARK

Stop by city hall and drop off your suggestion for naming the main city park. Or stop by a Planning Commission meeting on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of every month.



Department of Ecology

The City is excited to announce that the Planning Department has been offered a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Ecology for updating our Shoreline Master Program. Work on this project will be ongoing through the rest of 2011 and into 2012.



7th Annual Gorge Days July 8th & 9th



The events kick off Friday morning with the citywide garage sales. Get your map at the Chevron gas station or City Hall. On Friday evening join the fun at a barbecue dinner in the City Hall parking lot, prepared by Stevenson High School Senior parents, followed by a sock hop street dance. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. and the DJ will start spinning at 6:00 p.m. Come in your poodle skirt and penny loafers, or better yet, drive your classic car and join in the cruise that begins at 8:00 p.m. The dance is free and the dinner is \$5.00 per person. There will also be a beer garden sponsored by the American Legion.

Saturday's highlight is "Too Hot for the Streets". The car show will take place from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and the street rods will be parked on the grass in the city park. The day's fun includes: a pancake breakfast hosted by the North Bonneville Seniors at the Senior Center, citywide garage sales, food vendors, beer garden and a variety of handcrafted arts and crafts vendors. There will be a free Heritage Trails Treasure Hunt with prizes for finding clues along the City's interpretive trails. Fort Vancouver Regional Library is hosting Ronnie Robins, a Brazilian musician along with a free "brownie bash". The Friends of the Library will hold their popular annual book sale. Returning this year is the Kids Zone with an inflatable obstacle course, slide and bouncy house, a rock climbing wall and a "tubs of fun" spin ride. The cost is \$8 for all day.

New this year will be a FREE concert featuring Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts that begins at 4:00 p.m. in the main park. It will be open seating so bring your own low profile chairs or blankets. Bonneville Hot Springs Resort & Spa will set up a beer and wine garden just adjacent to the park. Several food vendors will stay open while you enjoy the classic sounds of 50s and 60s music in this incredible setting.

Gorge Days will benefit the Skamania County Food Bank and the North Bonneville Volunteer Fire Department. Canned food donations may be dropped off at the event site and cash donations are welcome for both organizations.

For more information and the full schedule of activities, visit www.gorgedays.net or call 800-989-9178.

ARRR.... 2nd Annual Heritage Trails Free Treasure Hunt

The treasure hunt begins outside city hall where you will receive instructions and your answer sheet. This year you may choose to walk on the Hamilton Creek Trail or ride your bike on the Greenleaf Trail. After you complete the hunt, bring your answer sheet back to the start for entry into the free raffle (must be 18). Also new this year, will be roving pirates handing out treasure.

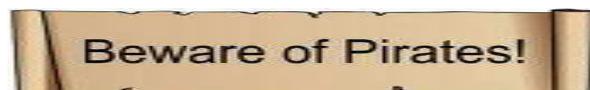
Parents/guardians must either participate or sign your children up for this event.



Barnacle Bob



Capt'n Jake



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Library News

DON'T MISS the Friends of the Library book sale, "Brownie Bash", special summer reading performance by Ronnie Robins, and more at Gorge Days Saturday, July 9.

Each year the Friends present a special "thank you" to the citizens of North Bonneville for their support of the library and Friends. This year, it's free brownies at the Gazebo, following the noon performance by musician and entertainer Ronnie Robins.

The North Bonneville Library will be open 10-3. Children are encouraged to sign up for summer reading if they aren't already, and read to earn prizes.

The library is open all summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-5 p.m. You may pick up the items you've reserved in City Hall Monday through Thursday, 7:30-5:30.

Chris Hughey,
Librarian



Bookmobile Schedule

Sat, July & 22

Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Hamilton	10:45-11:15

Free Hazardous Waste Collection

Free household hazardous waste collection event at the Stevenson Transfer Station on Sat., July 16th from 10 am to 2 pm. Items that will be accepted include: paints, solvents, gasoline, poisons, corrosives, herbicides, insecticides, pool chemicals, aerosols, and cleaners. Please call 509-427-3926 with any questions.

A note from your City Administrator

Life is busy here at city hall. We are working hard to continue providing the best possible services to you while keeping within budget and managing the various challenges that come up from day to day.

Through some serious brainstorming and problem solving, Public Works has managed to keep the grass mowed in most areas to a level that might not be as pretty as in the past, but is at least within code. Funding grass mowing continues to be a problem, however, and will likely be severely curtailed through the end of this year.

Our Planning Commission is working hard on a "sub-area plan" for the business district, which will help guide future marketing and development of downtown. Also, acting as our Heritage Trails Committee, they have been working to complete the Greenleaf Trail. Look for new signs to appear in the very near future! Their next effort will be creating a "Children's Loop Trail" in the park.

Our Planning Department is working with the State to obtain an award of \$50,000 to write a "Shoreline Master Plan." This plan, which will be developed over the next two or three years, will provide policies, environmental designations and use regulations along with an inventory and analysis of the city's shorelines and impacts to them.

In administration, we recently published a request for proposals for updating our water system plan. This is the first step toward selecting a site, finding funds and drilling a secondary well for the city.

In the midst of all this, we remain committed to doing whatever we can to help with your needs. Feel free to call or stop by!

Please contact Jennifer at City Hall with any news, events, and/or suggestions for the monthly newsletter
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