



City of N. Bonneville Better-Late-Than- Never Newsletter July 2012



From the Mayor's Desk

Another Gorge Days celebration is in the books and it was a huge success! For those who spend time on Facebook, pictures of the car show can be seen on the web at www.facebook.com/NorthBonnevilleGorgeDays.

Our Fire Department filled the park with over 300 cars for the Too Hot for the Streets Car Show and served hamburgers and hot dogs in their spare time. They're still tallying the numbers but for the second year in a row this event will raise funds for their budget. We all owe our dedicated firefighters a big "Thank You" for going above and beyond the call of duty for us yet again.

We had another great Sock Hop and barbeque on Friday while Saturday brought our annual citywide garage sale and filled the park with delicious food, arts and crafts vendors and the always popular inflatable Kids Zone. There were some exciting new activities too, including the Knights of Veritas, who put on an entertaining demonstration of medieval arms, armour, combat and knighthood, and an Antiques and Art in the Park show.

By far the biggest event of the weekend was the unveiling of the Grand Elder Bigfoot at the entrance to town. Standing 14 feet tall, the Grand Elder now welcomes visitors and residents alike as they enter North Bonneville and is destined to become a landmark for Columbia Gorge travelers.

The Heritage Trails Committee put in an incredible amount of time and effort bringing the Bigfoot Family into our community and coordinating the welcoming/unveiling. On behalf of the city I'd like to personally thank Greg Hartnell, Jake Meyer, and Bob Bianchi for their dedication and attention to detail in bringing this project to life. Also deserving of special recognition is Sharon Runkles for the captivating story she authored detailing some of the background and adventures of the Bigfoot Family. Sharon devoted a great deal of time not only to the creation of this charming tale, but also to reading it many times Saturday to numerous children during Gorge Days and, with the help of Jane Jackson, guiding them on an interactive Hunt for Littlefeet.

Finally, many thanks to Ken Craig of Shota Woodcarving (see www.shotawoodcarving.com) for finding our newest residents hiding in our local woods and encouraging them to move into our city park. The Bigfoot Family brings an engaging element to our park that can be shared with children of all ages and can teach us all about living in harmony with our surroundings and each other.

As always, your input and ideas regarding our city are welcome. You can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.

July Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission 3rd & 17th - 6:30 pm
Budget Workshop 10th & 24th - 6:30 pm
City Council 10th & 24th - 7 pm

GREAT ELDER BIGFOOT ARRIVING!

**City Entrance
Witness his unveiling!
July 6, 7pm**



Message from the Bigfoots:

It has been a couple of months now since our arrival into your beautiful community. Your graciousness and acceptance has not gone unnoticed. So it is with great honor for us to announce that Great Elder Sasquatch has indeed made the decision to leave the forests and join us here. His arrival will be marked with an unveiling ceremony that will take place **July 6th at 7pm at the city entrance**. We hope that many of you will join in the ceremony. Meet at the city entrance near the fire hall and witness the unveiling and welcoming words of Great Elder.

Note: The Bigfoot family is residing near the basketball courts in the Downtown Park area. Follow the prints around the short Discovery Trail loop to catch a glimpse of the Littlefeet children. Professor Meldrum's Sasquatch presentation will be held Wednesday, June 13th at 7pm at the Fire Hall.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden is ready to go! The first gardens have already been planted. Prices are \$15 and \$25. Pick up your application for a plot at city hall.

UNDERWOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT WEED WALK

An annual local plant tour on Wednesday, July 11, hosted by Underwood Conservation District and the county noxious weed department, gives Skamania County residents an opportunity to identify and learn about local plants, good and bad. Learn to identify some common native tree, shrub, and flower species as well as to distinguish some common invasive weeds.

Recognizing the difference between native and invasive plants will raise your awareness of what's growing in the Columbia Gorge. Gaining knowledge of local plants is an important step towards preventing the spread of noxious weeds as well as using native plants to enhance working lands and wildlife habitat.

The tour is free to the public, and will involve short evening walks starting at 6 p.m.

BONNEVILLE HOT SPRINGS

**4th Friday Wine Tasting!
July 27th Memaloose Winery
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

SUMMER CONCERTS

- Matt Brown; July 7
- Mike Klinger; July 21, August 4, 18 and September 1
- Jacob Merlin; July 14 and August 25
- Andreas Ehrlich; July 28 and August 11

Coyote Ridge Road

We have a new road coming to town! The Port of Skamania County is currently selecting a contractor to pave "Coyote Ridge" road through their 40-acre parcel on the city's east side, and construction should be complete by the end of summer. This road is the final step of making the property truly "shovel-ready" for future development



**A NOTE FROM YOUR CITY
ADMINISTRATOR**

Gorge Days is done and was a wonderful success! Special thanks to all who helped in organizing and running the event – North Bonneville Library, North Bonneville Fire Department and Fire District 5, Gorge Winds Cooperative, North Bonneville Public Works, Bonneville Hot Springs Resort, Skamania Chamber of Commerce, Robert Miller and Cheryl Jermann brought us the Arts and Antiques, and volunteers Patience & Judy picked up on all the miscellany.

A special thanks to Coach Tonia Waymire and the Stevenson Cheer team who stepped up to the plate at (literally) the last minute and spent 5 hours volunteering at the bounce houses!

Speaking of volunteerism, we heard recently that more people might be interested in helping out around the city if we had some specific requests. Here you go! The city would sure appreciate any help you can give us with:

- Block Leader program (help support your neighbors)
- Research and write grant proposals
- Answer phones
- Clean and organize the offices
- Assist with code and animal enforcement
- Join our Planning Commission / Heritage Trails Committee
- Assist with tourism promotion (Special events)

If you have particular skills or wishes, please let us know!

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.

All payments are due the **20th** of the billing month. If you have questions or need to make payment arrangements, please call Jennifer at city hall.



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July 1 ~ September 30



Library Happenings

Lots of Free, Fun Summer Programs for July!!

First off is: Saturday July 7 Gorge Days North Bonneville City Hall area 1 PM. Fort Vancouver Regional Library presents the Knights of Veritas! Knights of Veritas introduces the Code of Chivalry to a modern audience and pits myth against fact with thrilling demonstrations of historical combat technique, exciting supervised hands-on sharing allows the audience the RARE opportunity to handle the weapons and try on the armour.

Next is: Tuesday July 10 Jugglemania!!! Hegewald Auditorium 6PM, starring Rhys Thomas. His "JuggleMania" show features interactive comedy and high level circus tricks. Clean comedy, amazing tricks, interactive shenanigans. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stevenson/North Bonneville Libraries

We also have other special summer reading programs scheduled throughout July at the Stevenson Library. Call 427-5471 for information on them.

Tina Sieg Smith
Community Librarian
(509) 427-5471

<u>Bookmobile Schedule</u>	
Thurs, July 12 & 26	
Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Wana kawok	10:45-11:20

www.northbonneville.net

Have you visited our web site recently? We are continually improving it, and you can find all the following there:

- City Codes
- Complete Council Meeting Packets and Audio
- Staff Calendars
- City Forms
- Budgets
- City Maps
- Utility Information
- Newsletter Archives
- Ordinances and Resolutions
- Planning Documents

We'd love your suggestions for further improvements!

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Muni Court 1 pm Fire Dept Trning 7 pm	3 Planning 6:30 pm Library 1 - 5 pm	4 Library 1 - 5 pm	5 Library 1 - 5 pm Snr Lunch 12 pm	6	7
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