

# City of North Bonneville Newsletter

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As we celebrate the 24<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our nation's adoption of the Declaration of Independence this July 4<sup>th</sup> please be careful when discharging fireworks. It is hot and dry which makes it easier for fires to start and grow quickly.

Our Fire Chief has instituted a burn ban for all debris piles and other outdoor burning. He has made an exception for fire pits but we ask that even when using a stone or metal fire pit that you exercise extra caution to keep yourself and your neighbors safe.

This year also marks the last year that buying, selling, and discharging fireworks will be allowed from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Beginning in 2018, fireworks will be allowed only on July 4<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve.

Our City Council approved Ordinance 1080 at their June 27, 2017 meeting to effect the above changes to our municipal code, but they will not take effect until next year. Every year we hear from residents who feel 8 days of fireworks is excessive and in many cases cause issues with their ability to get a good night's sleep. Many pets are also frightened by the noise and concussive blasts produced by many fireworks.

Reducing the number of days firework use will be legal inside the city limits puts the focus of the holiday back on the actual holiday; we do call it "4<sup>th</sup> of July" for a reason, much like New Year's Eve it only happens one day per year.

The even bigger news for July is, of course, Gorge Days. On July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> our city will fill up with visitors, cool cars, food and merchandise vendors, magicians, dancers, the famed book sale, live music, and more. Did I mention great food? There will be a dinner Friday night at the basketball court and food vendors all day just east of City Hall.

More details are on the other side of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there.

As always, we welcome your input and ideas regarding our city. City Hall is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Our phone number is 427-8182 and my email address is [don@northbonneville.net](mailto:don@northbonneville.net).

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## GORGE DAYS IN NORTH BONNEVILLE

The 13th annual Gorge Days celebration is taking place in North Bonneville, Washington, Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, 2017. Just 45 minutes east of Vancouver off of Highway 14, North Bonneville provides a magnificent setting in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge. All events take place at or around North Bonneville City Park and the celebration is sponsored by the City of North Bonneville and organized by the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce.

The weekend kicks off on Friday morning with citywide garage sales that continue all day Saturday. Last year there were over 50 sales to visit. Get your map at City Hall, Bonneville Event Center or North Bonneville's Fire Hall. Beacon Rock Golf Course is offering a Gorge Days Box Lunch Special on Friday from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm in case you need sustenance to keep shopping throughout the day. Just call 509-427-5730 to pre-order and pick lunch up on the run or eat it on their deck. Friday evening is full of activities to please everyone in the family. North Bonneville Fire Department's Auxiliary is cooking up a delicious barbecue dinner with hamburgers, baked beans, watermelon and more beginning at 5:00 pm with service through 7:00 pm. A beer and wine garden will be set up for the Friday night fun. *F. Scott Fedora*, a local band playing New Orleans-style jazz begins at 5:00 pm. They will play for an hour when Louie Foxx will take over at 6:00 pm, providing amazing magic tricks, hilarious juggling stunts and tons of audience interaction (thanks to Fort Vancouver Regional Library). *F. Scott Fedora* will play for another hour following the magic. Dinner and music is on the basketball court in the middle of City Park.

Saturday's highlight is the Gorge Days Car Show with over 200 hot rods, classic cars and vehicles of every vintage expected. The car show will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the grass in City Park and is a fundraiser for North Bonneville Senior Center. Trophies will be awarded for People's Choice, Participant's Choice and Best in Show plus local businesses will sponsor winners as well.

Saturday's schedule is jam packed and includes a fundraising pancake breakfast, citywide garage sales, Bigfoot Trails Scavenger Hunt, food vendors, a beer and wine garden plus a variety of arts and crafts and commercial booths. North Bonneville Community Library presents family entertainment with Paradise of Samoa Polynesian Dance Troupe. Enjoy colorful and original dances highlighting Hawaii (hula), Samoa (siva), Tahiti, New Zealand and other islands in the Pacific. Everyone will have a chance to participate during the interactive dance. Returning to the park is the Kids Zone with an inflatable obstacle course and slide. Buy a bracelet for \$5 and let the kids ride all day. Friends of the Stevenson and North Bonneville Libraries return with their popular used book sale. New this year, children's craft sessions will be held in the Gazebo throughout the day. Plus you can participate in a Volkswalk route that begins at the North Bonneville ballfields.

North Bonneville's Volunteer Fire Department will host several activities at the Fire Hall on Saturday. From 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, visit their Open House and enjoy hot dogs, kids' games with prizes and pictures with Smokey Bear as well as firefighters and fire trucks. At 3:00 pm, the fire department will hold an extrication demonstration.

Saturday wraps up with a FREE concert that begins at 4:00 p.m. in the main park. This year *Blackbird* will have everyone on their feet dancing and singing along to classic rock and roll covers. Open seating on the lawn is available for all but bring your own low profile chairs or blankets. Adult beverages will be available for sale in a beer and wine garden just adjacent to the stage. Several food vendors will be open to provide your dinner for the evening. Enjoy music from the 60s, 70s and 80s from this energetic group that will have you dancing into the night.

For more information and the full schedule of activities, visit [www.gorgedays.net](http://www.gorgedays.net) or call 800-989-9178. Gorge Days in beautiful North Bonneville, Washington, July 7-8. Come for the fun, stay overnight and enjoy the majestic beauty of the Columbia River Gorge. North Bonneville City Park is located at 214 CBD Mall. Admission to all activities, unless otherwise noted, is free. From Portland, travel east on I-84 to Exit No. 44, cross the Bridge of the Gods (\$2.00 toll per car) and turn left on Highway 14. Travel about three miles west and turn left into North Bonneville and follow the signs. From Vancouver, head east on Highway 14 approximately 45 miles and turn right into North Bonneville.