



City of N. Bonneville Newsletter June 2010

A Message from the Mayor's Desk

I have good news to share as we head into June. Your City Council approved a contract with the Skamania County Sheriff's Office at our last meeting on May 25th. I want to personally thank the council members for their thoughtful deliberation of this issue and voting for what I too believe is the correct choice. I would also like to thank all of you for your patience and understanding throughout this process. Having served our city as a council member and mayor for three years now, I am still amazed by how long it can sometimes take to accomplish things in the political arena. I often hear people complain about our government at its many levels, and I sometimes agree with their complaints, but as frustrating as it can be I still believe ours is the best form of government in the world and I am honored to represent you in our small part of it.

Thanks also to Sherriff Dave Brown, his deputies and their support staff for the level of coverage they provided as we worked through this situation. They have gone beyond the services required by the former contract under which they operated and I look forward to the benefits our city and residents will receive under the new contract. These services will include a more focused effort to address the speeding problems we have all seen grow over the past nine months, more frequent patrols and a dedicated animal control officer.

The deputies will stop by City Hall on a regular basis to check with us for any areas requiring extra attention. I encourage you to contact us with any issues you observe in your neighborhood or around town so that we can provide them with timely and accurate information to help them protect us.

The North Bonneville Disc Golf Association will be holding three tournaments this year. The first will be the Amnesia Open on Saturday, June 19th. We hope to attract one hundred entrants so if you see a lot of people roaming around the city park that day it's nothing to worry about, just a bunch of visitors enjoying our beautiful city. Our third annual Gorge Days tournament will be held on July 11th and this year will include a family category to encourage more kids to bring their parents outside for a little fun and exercise. City Hall has a bunch of discs to lend if you want to get out and sharpen your skills before the tournament.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding our community, please contact me. My email address is 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. If the weather ever improves you will also be able to find me playing disc golf and I'd be happy to chat with you out there too.

Turn the page for
information on
GORGE DAYS

June Meetings at City Hall
1st & 15th - Planning Commission 6:00pm
8th & 22nd - City Council 6:30pm

Gorge Days

Friday, July 9 - Sunday, July 11, 2010

Sponsored by North Bonneville Business & Community Association

The time has come for **Gorge Days!** We will have many things happening during this 3 day event. City-wide garage sale, BBQ dinner & sock hop, Cruise-In, treasure hunt, great food, arts and crafts vendors, live music and so much more...all in the beautiful setting of N. Bonneville and the Columbia River Gorge! Specifics will be in next month's newsletter and the schedule is available now at city hall.

City-Wide Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, 9am - 4pm. The NBBCA advertises, creates a map with all sale locations and provides signs and balloons. The cost is still only \$10.00. **Forms will be available June 16th at Chevron and City Hall. Completed forms must be returned to one of the mentioned locations by Friday, July 2nd.** Please return the forms as soon as possible. No free loaders - please sign up if you are having a sale!

The Barbecue Dinner/Sock Hop Street Dance with DJ and 60s music will be Friday evening. This is a great outing for the whole family! For \$5.00 you can enjoy a burger, beans, chips, lemonade and ice cream. Come in costume for the Sock Hop! Free Admission. At 8:00 that night there will be a Friday Night Cruise of the street rods from N. Bonneville through Stevenson.

Saturday morning the street rods will start rolling in for the **%Best Cruise-In by a Dam Site+**. They will parade through town and into the park by city hall. Last year we had about 350 cars in the park, this year we expect 400.

Also Saturday morning the N. Bonneville Seniors are hosting the Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 - 11:00 am at the Senior Center. Come on out and enjoy a great breakfast for \$6.00.

A Kid Zone will be located in the city park (by the basketball court) Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. There will be an inflatable obstacle course, slide and bouncy house, rock climbing wall and airbrush tattoos! All day, unlimited-use bracelets \$8.00.

Friends of the Library will host their Book Sale. Ice Cream Social with Old Time Music - Free! The Library entertainment in the gazebo will be a Polynesian Dance Group, Paradise of Samoa. This event is also free.

The Heritage Trails will host a *Treasure Hunt!* Find the booth to start then set out down the Hamilton Creek Trail for clues. There will be 3 grand prizes! The drawing will be at 3:00.

Volunteers needed! Helpers wanted for various duties and shifts on both Friday and Saturday. Can you spare a couple hours to help with the BBQ/sock hop, Sell coffee/water/muffins, direct car show traffic or help with the kids zone? Please come to city hall to put your name on the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet or call Casey or Angie at the Skamania Co. Chamber of Commerce, 427-8911.

Sponsor a Trophy - select a winning car & present the trophy (\$60).

Be a Vendor - Forms available at City Hall or the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce. Call Casey at the Chamber, 427-8911, now to reserve your vendor space, become a sponsor, or ask questions.

SUMMER READING KICKS OFF AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading sign-ups began June 1. Children can sign up to earn prizes for each five hours of reading they complete. In addition, great entertainers from jugglers to clowns to musicians will present programs at the Stevenson Community Library every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. beginning June 24 and running through July. A special presentation by the dance troupe "Paradise of Samoa" will be featured at Gorge Days at North Bonneville Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. Besides the summer reading program for children, teens can sign up for their own program, report on the books they've read, and earn great prizes.

"History in Pictures" will be held Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stevenson Library. Bring your historic documents and pictures of Skamania County, to be digitized and shown on the state website. Each participant will receive their pictures back in an acid-free protective sleeve, and a free disk with digitized copies of their materials. Call the library at 427-5471 to reserve a time. The digitization project is supported with Library Services and Technology Act funding provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Stop by the library to check out our great selection of summer fiction, new children's books and more.

See you at the library this summer!

Chris Hughey
Librarian

Bookmobile Schedule - Sat, June 12 & 26

Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Hamilton (East end)	10:45-11:15
Wacomac	11:30-12:00

If you have or are planning on getting an **Irrigation (Sprinkler) System**, please remember:

You must get a plumbing permit from city hall.

If you use a contractor, he must be state certified.

State Law:

The system must be inspected prior to activation by a certified BAT (Backflow Assembly Tester).

The system must be inspected yearly by a BAT.

The city is required to keep a copy of the BAT test results.

The certified backflow device or check valve can be inspected by the building inspector.

Limb Chipping: Chipping will be performed at the city's convenience. The limbs must be 4+ diameter or smaller and no more than a small pickup load. No oak limbs, thin willow limbs or anything with thorns or stickers. If the city is in need of chips for trails, larger amounts may be taken. Please notify the city at 427-8182 prior to setting limbs out on open space or right of way for pickup.

Congratulations Public Works Department! The Washington State Dept of Ecology has identified the City of N. Bonneville Wastewater Treatment Plant as a recipient of the 2009 "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award. Out of 300 plants only 87 achieved full compliance with its NPDES permit in 2009. **Great job guys!**

N. Bonneville Business & Community
Assoc Mtg - Thurs, June 17th
6:00 pm at Hamilton Park Apartments
For info call Roger at 427-4449