



# City of N. Bonneville Newsletter

## March 2010

### **A Message from the Mayor's Desk**

It's a little hard to believe spring is almost here, is the year moving by quickly or is it just me? We are trying our best to keep up and I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on our progress with some of the issues we face.

Requests for Proposals were mailed to six different attorneys and law firms last week. We expect to receive their proposals by March 8<sup>th</sup> and a decision could be reached as soon as the City Council meeting the following evening. I think everyone realizes how important it is for our city to have sound, experienced legal representation and I want you to know we will make every effort to find the best fit for our needs.

The survey we had hoped to mail to our residents is on hold while we evaluate a grievance filed by Amalgamated Transit Union 757, the union that represents our city employees. They feel the current Collective Bargaining Agreement requires the city to hire a Police Chief. The City Council decided to postpone the survey until we can consult with a labor law attorney to determine how we should proceed. Towards that end they authorized me to move forward with that process.

We are still very interested in hearing how you, the residents of North Bonneville, feel about how we will provide law enforcement services, but it seems most prudent to wait for the survey until we can resolve the grievance to determine if we as a city even have a choice. In the meantime, you are still welcome to share your views by sending them to me at [don@northbonneville.net](mailto:don@northbonneville.net) or submitting them to City Hall.

On a more uplifting note, the contract has been signed for construction of our new wastewater treatment plant and we expect the contractors to begin breaking ground in the next week or so. This means there will probably be some big trucks driving around town and ultimately there will be noise, dust and the other things that go along with a project of this magnitude. We ask for your patience and understanding.

I find inspiration in the following quote from Eleanor Roosevelt, "In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility."

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding your community, please contact me in whatever manner is most convenient for you. I may not be in when you call, but I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

The American Red Cross is looking for local volunteers. Training is provided. For more information call VeeAnn Virgin, Emergency Director, at 360-693-5821 ext. 105 or Mike Clark, Mass Care Lead, at 503-757-7549 or visit their website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



If you do business in the city (including home based business), you must have a **Business License**. The cost is \$25 per year and the license expires December 31st of each year. Please come to City Hall for your license today.

Please remember - **ALL dogs in the city must be licensed!** The cost is only \$3 if the dog is spayed or neutered, \$1 for seniors, and \$10 if not spayed or neutered. The city does have a leash law. Please keep control of your pet as some people are afraid of or simply do not like animals. Thank you for your cooperation.

Now is a good time to start thinking about things for the City-Wide Garage Sale! This year it will be July 9 & 10. The Cruise-In will be Saturday July 10th. More information about the garage sale and Gorge Days will be in future newsletters.

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Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14th. Remember to set your clocks forward.  
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Payments for Water, Sewer and Cable TV service are due the 20th of the billing month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec). You must have the bill paid in full or make payment arrangements with the city (call 427-8182) by the due date or you will be charged a \$10 late fee.

For your convenience there is a drop box at city hall where you can leave water/sewer/cable TV payments. City Hall is also a collection site for PUD payments. You can drop those payments off with city hall staff or use the outside drop box. The drop box is located just to the left of the city hall front doors.

March Meetings at City Hall

2nd & 16th - Planning Commission 6:00pm

9th & 23rd - City Council 6:30pm

These meetings are open to everyone. Agendas are posted on the window at city hall. You are welcome to speak at the public comment time but are asked to refrain from talking or disruption during the rest of the meeting.

## Library News

Check out the brand new reads at North Bonneville Library! We've done a thorough spring cleaning, moving lots of great but well-read books to other library outlets. We've brought in 10 boxes of newer adult fiction, recent best-sellers and blockbuster novels. Come on in and find some great reads by Jodi Picoult, Nora Roberts, Tami Hoag, Faye and Jonathan Kellerman, Linda Fairstein and more.

Children will enjoy a new series of "I Spy" titles, as well as beautiful new picture books, and interactive "board books" for babies.

This month at Stevenson, enjoy the paintings of local artist James Wilhelm, in the library gallery. On selected Wednesday evenings, we'll feature a classic movie beginning at 6 p.m. Call us at 427-4439 or 427-5471 for dates and titles.

The Friends of the Library annual spring booksale will be held in the Stevenson library gallery March 12 and 13, with a special members-only sale Thursday evening, March 11.

Chris Hughey,  
Librarian



### **Bookmobile Schedule**

Sat, March 6 & 20

Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Hamilton	10:45-11:15
Wacomac	11:30-12:00



The 2nd Annual N. Bonneville Food Drive will be Saturday, May 9th. A U-Haul will go around the city to pick up donations. There will also be boxes for donations located in City Hall and Hamilton Park Apartments. The NBBCA sponsors this event and all donations go to the Skamania Co. Food Bank which benefits N. Bonneville citizens in need.

N. Bonneville Business & Community Association Mtg. is Thur, March 18th, 6:00 pm at Hamilton Park Apartments  
For info call Roger at 427-4449

