



City of N. Bonneville Newsletter March 2012



From the Mayor's Desk

Spring is not quite here but the crocuses are starting to bloom in our yard, so it can't be too far off. Along with the early flowers, other signs of the changing seasons are also making themselves known. Robins and starlings are showing up in larger numbers and the weather is getting a little warmer, at least some days.

There is still a lot of snow to melt in the higher elevations and that, along with our normal rainfall is keeping Hamilton Creek running pretty high. We received a report of a dog getting caught by the current and becoming trapped in one of the logjams recently and want to remind everyone not to underestimate the power of fast flowing water.

The logjams were installed by the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group over the past two years and are designed to increase the quantity and quality of rearing and spawning habitat for the Chum, Coho, Steelhead and Chinook salmon that use Hamilton Creek and increase their future production. For most of the year they don't present any dangers to people or pets but when the water level gets high things change dramatically.

Please be careful when walking near the edge of, or wading in Hamilton Creek, particularly when the water level is up. Keep your dogs on their leashes and don't throw sticks or balls into areas that could present a danger to them. Our dogs trust us and will do their best to fetch for us no matter where we throw their favorite objects, it's up to us to keep them and ourselves safe.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**We need help organizing Gorge Days 2012.
Please call city hall if you can help at 427-8182**

March Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission 6th & 20th - 6 pm
SMP Working Group 6th - 6 pm
City Council 13th & 27th - 7 pm

A NOTE FROM YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR

North Bonneville Shoreline Master Program Update Working Group Meeting #4 Shoreline Community Vision March 6, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. – City Hall

I've two noteworthy items for you this month:

Towns-to-Trails

At the February 28th meeting, your council voted to support the vision of creating a trail system that wraps around the Columbia Gorge. We are most excited about the possibility of a trail that extends from Washougal to Carson, connecting North Bonneville with Beacon Rock and Stevenson. Please contact city hall if you are interested in learning more (or helping!) with this endeavor!

2012 Gorge Days

Gorge Days will take place on July 6th and 7th this year. The car show (put on by the Fire Department) will remain the focus, but we are looking at some ideas for additional events. Unlike previous years when it was handled by the Business Association and Chamber of Commerce, John and Jennifer at city hall are taking care of the planning this time. We could sure use your help! If interested, give us a call at 427-8182.

Interpretive Center

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum will be hosting their annual dinner and fundraiser on Saturday, March 10 from 5:00 – 10:00 pm. The theme this year is "A Night on the Ponderosa" so dress like your favorite character from Bonanza! Over 100 items will be available at the silent auction, enjoy a delicious buffet from Skamania Lodge and dance to the sounds of "Mark J and Too Much". Tickets are \$40 per person until March 5, then \$50 each. Call 509-427-8211 to make your reservation now.

This the second of numerous meetings that will prepare a Community Vision Report for our shorelines. Feel free to add your own thoughts, questions or ideas for discussion by picking up a "Community Vision" handout from city hall that includes some example topics for the shoreline visioning. These are only examples and may be related to the Shoreline Master Program as a whole and/or as separate thoughts for each of the shoreline reaches. The visioning process will take some time and more than a couple of work group meetings, so everyone should have ample time for input. Again, your involvement in the process is encouraged either by attending the meetings or by submitting your input via email.

The web site www.northbonneville.net/smp.html has Shoreline Master Program Update maps, information, minutes of meetings and links to state sites for more information. On the site (under "SMP Update Schedule") you can access the Draft Inventory and Characterization Report including maps that were submitted in December. These are items that can be used as a resource in your visioning.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden should be built and operating this spring! They are accepting applications for garden plots (available at city hall).

The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 PM at Hamilton Park Apartments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Interested in joining the Fire Department? Attend a meeting. Meetings are every Monday at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall, or pick up an application at city hall.

HAMILTON CREEK

We recently received the sad news that a dog drowned while playing in Hamilton Creek. Please remember that dogs must be leashed at all times while on public property. Also, please remember that Hamilton Creek changes from a dry creek bed to a raging torrent with the seasons and is not always safe for swimming or wading.



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 water and sewer payments are due the **20th** of the billing month. If you have questions or are not able to make your payment, please call Jennifer at city hall to make payment arrangements.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission/Heritage Trails Committee is meeting once per month. The next meeting will be March 6th 6:00 pm. The next Shoreline Master Program workgroup will be March 6th at 6:00 pm.



Heritage Trails

Bigfoot and littlefoots are coming!! Wood Carver Ken Craig has been hired to create bigfoot and his family.

Bonneville Hot Springs

Sushi Wednesdays!

5:00-9:00 pm only \$5 (lounge only)

Friday Night Prime Rib!

Only \$19.99 (Excludes holidays & special events)

4th Friday Wine Tastings!

February 24th **The Pines 1892 Winery**
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm \$15 per person - includes cheese and fruit plate, with music by Matt Brown

Special Pool Prices For Our Neighbors!

Tuesday is Senior Discount Day

Senior pool passes are \$5.00 plus tax. Good for all pools and sauna from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.

Wednesday is BOGO Day! (Buy One Get One Free)

1:30 pm - 7:30 pm passes good for all pools and sauna. Bring ID that shows you live within 25 miles of the Resort. Required for both specials.

Library Happenings

If you have been in City Hall recently, you may have noticed a white metal gate that has been installed. This gate can be closed across the City Hall offices, and make it possible for our library to consider future extension of hours into the evening, and to offer programs and storytimes on Saturdays and other times when City Hall is closed. We will be looking at some evening hours and special programming. We would love to receive input from you, North Bonneville residents! When would you like to have the library open? What kind of programs and services would you like? Please email your thoughts to tsmith@fvrl.org.

Beginning March 6! Trees! The Stevenson Library is proud to present a very special juried art show from March 6 to March 31. The exhibit is called TREES, and it appeared several months ago in the Columbia Gallery of Art in Hood River. There are works of 10 artists from Hood River, Stevenson and Portland areas represented in the show. Mediums include poetry, pottery, fabric, oils, drawing, photography, acrylics, enamels and pastels. **OPENING RECEPTION IS ON MARCH 6 AT 6:30 PM.** Come meet the artists. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Stevenson Library.

March 22! 7 PM Special performance at the Stevenson Library! **SCOTT FREE** -- A play about Abigail Scott Duniway: at 17 she walked the Oregon Trail; she was big and outspoken! She worked 40 years to get women the vote and she lived to see victory at age 78. This is a play about her life. Written by Toni Douglass and performed by Barbara Callander and Toni Douglass.

Get ready for our Community Read! The Friends of the Stevenson Library are sponsoring a Community Read, featuring the book "The Highest Tide" by Jim Lynch. We have copies to distribute at the Bonneville Library. This book is about a young man living on the South Puget Sound who is fascinated by marine life. The author is going to be speaking at the Stevenson Library on May 1.

Tina Sieg Smith
Librarian
(509) 427-5471

Bookmobile Schedule

Saturday, March 3 & 17	
Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Wana kawok	10:45-11:20

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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