



SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 9th

March 2014 Newsletter City of North Bonneville



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

I should have known better than to mention how relatively mild the winter had been in last month's newsletter. We barely had time to print them up before we got hit with freezing cold and snow. Lesson learned, I promise not to talk about how nice the weather is again. Well, I promise to try anyway.

Our Public Works crew did a great job keeping our streets clear and maintaining our sewer and storm water systems throughout the snow and, even more impressively, during the thawing process which sends extremely large amounts of water into both systems. Several citizens came forward during the Public Comment portion of our last couple of City Council meetings to express their gratitude for the extra effort Richard, Bryan, Gary and Ray all put forth.

On the subject of Public Works, I owe them an apology for not catching a spelling error in last month's newsletter. I left out a letter that unfortunately resulted in another legitimate word that made it by my spell checker but was definitely not the word I intended to type. My apologies go out to the crew and any readers who noticed the mistake.

The City Hall staff is working on improvements to our utility bills and we hope to have them in place by the next mailing in April. These changes will provide more details on how much water each account uses and how the different billing components come together to come up with the total billing amount. Please let us know if you view the new format as an improvement and what other changes you'd like to see. We can't guarantee we'll be able to implement them all but we will do our best to make the bills more readable and useful for us all.

If you have questions or comments about this or anything else regarding our city you can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonnville.net.

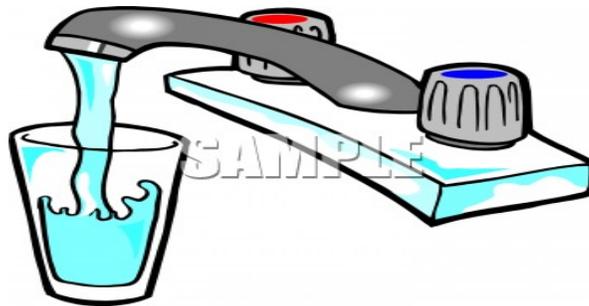
City Administrator's Notes

We are currently working very diligently to find a way to improve our sewer infrastructure. Three of our lift stations are over 30 years old and need to be replaced or refurbished. Our estimated cost to accomplish this is \$600,000.

We are seeking a grant through the Community Development Block Grant for \$450,000 and a low interest loan spread over a 15 year period for \$150,000. This would allow us to replace Lift Stations #2 and #3 in their entirety and refurbish Lift Station #4.

In addition to addressing the physical portion of our sewer system, we are also working on the administrative portion. Our sewer and water policies are also over 39 years old and are out of date. By bringing these policies into the 21st Century, we will be better able to demonstrate to you the customer just how your water and sewer bills are calculated, and in addition allow us to do a better job of collecting the funds necessary to keep the system operational.

Should you have any questions concerning these issues, feel free to stop in City Hall and visit with me.



WANTED - FIREFIGHTERS

Our city is in severe need of volunteer firefighters. Our numbers are desperately low at this time. If you have interest in helping out please contact City Hall or Fire Chief JB Tennison. Thank you for your consideration.



March 14-15

**Friends of the Library Annual Book
& Plant Sale**

Stevenson Community Library

509 427 5471



NOTARY PUBLIC
AVAILABLE AT CITY
HALL ON TUESDAYS
AND WEDNESDAYS

2014 IS HERE

Time to renew your Business License and/or Dog License.

Business License\$25.00

Dog License

Non-neutered animals....\$10.00

Neutered animals..... \$3.00

(If the owner is 65+) \$1.00



REMINDER

Be polite and courteous to your neighbor and please pick up after your dog.

The Planning Commission Needs You!

Please contact City Hall if you are interested in helping plan the city's future.

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum

Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Catered by Skamania Lodge, proceeds benefit the Museum. Over 100 items auctioned.

March 9th 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. at the Museum I

509-427-8211 or 800-991-2338

KEEP A LID ON IT!

The Municipal Code for North Bonneville requires that litter be deposited in containers such that the litter will be prevented from being carried away by the elements. Recent high winds have shown that we all need to be reminded to secure our trash can lids in order to keep our city clean.



Poem

*Yesterday the twig was brown and bare;
To-day the glint of green is there;
Tomorrow will be leaflets spare;
I know no thing so wondrous fair,
No miracle so strangely rare.
I wonder what will next be there!*

L.H. Bailey

Library open Tuesday- Thursday 1-5 PM

All are welcome, adults, teens and children. Sit and read or check out a book, magazine or DVD's.

Internet service is available at the Library!

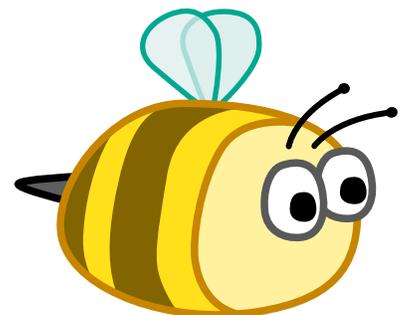
The current best sellers "Lucky Day" are available for your enjoyment.

Bookmark Contest is starting!

Kids and teens design you own bookmark. Come to branch and pick up an entry form. Deadline is March 31st.

Skamania County Reads Program:

Book is "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. Schedule to discuss the book will be in April, day to be determined.



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2	3 Fire Training 7 pm	4 Senior Lunch 12 pm Library 1-5 pm Planning 6 pm	4 Library 1-5 pm	6 Senior Lunch 12 pm Library 1-5 pm	7	8 Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum,, Annual Dinner and Silent Auction 6 - 10:00 pm At the Museum 509-427-8211 1-800-991-2338 www.columbiagorge.org
9 Daylight Savings Time Sprint Forward	10 Fire Training 7 pm	11 Senior Lunch 12 pm Library 1-5 pm Finance 6:30 pm City Council 7 pm	4 Library 1-5 pm	13 Senior Lunch 12 pm Library 1-5 pm	14 Friday and Saturday Friends of the Library Annual Book & Plant Sale Open to the public Stevenson Community Libray 509-427-5471	15 Bookmobile Chevron Gas Station 9:00 am - 9:30 am Hamilton Park Apts. 9:45 am - 10:15 am Wanakowak 10:45 am - 11:20 am
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