

City of North Bonneville Newsletter

March 2015

A Message from the Mayor's Desk

We still have a few weeks to go before spring officially arrives, but you wouldn't know it by looking around our city. Flowers are blooming, trees are budding and I even had to mow the lawn last weekend, breaking my previous first mowing of the year record by at least two months.

If you've been to the post office or City Hall lately, you've probably noticed some other colorful additions to our community. Our City Administrator, Steve Hasson, has been brightening up the commons area between the post office and city hall by applying some cheery new paint to the planters, trash can and the kiosk. We are already hearing lots of positive feedback on the improvements and will continue to spruce things up.

Other news of note includes the official licensing of the North Bonneville Public Development Authority's (PDA) retail recreational marijuana store. It will be called The Cannabis Corner and it is the first such business being operated as a municipal corporation in America. The PDA board members have been toiling for over a year to reach this milestone and deserve our thanks for a job well done. Their work is not over yet, however, as they will continue their efforts to ensure a successful and positive business operation that adheres to the legal requirements of Washington law and benefits our city.

The PDA is already working with us on ways they can provide assistance with our community health and safety programs and projects. Initial talks have included offers to help with improvements to our kids' playground area and our tennis courts as first steps in demonstrating their value to our community. Defraying some of our law enforcement costs and helping with bigger projects are also under discussion.

North Bonneville's relationship with our PDA is truly groundbreaking and while we all know it's not easy being the first one out of the gate, I am sure the work we are doing now will become a model for other cities and municipalities to emulate in the future. We are involved in something historic here and our goal is to make it a positive experience for all our residents.

If you have questions or comments about colorful flower planters, recreational marijuana or anything else to do with our city you can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.



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The City of North Bonneville Utility Polices



Meh-Teh – spokesman for the Bigfoot elders.

Just a Reminder

*Utility bills are due on March 20th.

*Reserve your summer gazebo dates now!

*Don't forget to stop into City Hall for a free burn permit.

* Sunday, March 8th is Daylight Savings, remember to change your clocks!

North Bonneville sewer and water utility payments must be physically received at City Hall by 5 P. M. on the statement due date [no exceptions]. Any utility payment received after the due date [by the 20 day of the month] will be delinquent. A delinquent account is subject to a \$15.00 late fee.

An account holder who receives a late fee has 10 additional days to pay the full utility bill before subject to additional penalty. During this 10 day “grace” period the account holder may make a partial payment in accordance with the provisions of the utility payment plan found in “the” municipal code at 13.04.050. The temporary payment plan requires a minimum payment of 50 percent of the unpaid utility balance. This payment plan does not cover future payments, it is limited to the subject billing cycle.

The remaining utility balance as agreed to in the payment plan must be paid in full prior the next billing cycle, which occurs the 1st day of every odd month of the year. If the account has not been paid in full by the next billing cycle, the account holder’s water service will be shut-off until the utility balance has been paid in full along with a \$60.00 turn-on fee. A person who does not follow through with the provisions of the agreement plan may lose the opportunity to rely on this relief mechanism at a future time.

If the unpaid utility balance has not been resolved during the 10 day grace period, a discontinuance notice will be hung [affixed] to the subject property. If the account holder does not pay the full utility bill or fill out a temporary payment plan by 5 P.M. of the 4th business day after receipt of the discontinuance notice, the water service will be shut off to the subject property. Once a meter has been shut off the account holder will need to pay the full amount due plus a \$60 reconnection fee in order to have service reestablished.

If the account holder is habitually in utility payment arrears, their water service will be shut-off in accordance with municipal code provision 13.04.050 until the past due utility balance is paid in full. The term “habitually” applies to account holders whose accounts are in arrears for three consecutive months or six of the past 12 months. A water meter may be shut off if the account holder has received late payment charges for three consecutive months and failed to pay those late payment fees during that time period.

If an account holder intends to leave their premises for an extended time period that is less than 180 continuous days in duration, the City will continue to charge them the bi monthly water and sewer utility base rate in their absence. If an account holder intends to leave their premises for an extended period of time [more than 180 continuous days] they may request the City shut off their water meter during this time period. The City will charge a \$60 turn on fee but the account holder will not be subject to the monthly base water and sewer rate. If the utility account holder returns prior to this time period they will be subject to all monthly base water and sewer charges incurred in the interim. If an account holder has been away from their premises for more than 180 continuous days and continued to pay their monthly water and sewer utility bills, they may seek a credit for payments made during their departure; provided that they can demonstrate they were away for the requisite amount of time to the City’s satisfaction.

Please remember to update the City with any new contact information

North Bonneville Library Information

214 CBD Mall
inside City Hall
North Bonneville, WA 98639
509-427-4439

Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Thursday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Services Available

- Pick up holds
- Browse & check out items
- Return items
- Discuss library services with staff
- Use of internet service
- Wi-Fi

Community Librarian

Tina Smith



North Bonneville Bookmobile Route

March 9th and 23rd

Hamilton Park Apts..... 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Wana Kowak.....4:15 - 4:45 pm
City Hall..... 5:00 - 5:30 pm

North Bonneville



North Bonneville and Stevenson Library Events

Stevenson Library

Book Club -

March 10th 6:30pm

Family Game Day -

March 7th 1pm

Scott Jopin: His music, the history and culture of the ragtime era

March 11th 6:30pm

Movie Night -

March 18th 6pm

Teen Game Day -

March 21st 1pm

Scott Free: A play about Abigail Scott Duniway

March 24th 6:30pm

Yu-Gi-Oh!

March 25th 4pm

City Information

City Council Meetings

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month – 6:30pm

Planning Meetings

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month – 6pm

Senior Center Lunch

Every Tuesday and Thursday – 12pm – For information call - (509) 427- 5234

Skamania County Public Transit

Monday – Friday at the City Entrance; For information call – (509) 427 - 3990

Westbound Route – 6:03am, 11:27am (Friday only), 5:12pm

Eastbound Route– 7:47am. 1:27 (Friday only), 6:47pm

Local Restaurants

Beacon Rock Golf Course – Clubhouse Grill

Phone: (509) 427 – 5730 Website: www.beaconrockgolf.com/bar-and-grill/

Hours of Operation: 8am – 7pm Week; 7am – 7pm Weekends

Bonneville Hot Springs and Resort

Phone: (509) 427 – 7767 Website: www.bonnevilleresort.com/

Hours of Operation: 7:30 am – 9pm

The Dam Roadhouse

Phone: (509) 427 – 0080

Hours of Operation: 11am – 9pm

Event Venues

The North Bonneville City Gazebo

For reservations call: (509) 427 – 8182 Website: www.northbonneville.net

Bonneville Event Center

For reservations call: (360) 335 – 4524 Website: www.bonnevillecenter.com