



City of North Bonneville

Newsletter

May 2013



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

With all the nice weather we've been experiencing it's quickly become mowing season again. The good news is our city looks its best with green grass and brightly colored flowers, the not so good news is the grass grows almost supernaturally fast around here this time of year. I know from personal experience how challenging it is to keep a yard under control and want to thank all who are fighting the same battle with their own little yards. Please remember to comply with our city code which requires grass and weeds not exceed 12 inches in height.

While I'm on the subject of mowing, I'm glad to report we have hired Jason Fritz as a temporary employee to help our Public Works staff keep our park and open areas mowed through the growing season.

Another fact of life that comes with the improving weather is the proliferation of ticks in grassy and wooded areas. I've picked up three ticks in the past week on the Hamilton Island and can attest to how active they have become. While not all ticks carry Lyme or other diseases it's worth mentioning the risk of transmission of disease to humans from ticks is greatest in late spring and early summer so please be aware and check yourself and your pets regularly, particularly if you walk, hike, run or bike off the beaten path.

I'm also happy to report your City Council is back to full strength with the appointment of Craig Forster. Craig has a strong financial background and brings years of financial experience to our Council. It's been a while since we've had all five positions filled and we look forward to working together to keep moving our city in the right direction.

The last note for this month is really a request. Our volunteer fire department ranks have dwindled a bit and Chief JB Tennison is looking for a few good men and/or women to join up. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and learn new skills. Anyone interested is asked to call JB at (360) 433-1192 for more details.

City Hall open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op

This is a grassroots, all volunteer, no contracts, no membership fees, no catch cooperative. Voluntary participation from week to week.

How the Co-op works

As a group, we purchase high quality produce at wholesale prices. Volunteers then sort the items and they are distributed evenly among site participants.

www.bountifulbaskets.org

For your contribution of \$15.00 you receive approximately \$50 in produce

Reasons to Participate

- This is a great deal and you are helping others get a great deal, too. With the produce offerings, you get approximately \$50 worth of grocery store quality produce.
- This co-op encourages a healthier lifestyle.
- You meet great people!
You're able to pick up good, fresh food for your family.



Local Contact Info:

RaeGene Nejapa (509)427-7125

Site pickup @ Chevron Parking Lot 7:00 pm

Volunteers arrive /@ 5:45 pm

Pajama Storytime

At North Bonneville Community Library

All ages welcome, come with your family.
PJ's are encouraged but not required.
Come for stories and a craft...snacks too!

Tuesday, May 28

7 - 8 pm

BIGFOOT DISCOVERY TRAILS OPEN HOUSE

The Planning Commission is holding an Open House on May 7th from 6 pm to 8 pm to solicit feedback on the proposed Bigfoot Discovery Trails Plan.

There is a display in the City Hall which outlines the proposed changes to the Heritage Trail System. All feedback is welcomed, both positive and negative. Feedback forms can be picked up and dropped off by the display.

In addition to the Open House, residents will have an opportunity to express their views at a City Council meeting in June.

This is your opportunity to express opinions on the city trail system and help guide future development.

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City Administrator's Notes

Spring has sprung and there is a lot of activity going on around here...

Bigfoot

The Planning Commission/Heritage Trails committee will be holding an open house to get public input on the Big Foot Discovery Trails plan on May 7. In the meantime, please look over the materials on the large display in city hall – we would really like your input!

Sewer/Water

We are rebuilding electric panels on two of our sewer pump stations – this may not sound very exciting, but it's great news to our public works crew who are constantly being called out at odd hours to fix pumps. We need to fully rebuild all three pump stations, but the price tag for that project is far more than we can handle at the moment.

Silver Star Cabinets

Silver Star Cabinets has applied for a building permit to add a large storage building behind their shop. This is a great sign of a thriving business and we congratulate them on their success!

Gazebo

We are installing a small gazebo to the northwest of city hall. Paid for by lodging tax funds, the gazebo will primarily give disc golfers a nice spot to get ready for their games. When they aren't using it, feel free to make use of it for your next picnic!

Gorge Days

Planning for Gorge Days is in full swing, and we're looking forward to a great event. We're bring back Johnny Limbo and Lugnuts for a concert, a large volkswalk will happen that day, and a number of new vendors have expressed interest. Plan on joining us July 5-6!

Fire

The fire season is coming our way, and our department is low on fire fighters. Would you consider volunteering? Please call JB Tennison at 360-433-1192

NORTH BONNEVILLE COMMUNITY CHIPPING

You cut it. You pile it. We chip it.

A free Firewise program from Underwood Conservation District, Washington Department of Natural Resources and Skamania County Fire District #6.

- **May 10th**: Registration Deadline
- Free chipping begins **May 18th**

Gather: tree limbs and woody debris up to 5" diameter

Pile neatly: limbs facing the same direction

Be accessible: pile limbs along a road or driveway



Tree debris only: no vines, pine needles, trash, etc.

Register (required): By 4:30 p.m., May 10th, 2013

By phone: 509-493-1936
Email: whitney@ucdwa.org
Online: www.ucdwa.org



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