



NEWSLETTER

City of North Bonneville

November 2010



From the Mayor's Desk

The weather has definitely changed and our two major construction projects are just making it in under the wire, or at least without being totally submerged. Our City Council approved a change order for the wastewater treatment plant at their last meeting in October that will allow us to update and improve our laboratory testing equipment along with a few other modifications to enhance ongoing operation and maintenance capabilities. These improvements will be covered under the grant and will not add any expense to our city budget.

The site grading and improvements at the Cascades Business Park have just about wrapped up for the season. The east side of the property has been leveled, the roadway has been graded through the entire property with all utilities infrastructure have been installed. This property is owned by the Port of Skamania and they are working to locate potential tenants. The Port has been a good partner for our city in the past and continues to include us in their plans and discussions to ensure any new businesses that choose to locate in North Bonneville will be good neighbors and assets to our community.

The city staff and I have been working diligently on our 2011 budget. We are cutting our overall budget 10% from last year's numbers and continuing to look for more savings. The economic landscape is still pretty bleak and we understand our responsibility to make the best decisions possible in order to live within our means while also ensuring our city remains the wonderful place we all currently enjoy. We will be discussing our budget at our upcoming Council meetings and invite you to attend and add your input to our deliberations.

You can also keep up with the inner workings of our city on our new and improved website at www.northbonneville.net where you can listen to complete audio recordings of prior meetings, read meeting minutes for a more condensed recap and check our calendar for upcoming events. Our website will continue to add new features to keep you better informed and help us provide services in a more convenient manner.

As always, I appreciate hearing your questions, comments and concerns regarding all aspects of our community and encourage you to contact me in the manner that best works for you. My email address is don@northbonneville.net and the phone number here at City Hall is 427-8182. I'm not always in my office but I will get back to you as quickly as possible.



November Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission - 2nd - - 6:00pm

City Council - 9th & 23rd - - 7:00pm

These meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted on the window at city hall.



A note from your Clerk/Treasurer

Ignoring for a moment the city's budget shortfalls and other difficulties, a lot of really good stuff has happened in the last few months:

- Revamped Web Site. If you haven't recently visited www.northbonneville.net, you're in for a nice surprise. The website has been reorganized and we're adding quite a bit of content such as city codes, forms, council packets, this newsletter, financial information, and parks information. There are many more pages under construction; we're making great progress.
- Direct Billing. Want to save time and postage on your utility bills? You can now sign up for direct billing. All you have to do is fill out a quick form and we will directly bill your bank account for your utility payments. You will still receive a billing notice in the mail, but it will show up stamped as already paid!
- New Treatment Plant. Our new sewer treatment plant should be done real soon. What does this mean to you? 1) It means that our public works crew can spend less time fixing the old, cranky plant and more time out and about the city; and 2) It helps ensure that the city has the infrastructure to continue growing and improving.
- Additional heritage trail signs. The heritage trails committee has been busy creating interpretive signs and have recently installed 5 new signs along Greenleaf and Hamilton trails, with 3 more soon to come.
- Halloween lights. Did you notice that there wasn't a single light out in the city on Halloween night? Every year our public works crew surveys all the lights to make sure our streets and paths are safe for kids on Halloween.



Annual Craft & Gift Bazaar
Bake Sale - Holiday Decoration
Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 6th
9 am - 4 pm
N. Bonneville Senior Center
Biscuits & Gravy, coffee & cider
and lots of home baked goodies!



**November 11th is Veterans Day.
Take time to thank a veteran.**

**Thank you to
Joana Fry for donating a
coffee maker to city hall.**



**DON'T FORGET, IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK!
Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday,
November 7th.**

PLANNING COMMISSION IS STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

- *PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT
- *LAND USE ISSUES
- *LOCAL REGULATIONS
- *COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- *HERITAGE TRAILS
- *ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

*****NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED*****

CONTACT CITY HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 427-8182

**Please contact Jennifer @ City Hall with any news, events, or suggestions for the monthly newsletter.
427-8182 or jennifer@northbonneville.net**

Library News

The Washington Public Employees Association and Fort Vancouver Regional Library are teaming up to collect food and other items for local food banks.

Items most needed include:

- . Canned meats: tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef, etc.
- . Canned fruits or vegetables
- . Canned stew with meat
- . Rice/pasta
- . Dried Beans
- . Vegetable cooking oil
- . Chili or refried beans
- . Canned spaghetti with meat
- . Canned beans: pinto, navy, kidney, red, etc.
- . Personal care products, including: bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet paper, toothpaste, disposable diapers, and toys in good condition.

Some tips: Check expiration dates. Pull-top cans are much appreciated. Items in smaller sizes help tremendously with ease of storage and distribution. The organizers of the drive request non-perishable food only.

Please bring donations to the Stevenson or North Bonneville libraries or the Skamania County bookmobile. Items collected will be donated to the Washington Gorge Action Program food bank in Stevenson and the free toy store in North Bonneville. Call the Stevenson Library at 427-5471 or the North Bonneville Library at 427-4439 for more information.

--Chris Hughey, Librarian

Bookmobile Schedule

Saturday, November 13th & 27th	
Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Hamilton	10:45-11:20

City hall is a collection site for the Skamania Co. PUD. We can take your payments but cannot make change for the PUD.

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Please make sure that city hall has your current address and phone number.

HERITAGE TRAILS

Check out the five new signs installed on the Hamilton and Greenleaf Trails. Thank you Heritage Trails Committee for the hard work and dedication in your efforts on the trail system.

Cable TV Special



The City will waive the \$35 connection fee for all new subscribers when you sign up and start cable tv during the month of November. The monthly charge is only \$29. Come in to City Hall to sign up today or call 427-8182.

**City Hall will be closed:
Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day
Nov. 25th & 26th - Thanksgiving**

Last chance to voice your opinion on the water rate increase. The final water rate public hearing will be on November 9th.

NORTH BONNEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

TURKEY BINGO

Saturday, November 20th

The N.B. Fire Department will hold their annual Turkey Bingo Saturday, November 20th, at the fire hall. This fundraiser is a great way to **support our city's Volunteer Fire Department**. Bring the whole family to enjoy bingo and refreshments and try your luck at a prize!! More information will be available soon.

