



# City of North Bonneville

## Newsletter

### October 2013



#### **A Message from the Mayor's Desk**

Fall has most certainly arrived. As I sit typing these words, Gary, Bryan and Richard are removing a fallen tree blocking Garrison Drive just west of Pioneer. A second, smaller tree fell just southwest of the big one but fortunately didn't hit anyone or any streets, cars or buildings. Thanks go to our Public Works crew for working in the pouring rain to keep our streets open and safe.

Hopefully, we won't see any more trees go down around town but please help us watch for increased leaning in any trees in your neighborhood as well as cracked soil and exposed roots around the base of the trees which may indicate they have recently begun to lean.

Another thing to think about as we head into the final quarter of 2013 is renewing any dog licenses, golf cart permits and/or business licenses you'll need in 2014. They are all good for one calendar year and expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> which means you can pay for them any time between now and the end of this year and you'll be covered for all of 2014.

One area we are going to be focusing on more is dogs in North Bonneville. We are receiving more complaints about dogs running loose and licenses will help us reunite impounded dogs with their owners. The cost to license a dog is \$10 per year for un-neutered or un-spayed dogs and only \$3 for dogs who are neutered or spayed. Licenses for dog owners who are 65 years of age or older is \$1. The penalty for owning an unlicensed dog is a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100 which makes the cost of a license a wise investment as well as a civic duty.

For the rest of this year, if you have a dog that is currently unlicensed you can come to City Hall and pay for a 2014 license that will also cover the remainder of this year.

If you own a dog and do not have a fenced yard or enclosed dog run it is your responsibility to ensure your dog is leashed or otherwise restrained so as to prevent the dog from leaving your property. If a dog found to be running loose it will be subject to impoundment and the owner will have to pay a \$45 fee to get the dog back. If an impounded dog is not claimed within 3 days of being impounded the city may transport the dog to an animal shelter and the owner will have to go through the shelter's claiming process in order to retrieve their dog.

We share our home with 2 dogs and I do not want to see any fellow dog owners incur any of these punitive damages but we must remember our rights only extend to the point they impact someone else's and recognize it is up to us as dog owners to meet all the responsibilities that come with sharing our lives with our canine companions.

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

**4th Annual Gorge Food Forum** with an indoor farmer's market unfolds on October 12th and takes place at the Hegewald Center & Exhibit Hall at Skamania County Fairgrounds from 9 am to 3 p.m. Farmer's market from 11:30 - 3 p.m. This daylong event features over a dozen food and farm workshops, and is co-presented by Gorge Winds Community Grocery, Gorge Grown Food Network, and WSU-Extension. Food donations for the Skamania County Food Bank are appreciated. Woniva Thibeault, this year's morning keynote speaker, will present "thriving off the grid through the power of local food". Woniya and her partner operate "From Farm and Forest" in the foothills of Mt. Hood. Together they have created a life that allows them to grow or forage most of their food, and they share their passion with others through survival skill building workshops. They sell their meat, foraged goods, and produce to local customers.

Gorge Food Forum will offer morning and afternoon workshops that teach food skills, such as gardening and cooking, and make eating local food easier and more enticing. Workshops will include: Wild Mushrooming, The Raw Family Kitchen, Root Cellars Made Easy, Foraging Wild Fruits, Intro to Aquaponic Vegetable Growing, Get To Know the Good Garden Bugs, Food Skills for Self Reliance and more.

Patrons of the farmer's market will enjoy live music and cooking demonstrations. Numerous local farmers will sell their crops. Kids activities will be offered and a local food cart will be available for lunch options. Visit [www.gorgegrown.com](http://www.gorgegrown.com) to pre-register online and to find eventupdates.

**Artists in the Gorge**

October 7 to November 4

Local art display at the Stevenson Community Library. Call 509 427 5471 for details.

**Halloween Costume Party**

Saturday, October 26

5th Annual Halloween Costume Party with live music and dancing at the Skamania County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Sponsored by the Stevenson Business Association. Contact 800-989-9178 for more information.

**Volunteers Needed**

The Fire Department needs you. Please help us protect our town and its residents by serving as a volunteer!

Also, the planning commission has one permanent and two alternate vacant positions.

Contact City Hall for more information.



**Notary Public**

The City now has a Notary Public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Become involved with you City:

All are welcome at the City Council meetings; next meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00.

# City Administrator's Notes

## **Possible creation of a special purpose public corporation under the provisions of RCW 35.21.730**

At the Tuesday, September 24 North Bonneville City Council meeting there was a discussion about the possibility of creating a special purpose district to operate a retail outlet in North Bonneville for the dispensing of marijuana and related products. This Council conversation was prompted by the recent voter approved passage of I-502, a measure which allows for the licensing of marijuana businesses throughout Washington State as well as knowledge the Washington State Liquor Control Authority intends to permit two [2] of these dispensaries in Skamania County.

Council's action is intended to protect the municipality from marijuana related liabilities as well as to assure public oversight in the dispensing of this product as a means to reduce illicit activity.

The Council discussed the promises and pitfalls of this action. After deliberation, the Council directed staff to explore this proposal further. In arriving at this position the Council noted that the City needs to be in the driver's seat to control this process and that doing so serves the public purpose. The Council qualified that this exploration reflected more an absence of objection than an endorsement of this action.

### **Public Works**

The City is thankful to our public works staff and Precision Paving for the wonderful job they did repairing the City's trail system.

### **LOST and FOUND**

The City consistently receiving items found around the city. If you have lost a disk golf driver, a sweatshirt, a cap or anything else, please stop at City Hall and describe your item. We may have it here. All items kept for over 90 days will be recycled or disposed of as necessary.

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