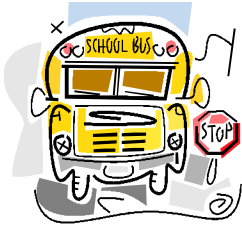
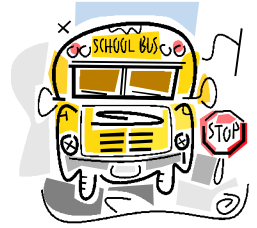


City of North Bonneville Newsletter

September 2010



School starts Wednesday, September 8th
please watch for children & school buses!



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

At our last City Council meeting on August 24th, we reviewed committee assignments and found several committees in need of members. It was decided to publish the names of those committees in this newsletter so anyone with an interest in bettering our city would have the chance to offer their services as a committee member. The committees in need of members are:

If you are interested in serving on a committee or would like more information regarding their functions and areas of concern, please contact John Spencer, Jennifer McDonald or me at City

- Public Safety Committee
- Streets/Utilities/Maintenance Committee
- Sign Committee
- Hotel/Motel Tax Committee
- TV Committee
- Parks/Recreation/Landscaping Committee

Hall.

Construction on our wastewater treatment plant is progressing well. The concrete work is very nearly complete with just a few small pours left. The electrical and mechanical work is also moving along nicely with completion still targeted for sometime near the end of October.

Our last Council meeting also included discussion regarding our city's water rates. We are continuing to gather historical data as well as budget for our future and will be discussing the details at our second City Council meeting this month on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30pm. We invite any and all interested residents to attend that meeting in order to hear our findings and allow us to listen to your insights and input.

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.

City Hall closed Monday, Sept. 6th in
observance of Labor Day

September Meetings at City Hall
Planning Comm. 7th & 21st ~ 6:00pm
City Council 14th & 28th ~ 6:30pm

A Note On City Finances from your Clerk/Treasurer

As I discussed in the August newsletter, our city's finances are in rough shape. Our general fund (where most of the city's work occurs) is facing a significant shortfall, as are the water and sewer funds.

To balance our water and sewer accounts, we will need to increase our rates and we have begun the process of revising the water rates (we will review sewer rates once water is complete). Current estimates indicate that they will need to more than double - from \$18.75 to somewhere around \$ 40 per month. While we can do much about the cost of the system, the way we raise the rates is a matter of debate and I encourage you to make your voice heard by attending upcoming council meetings.

We are also entering our annual budget process and my first estimates show a very large gap between the money we receive and the money we spend on activities including public safety, park and recreation, building and planning, and administration. We are going to have to reduce services, and those cuts are going to have a real impact on how the city looks, how quickly the city responds to your needs, and what the city will be able to do for you. Please contact a council member, call city hall, or come to a council meeting to learn about the situation and express your ideas!

Key dates this fall:

Sept. 28th - Public hearing on water rates.

Sept. 28th - Council receives year-end revenue estimates and staff's preliminary budget.

Oct. 26th - Mayor's preliminary budget due to council.

Nov. 9th and 23rd - Council budget hearings.

Nov. 23rd - Property tax levy passes.

Dec. 14th or 21st - Budget adoption.

~ Best Regards, John Spencer

MUNICIPAL COURT HAPPENINGS

Mitigation Hearings

Operate motor vehicle w/o ins \$300 fine - 8/02/10

Speed 17 over the limit \$130 fine - 08/16/10

Speed 15 over the limit \$120 fine - 08/16/10

Contested Hearings

Speed 17 over the limit \$175 fine- 08/16/10

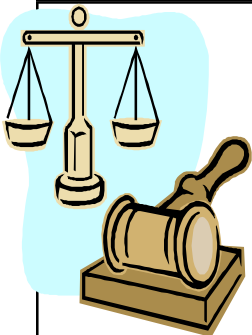
Criminal Hearings

Allen, Terry - Pub Nuisance/Trespass 2 - 1 day jail/\$535 fine - 08/02/10

Hedington, Michael - DWLS 3 - 1 day jail/\$828 fine - 08/16/2010

Fitzpatrick, Alyssa - DWLS 3 - 90 days jail def 24 mo/\$120 fine- 08/16/10

Lee, Kristian - MIP - 4 days jail/\$788 fine - 08/16/10



PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY

The Port of Skamania County is extending water and sewer lines to its 25 acre parcel on the east side of town. To allow future community development of the site, they are also grading and leveling the eastern section of the parcel. Completion of the site and infrastructure work will be this

Please contact Jennifer @ City Hall with any events or suggestions for the monthly newsletter.

427-8182 or jennifer@northbonneville.net



The Woodland Fairy Pumpkin Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd
 11am - 3 pm
 North Bonneville City Park



Carson NFH kids fishing day Sat.,
 Sept 11, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at
 Carson Fish Hatchery.

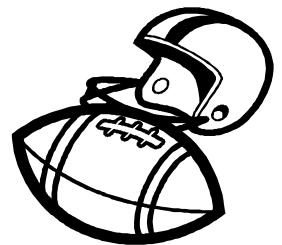


 Youth Soccer Jamboree Sat.,
 Sept 18, Carson Elementary
 Fields.



September Events Around Skamania County

- 9/4 - Show & Shine at Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum
- 9/15 - 9/18 Columbia River Gorge Quilt Show at Fairgrounds
- 9/18 Hoptoberfest 12:00 - 10:00 pm at Walking Man Brewery



Stevenson High School Football
Season Opener
Friday, Sept. 3rd, 7 p.m.
Home v Tenino

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 ★ **All motorized vehicles** ★
 ★ **must be street legal to** ★
 ★ **be on city streets.** ★
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Library Happenings

Get your student off to a smooth start! School begins this month, and the North Bonneville Library is stocked up with helpful items, from math and science information to great chapter books. There's plenty of new fiction for adults as well.

Family storytime will be held Thursday, September 9 at 2 p.m. All ages are welcome to hear stories, and enjoy songs and fingerplays.

Garden overflowing? Join Skamania County Extension Agent Todd Murray and WSU/Clark County Master Gardeners at Stevenson Library as they present three classes this month:

- Wed., Sept. 1 at 5 p.m., learn how to can fruits and pie filling.
- Sat., Sept 4 at 2 p.m., tomatoes and salsas will be on the agenda.
- Sat., Sept 11 at 10 a.m., master the art of pickling fruits and vegetables.

Recipes and handouts will be provided. All library programs are open to the public at no charge. No registration is required. For more information, call the Stevenson Library at 427-5471, or the North Bonneville Library at 427-4439, during open hours.

-- Chris Hughey, Librarian

PLANNING COMMISSION IS STILL IN NEED OF ALTERNATES

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

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

CONTACT CITY HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 427-8182