



# September 2011 North Bonneville Newsletter



**School starts Wednesday, September 7th please watch for children & school buses!**

## **From the Mayor's Desk**

As some already know, we are going to discontinue the city's cable television service on October 1, 2010. This was not an easy decision as we know many of our residents rely on local television for much of their news, sports and weather information.

Unfortunately, the number of subscribers has been steadily decreasing and the city has not been able to operate the system at, or near, a break even point for over a year.

At our current rate, we would have been over \$10,000 in the red by the end of this year. By shutting the system down as scheduled we will deplete the remainder of the television reserve fund balance, but we should not incur any additional losses to our general fund.

There are no other cable television alternatives for North Bonneville, which underscores the problems with trying to provide that service here in the first place, but satellite providers Dish and DirecTV both offer service here.

- Information for Dish can be found at <http://www.dishnetwork.com/> or by calling them at (800) 823-4929.
- DirecTV can be contacted directly at either <http://www.directv.com> or by calling (800) 370-3587. They also offer bundled services through CenturyLink, our local telephone company, at <http://www.centurylink.com/home/bundles/> or by calling (800) 366-8201. Bundled services provide telephone, internet and television for a single rate.

The City of North Bonneville doesn't recommend any particular provider as each of us has different needs and desires regarding television. We are sorry about this disruption and hope everyone finds a positive outcome to this situation.

On a happier note, you may have noticed the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Group staging equipment just west of the Chevron gas station. They are back to continue their work on Hamilton Creek, this time focusing on the Chum Salmon channel and its surrounding area. They will be working for the next several weeks and will leave the area in better condition than they find it.

## **September Meetings at City Hall**

6th & 20th - Planning Commission 6:00pm ~ 13th & 27th - City Council 6:30pm

**Planning Commission**

September 6, 2011 ~ 6 pm

- \* Public Comment
- \* Medical Marijuana
- \* Shoreline Master Program

The Planning Commission is looking for members. Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at City Hall.

**Heritage Trails Committee**

- \* Children's Loop
- \* Kiosk Signs
- \* Bonneville Resort Event

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**City Council**

September 13, 2011 ~ 6:30 pm

- \* 2011 Budget Adjustments
- \* 2012 Budget
- \* Parking Ordinance
- \* Lodging Tax Expenditures

City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at City Hall.

**River's Edge Community Clean-up**

Hosted by: Cub Scout Pack 314 & Boy Scout Troop 314

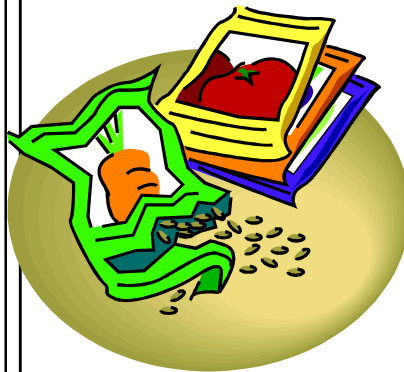
Saturday, September 17, 2011 ~ 10 am - noon  
Bonneville Dam area, Washington side

Contact David & Janelle Stanton, 360-837-3312  
or Email at [RiversEdgeCleanup@Wildblue.net](mailto:RiversEdgeCleanup@Wildblue.net)

A case of Lyme Disease has been confirmed. Please check yourself, children and pets after being outside in the grass and/or trees.

The proper way to remove a tick is to use a set of fine tweezers and grip the tick as close to the skin as is possible and gently pull it out. Do not use a smoldering match or cigarette, nail polish, petroleum jelly (eg, Vaseline), liquid soap, or kerosene because doing so may do more harm than good.

**The North Bonneville Community Garden is Taking Root!**



We are continuing to make steady progress on the North Bonneville Community Garden Project. Thanks to several community-led fundraising efforts, we intend to have a fence put up on the site by the end of the summer.

Depending on the funding available, we would also like to build several raised garden beds to allow for winter planting and gardening workshops.

Once completed, the garden will offer a space for community members to grow healthy foods, learn about gardening and form new relationships. If you would like to lend a hand in making our garden a reality, please contact City Hall for ways you can get involved.

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**Hamilton Creek Restoration**

The Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group restoration of the Hamilton Springs Chum Channel has begun and will continue through the end of summer. Staging of materials and equipment will again utilize the commercial area west of the Chevron. Please avoid this area and be cautious of the path crossing adjacent to Hamilton Creek.



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**Carson National Fish Hatchery**

Kids Fishing Day

Sept 10th ~ 8 am - 1 pm



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**Gorge Soccer ~ Opening Day**

Carson Elementary Fields

Sept 10th ~ 9 am



**A note from your City Administrator**

**Cable TV**

As you may have heard, we are closing our cable TV system at the end of September because we have not been able to make it pay for itself. We have been searching for a way to make the finances work, but the only option we have found would be to subsidize the system with tax revenue – an option that we can't afford. I know this is greatly disappointing to many residents and wish we could have found another solution.

For the time being, we intend to keep the system hardware in case we can find a way to operate it in the future, sell it to someone else to operate, or make other use of it.

We are sending letters to all cable subscribers to explain the situation.

Current Providers for North Bonneville are:

- ◆ CENTURYLINK            1-888-723-8010
- ◆ DISH NETWORK         1-888-323-8689
- ◆ DIRECTV                 1-800-370-3587

**Projects**

On a more positive note, the community garden is a 'go' and we will hopefully be building it soon. Hats off to Darlene Mills, Amanda Shanahan, the Gorge Winds Co-op team and volunteers for their incredible efforts and success with this project!

Stevenson received a large grant to bring a pathway to the Bridge of The Gods. We are in the planning stage of eventually connecting that trail to our city and taking it on to Beacon Rock. While it's too way early to make any promises, I am very excited about the possibilities for this project!

We continue to work on the speeding issue along West Cascade. Right now we are looking into the options of a speed hump and painting the speed limit on the road.

**Library News**

Fall is bringing changes to libraries in the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. Please welcome new Stevenson-North Bonneville community librarian Lee-Anne Flandreau. Lee-Anne hails from the small town of Big Flats, NY and has worked as a reference and interlibrary loan manager for FVRL for five years. She has led the project to explore new and innovative services for FVRL's rural patrons. Because of her ideas, North Bonneville patrons can now pick up their holds items 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday - Thursday in City Hall. Watch for more great services to come!

I have taken the Washougal community librarian position, and will be working in my hometown. I will be designing a new layout and overseeing the renovation of the library, as well as developing family programs. (For those of you who also stop off at Washougal, former Washougal Librarian Sean McGill is taking on the Ridgefield manager position, where he will be developing teen programs among other projects.)

Another local change to note: On Saturdays, the bookmobile will stop on Wana Kawok at 10:45 a.m. This replaces the former stop on Hamilton.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working here in our community, and look forward to seeing all of you on the North Bonneville Heritage Trails!

--Chris Hughey

**Bookmobile Schedule**

Saturday, September 17th

Celilo	9:00-9:30
Windsong Estates	9:45-10:15
Wana kawok	10:45-11:20

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: **City Hall will be closed** :

: **Monday, September 5th** :

: **in observance of Labor Day** :

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