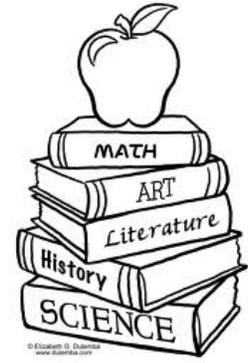




City of N. Bonneville Newsletter September 2012



From the Mayor's Desk

September is here which means school is back in session. While some of us are happier about that than others, one thing we can all agree on is the need to be extra careful driving around town now that kids are waiting for school buses in the morning and walking home in the afternoons. Please be extra careful as you approach bus stops and watch for pedestrians as you navigate our city streets.

I'd like to offer a quick note of thanks to Tim "TR" Dudley for his service on our City Council. His willingness to commit the time and energy required to serve our city has benefited us all. The good news is his restaurant, Big T's, is doing so well he can barely keep up. The bad news is he has made the difficult decision to step down from the Council in order to focus his energy on his booming business.

Tim's resignation means we have an unfilled Council seat and I'd like to welcome any and everyone who feels they can contribute to our community's fiscal and political health to consider applying. Serving on our City Council demands a serious commitment but the rewards are worth the effort. If you're interested or would like more information you can contact us at City Hall or ask a current or former Council Member about their experiences.

My time on our City Council was my first foray into the world of politics and although it's not always fun, I can tell you it's fulfilling and educational.

As always, your input and ideas regarding our city are welcome. You can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonneville.net.

Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group

The blackberry bushes along Hamilton Creek will be sprayed on Thursday and Friday, September 12 & 13, 2012.

THANK YOU

The City of North Bonneville would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and efforts to the success of the Gorge Day events. It would like to especially thank the following contributors to the various fund raisers – Bonneville Hot Spring, Gorge Delights, Gorge Fitness Center, Ken Craig, the Bianchi and Hartnell families.

SHOP ON-LINE

Shopping on-line is often discrete, often better priced, provides variety, allows comparisons, access to information on the product, and can be purchased and delivered without leaving your home. In addition to these conveniences, it provides the city with revenue in the form of sales tax that would otherwise go the towns where the brick-and-mortar stores are.

CITY COUNCIL POSITION # 4 VACANCY

Please submit your letter of interest, stating qualifications to City Hall to be considered for the position.

September Meetings at City Hall

Planning Commission 4th & 18th - 6:30 pm
Budget Workshop 11th & 25th - 6:00 pm
City Council 11th & 25th - 7 pm



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- Our public works crew has finished installing a sodium hydrochloride system in the well house. Replacing our old chlorination system, this is a safer, easier way to maintaining a very low level of residual chlorine in our water to protect from disease.
- The new Coyote Ridge road through the port's property on our eastern side is well underway. For the time being the road will remain closed while the port negotiates with the Corps of Engineers for access to the Dam Access Road.
- Working with Gray and Osborn Engineering, we have completed an update of our Water System Plan. This is the first step in the process of building a secondary well for the city that will serve us for all foreseeable growth and provide redundancy to the system in case we ever have trouble with the existing well. We hope to adopt the plan at the 9/25 meeting.
- We are bringing forward to the Council an appendix to our comprehensive plan that discusses the possibilities for developing trails that would connect the city to Beacon Rock State Park and to the Bridge of the Gods. This long-range project stands to provide great recreation and tourism benefits to North Bonneville!
- We currently enjoy the assistance of several volunteers at city hall. I want to thank Jim Runkles and Terri Bianchi in particular for their dedicated help! Terri has been keeping City Hall clean and organized this year, and often assists me in administrative projects such as researching skate park donations. Jim has taken on some large projects such as organizing the city's part in the Dam's 75th anniversary and writing grant proposals. Thank you both so much for keeping the city's wheels turning!
- It is budget-season again. While we've made great headway in reducing the city's expenses to meet revenues, it looks like next year will be another challenging year financially. Should we raise taxes or cut services? Whatever we do will have real impacts on you. The city needs your input – please join us on Tuesday 9/25 at 6:00PM to get involved!

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for our city's fire fighters, city council, and planning commission.

If you are interested, please contact us at City Hall!

Welcome to the Team, Jeff Denny!

Jeff Denny has accepted the Utilities Operator position vacated by Cameron Russell. Jeff will start on October 1st.

Jeff is certified as a water distribution specialist and brings great experiences with him working in the building industry as well as in a laboratory and on municipal road and water projects. Best of all, he brings a great work ethic and a super personality!



Library Happenings

TWO PUBLIC INTERNETS NOW AT THE NORTH BONNEVILLE LIBRARY!

That's right....we now have 2 public internets available for your use at the North Bonneville Library. Watch for other future changes as we continue to tweak things so that the branch will be more useful to the community it serves.

Our Teen Writing Contest begins Sept. 4; go to www.fvri.org and then to the Teen page for more details.

Are you a winner of a Summer Reading Grand Prize? You might be if you participated in our Summer Reading program, which ended August 31. Come to either the childrens' or teen End-of-Summer Reading parties Sept. 5 at the Stevenson Library to find out! The Children's program is at 3 and the teen program is at 4:30.

School is back in session...remember what a good resource the library is for your assignments and reports.

Tina Sieg Smith
Stevenson and North Bonneville Community Librarian
(509) 427-5471

Bookmobile Schedule

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| Sat., September 15th & 29th | |
| Celilo | 9:00-9:30 |
| Windsong Estates | 9:45-10:15 |
| Wana kawok | 10:45-11:20 |

New Community Calendar

We are working on a community calendar. It will show gazebo reservations, disc golf tournaments and reservations, as well as community events. It should be up and running by the end of next week. Please see www.northbonneville.net

BILLING REMINDERS

All payments are due the **20th** of the billing month. If you have questions or need to make payment arrangements, please call Jennifer at city hall.

**Bonneville Hot Springs Resort and Spa
Sizzling September Special**

Tuesday the 18th and 25th

6 - 8 PM

Half-off Draft Beer and Wine on the patio.

Plus Live music from Matt Brown

Thank You DARLENE MILLS!

Community Volunteer Darlene Mills has been tirelessly spear-heading the community garden project since its inception. It is truly due to her persistence and fundraising talents that the garden exists today and continues to be developed.

Darlene, you inspire us. Thank you!

NORTH BONNEVILLE SENIORS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 3rd from 9 am to 4 pm

www.northbonneville.net

Have you visited our web site recently? We are continually improving it, and you can find all the following there:

- City Codes
- Complete Council Meeting Packets and Audio
- Staff Calendars
- City Forms
- Budgets
- City Maps
- Utility Information
- Newsletter Archives
- Ordinances and Resolutions
- Planning Documents

We'd love your suggestions for further improvements!

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**IN EFFECT UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

SEPTEMBER 2012

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