



SEPTEMBER 2014
CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Mayor's Desk

As we enjoy the warm summer weather I'm seeing a lot of people taking advantage of all the outdoor activities available in our city. Tennis, basketball, disc golf, traditional golf, cycling and that old reliable walking are all in evidence everywhere I look. I find this very encouraging as exercise is an important part of staying healthy and is something to which we should all aspire. The fact North Bonneville offers so many options is not only a boon for those of us who live here, it's also a fantastic draw to encourage visitors from outside our community to come and enjoy the amenities our city has to offer.

Another project we are hoping to get going on soon is the proposed pump track for bicyclists to use to hone their skills. The proposed location for the track is just south of the community garden which also allows it to serve as a gateway to the Hamilton Island trail as well as our many miles of paved pathways.

The Port of Skamania has graciously agreed to allow us to use dirt from the Cascade Business Park and we are in the process of finding volunteers who can help us move that dirt to the pump track location. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this project please let us know at City Hall.

In other news, our Public Works crew has replaced 36 water meters throughout our city over the past month. We anticipate these new meters will more accurately record water usage which should help us reduce the amount of "leakage" we have experienced for years in our system. We anticipate the new meters will also result in a slight increase in the utility bills due to their improved accuracy.

I know none of us wants to pay more for anything and I instructed our Public Works staff to include my meter in this first phase of replacements so that I can both share the pain and monitor the change. With approximately 350 utility accounts in North Bonneville, this represents about 10% of the total number of meters. Our long term plan is to replace at least another 10% next year and continue replacing them over the next several years until all the old meters are replaced.

If you have questions or comments about anything to do with our city you can reach me at 427-8182 or via email at don@northbonnville.net.

City Hall open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

September 2014

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	Labor Day! City Hall Closed 	12pm Senior Lunch 1-5pm Library Open 6pm Planning	1-5pm Library Open	12pm Senior Lunch 1-5pm Library Open	Pacific Crest Trail Days	Pacific Crest Trail Days Kid's Fishing Day 8am-1pm 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pacific Crest Trail Days	7pm Fire Training	12pm Senior Lunch 1-5pm Library Open 6:30pm Finance 7pm City Council	1-5pm Library Open  6pm Movie Night Stevenson Library	12pm Senior Lunch 1-5pm Library Open		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	7pm Fire Training	12pm Senior Lunch 1-5pm Library Open 6pm Planning	1-5pm Library Open	12pm Senior Lunch 1-5pm Library Open		1pm Family Game Day Stevenson Library 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
	7pm Fire Training	12pm Senior Lunch				

Pacific Crest Trail Days

Friday, September 05, 2014 - Sunday,
September 07, 2014 -

Thunder Island, Cascade Locks
Don't miss the 8th Annual PCT DAY
Oregon.

<http://www.oviewfinder.com/pctdays>



Carson National Fish Hatchery's Kids Fishing Day

Saturday, September 06, 2014 8:00 AM-
1:00 PM

Annual kids fishing day!

For more information, call 509-427-5905

Stevenson Community Library

Events

September 2nd - 25th

Quilt Exhibit

September 10th

Family Movie Night - 6pm

September 20th

Family Game Day - 1pm

September 24th

Fire and Forests Program - 6:30pm

Every Wednesday

Toddler Storytime - 10:30am

Every Thursday

Preschool Storytime - 10:30am

State Parks Free Day

Saturday, September 27

In honor of National Public Lands Day, September 27th is a "free day" and the Discover Pass is not required to visit a state park, which includes Beacon Rock State Park. Please note, free days apply only to day use (not overnight stays or rented facilities).



CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

First, a word of caution!!! Someone took it upon themselves to spray some of the wild blackberries that grow around town on public lands. This action was not authorized by the City. We do not know who sprayed the plants or what chemicals might have been used for spraying purposes. The City staff placed signs near the bushes advising against eating them - so please refrain from consuming these sprayed fruits.

Next, the City negotiated a labor contract with our employees that is in effect to the end of 2016. As part of the agreement, employees will pay a higher deductible for their medical insurance, which will result in City savings. In other financial news, the North Bonneville Public Development Authority [NBPDA] has repaid a loan they received from the City to assist them with their start up costs. They repaid the loan in full, with interest and eighteen months ahead of schedule! There was considerable concern that the NBPDA would not be able to repay this loan. At this time, the NBPDA is close to procuring a license from the Washington State Liquor Control Board to operate a retail marijuana store. The City is also expecting to hear in mid- September if it will receive a Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] from the Washington State Department of Commerce to replace the City's sewer Lift Station Number 3 that is on its last legs.

Also noteworthy, the City has entered into a contract to rent City Hall office space to the Washington Department of Corrections for purposes of providing probationary services. The City staff was able to take storage space and convert it for this purpose and in the process generate a bit of income for the community. While we are on the subject of money, please be advised that City Council hearings on the 2015 budget will be held September 9, September 23 and October 14. We encourage everyone to attend at least one of the meetings. We are very interested in hearing your comments on next year's budget.

I also want to mention that the City recently advertised for the submittal of tourism proposals intended to promote North Bonneville. The City intends to award vendors upwards of \$60,000 for this purpose. The source of this funding is the Hotel Motel Tax revenue. In response to this tourism solicitation - we received several proposals that will be reviewed by the Tourism Committee. The Committee will then make recommendations to the City Council regarding which, if any projects should be funded.

Last but certainly not least, The Dam Roadhouse will open in the Central Business District on September 5. Together, Ron Broersma and his mother Johanna have over 60 years experience in the restaurant business. They have promised to knock our socks off with their great pizzas and sandwiches!

Until further notice, please do not add any more yard waste to the city debris pile located next to the Treatment Plant. Thank you.