

# **Mayor's Message Regarding COVID-19**

**March 18, 2020**

The City of North Bonneville's administrative staff has been involved in, and will continue daily conference calls with Sheriff Brown, Skamania County Commissioners, Skamania County Public Health Director, and other key contacts throughout Skamania County for updates on the Coronavirus situation. We will do our best to keep our community apprised of current information as it comes through.

At this time, North Bonneville City Hall remains open to the public. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we ask that anyone feeling sick to please refrain from entering City Hall to ensure the safety of others. City staff are sanitizing door handles, counters, conference tables etc. in areas of all public buildings every two hours in an effort to keep the threat of the virus to a minimum for anyone that has to enter the facilities. City Hall remaining open may change if the level of the threat of being infected continues to grow. If the need to close City Hall and other public buildings becomes necessary for the safety and well-being of the public, City staff will be available to conduct business via email or the telephone. City Public Works crews will continue business as usual but limiting their interaction with the public for non-essential requests. For any requests requiring action by Public Works we ask that citizens call City Hall or Public Work Supervisor Bryan Henrichsen directly at (541) 490-2370. We ask that all non-essential reasons to enter the City facilities be limited for the time being until the threat of the Covid-19 virus is minimized. Water bill payments can be paid online, through the city's website, or dropped in the payment box outside the entry of City Hall. Most other city related business can be conducted by telephone at (509) 427-8182 or by emailing [info@northbonneville.net](mailto:info@northbonneville.net).

We are monitoring the situation daily with health and emergency agencies of the County, State and Federal governments, and will keep residents and business informed to any new information we receive by posting to the city web-site and city kiosk. Up to date information can also be accessed through the Skamania County Emergency Management website [skamania-dem.org](http://skamania-dem.org)

For the upcoming March 24, 2020 North Bonneville city council meeting, city staff will be sanitizing City Hall prior to the meeting and requiring everyone sanitize their hands as they arrive. Attendance at City Hall is limited to ensure adequate social distancing is achieved. Audio recording of the meeting will be posted on-line the day following. If you have any questions or comments concerning the agenda items that you would like to be addressed by council, please submit by phone or e-mail to City Hall prior to the meeting.

Finally, no one really knows or is saying why this particular virus has created such a national panic? By all accounts, what is being reported appears not to be any worse and actually less

dangerous as other recent pandemics have been in the past? Nonetheless, we are taking this pandemic very serious and are committed in doing what is necessary within our powers to keep the citizens of North Bonneville informed and as safe as possible.

Mayor Brian Sabo