A Message from the Mayor

I want to take this time to wish you and your families’ peace and prosperity in 2018. Each one of you makes this community a friendlier place to live. Your goodwill towards each other continues to foster a strong sense of community; one I am very proud of.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we look forward to strengthening our community, all the while maintaining our small town character, as we welcome new neighbors to town. Our town is in the midst of transformation and we are faced with many challenges. We are going to face these challenges head-on. Remember, there is so much more work that needs to be done and I am encouraging all of you to get involved in the process. Your voices are extremely valuable.

I am very excited to let you know that North Plains has hired a new City Manager. His name is Andy Varner and he will be in charge effective February 1st. We will formally introduce him in February and I hope to have a reception for him once he settles in so you can come by to meet him. Please watch our Facebook page for more information.

It is truly an exciting time to live in North Plains. I am sincerely honored to continue to serve you. I look forward to and welcome the opportunity to visit with any one, any time. Please feel comfortable reaching out to me.

May we continue to be blessed with a safe and welcoming way of life in North Plains.

Happy New Year!

E-Water Bills

Tired of waiting for your statement to come in the mail? Register and receive e-bills! Unfortunately, payment is not able to be submitted directly through the statement view at this time. For the time being, you can always make a payment through the website www.cityofnp.org . Click the red button that says “Pay Online” and you will be directed to the payment portal.

To set up e-bills visit https://northplains.moonlightbpo.com/default.aspx First time users will need to register. Enter your name and account number exactly as it appears on your water statement.

Once registered go to your profile and select “send e-mail” under Delivery Method.
You will receive an e-mail to the e-mail address you provided during registration once the new water statements are ready, typically around the 1st of each month.
Library News

TUTORING SERVICE
Stacie our tutoring volunteer will provide Homework Help on **Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 pm**. Please contact the Library to schedule a no cost session. The tutor will provide help with all subjects including math from an elementary school level through calculus.

**Book Babies Storytimes**
Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist, Lauren, every Wednesday at 10:30am in the children’s section of the library.

**Storytimes**
Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30am in the children's section of the library.

December 20 and 27. No Storytime, happy holidays!
January 3, 2018. Storytime with Mr. Will, New Year, new books.

**Family Fun Night**
Join us at the Library on the First Friday of each month for a free showing of a PG-rated movie, and a chance for parents to get their holds or have a quiet moment! Board games are available for older kids to enjoy.

**January 5 @ 6:30pm, The Book of Life**
This month's film is *The Book of Life*, an animated film starring Diego Luna and Zoe Saldana. "Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart, embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastic worlds where he must face his greatest fears."

**Super Saturday.**
Come join the library at Jessie Mays Community Center for fun performers and activities for all ages! These events occur from 1pm until 2pm. Events are always a blast, and always free of charge.

There will be no super Saturday in December.

**Saturday January 13th with kid’s musician Mo Phillips**
This is a must for kids with music like you have never heard before! Its goofball music played well with a genuine sense of wonder and appreciation for the wackiness inherent in every single child. His songs and song titles make no sense on the surface but kids gravitate strongly to his comedy-folk songs about being the “Champion of Sleepy Time,” a sultry analysis of what’s worth swapping in our school “Lunchbox,” and falling in love with a couch named “Maria”. It is impossible not to be charmed by the oddness of it all. This will be super fun for all the family.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES**
Here is a rundown on the adult focused news and programs that occurred recently or are scheduled to occur next month. All are welcome at our programs.

**Join the Ukalaliens at North Plains Public Library.**
Friday, January 26th 2018 from 7pm.

Come join the Ukalaliens at the North Plains Public Library! The Ukalaliens, Steve Einhorn and Kate Power, bring 30 ukuleles for everyone in attendance to play. They will teach the essentials and soon enough we will all be strumming, singing, and harmonizing. Bring your own uke if you dare. No talent necessary, but by the end of the night you’ll be picking and grinning. All ages, all skills, all welcome!!

**International Movie Night**
With the kind support of the Cultural Trust of Oregon, the Cultural Coalition of Washington County, and the Abbey Creek Winery, we are able to bring you fresh foreign film every month. All showings occur at the Abbey Creek Winery tasting room on Commercial Street. Fine wine is available for purchase.

Thursday, January 18, International Movie Night will be the *Bad Luck Goat* from Columbia. After accidentally killing a bearded goat with their father’s truck, two incompatible teenage siblings embark on a journey of reconciliation. Corn and Rita must find a way to repair the truck in time to pick up the tourists that will be staying at their family’s hotel. As they struggle to find the means necessary to conceal the accident, the siblings will visit a butcher, rastafari drum makers, a pawn shop and even a witch doctor, in a 24-hour adventure around Port Paradise.

**News from the North Plains Senior Center**

**MUSIC MONDAY:** DT & Country will be playing at the Senior Center on Monday, Jan 8th at 11:00 am-1:30 pm

**EXERCISE CLASS:** Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30 – 10:30 AM, down stairs at the Senior Center, this class is FREE and open to anyone.

**Circuit Training Bootcamp:** Monday thru Friday 5am - 6am Just show up $5.00 for drop in or $25.00 a month

**December CALENDAR:**
BINGO: Wednesday, Jan 3rd 6:30 p.m.
BUNCO: Thursday, Jan 11th & 25th 1:00 pm
Liver & Onions Lunch: Tuesday, Jan 16th salad bar opens at 11:45, lunch at 12 pm

**DRIVER SAFETY CLASS:** Are you interested in taking a driver safety class? Call 503 647-5666

**2018 CRAB FEED TICKETS:** are now on sale either online at northplainsseniorcenter.org or at the center at 31450 NW Commercial St. from 10-2:00pm. Crab only $35.00, Steak only $35.00 or surf & turf $40.00.

### January Calendar

01/01  City Offices Closed  
01/02  City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street  
01/05  First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays  
01/10  Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center  
01/11  Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St  
01/13  Super Saturday 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays  
01/15  City Offices Closed  
01/16  City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center  
01/20  Annual Crab Feed 3 p.m. at Jessie Mays  
01/24  Parks Board 6 p.m. at City Hall  
01/26  Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House

### Fire Department News

**Tips to carry you safely into 2018**

By TVF&R Captain Mick Carey

With the New Year and resolutions on everyone’s minds, now is the time to think about some personal and home safety steps that can help carry you and your family safely into and through 2018, as well as save you time and money by avoiding winter-related damage to your home or business.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters always see an increase in outdoor-related injuries around the first of the year. Keep these things in mind to minimize your risk of personal injury:

- Increased slip and fall injuries are of particular concern this time of year.
- Be extra careful on icy surfaces around your home – use kitty litter or sand to increase traction.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activity; dress in layers with hats, gloves and waterproof boots.
- Be aware of the wind chill factor, which can often lower the temperature by several degrees.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued storm advisories.
- If you must travel, make sure someone knows where you are going, what time you expect to arrive, and the route you plan to take.
- Pack extra water, food, blankets, and clothing in case of an unexpected emergency.

There are also steps you can take to improve the safety of your home this winter:

- Have your home heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- If you are heating with wood, inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- **Always** discard ashes in a metal container away from combustible materials.
- Check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly.
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies by installing a CO alarm in your home.

In addition to fires, TVF&R firefighters respond to other types of emergencies that can cause severe damage to homes and businesses. We recommend you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the water shut off for your home/business if you haven’t done so already.

Winter will be upon us for several more months, and being prepared can help save you time and money.

For the past several winters, TVF&R firefighters have responded to hundreds of calls for frozen water pipes that burst and began flowing water. Businesses and homeowners suffered thousands of dollars in damage because they didn’t know how to stop the water from flowing.

During region-wide weather events, first responders must prioritize their response to life-safety incidents.

Knowing how to shut off your water and calling a professional can prevent significant damage to your home. Also, insulate exposed water pipes in the garage and cover outdoor water spigots.

Visit www.tvfr.com for more winter safety tips.
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