The Word on the Street

Ice Cream Social

Come and join your neighbors at the Annual North Plains Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 7th at 6:30. This is a free community event; no reservations required - just show up and have a good time! It's the perfect way to start your summer!

This year's event is presented by the City of North Plains and the North Plains Events Association (NPEA).

Library News

SUMMER READING UNVEILED

This summer the reading program is billed as Libraries Rock. A special school assembly featuring the Tears of Joy puppet theater will get things going. Additionally the regular story time for June 20th is billed as Summer of Fun and will promote the entire program. There will be no regular Storytime for July 11th and July 18th due to the time conflict with WCCLS sponsored performers. We will use this for fall planning purposes.

Here is the lineup of entertainers with links to explain what they do. This year in keeping with the theme most are music related:

- June 4th School assembly kick off 9am until 10am with the Tears of Joy Theater www.tojt.org/contact-us/
- June 21st Jenks 6pm www.jenksmusic.com
- June 28th MC Shoehorn 1pm www.shoehornmusic.com/
- July 5th Vikki Gasko Green 1pm www.vikkigaskogreen.com/
- July 11th (Wednesday) 123 Andres 1pm www.123andres.com/
- July 16 – 21 Spin and Win week. In the middle of the summer reading program we will allow kids to spin our wheel of fortune to have a chance to win cool prizes like a STEM learning kit, an educational book bundle, and even a ukulele!
- July 19th Gerardo Calderon 1pm www.ya-or.org/blog/2013/02/featured-artist-gerardo-calderon
- July 26th Jeff McMahon 1pm www.jeffmcmagic.com/
- August 2nd Eric Herman 1pm www.erichermanmusic.com/
- August 9th Aaron Nigel Smith 1pm www.aaronnigelsmith.com/

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Monday-Friday.

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Contact Your Council:
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Sherrie Simmons
Robert Kindel
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Cameron Martinez
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Important Reminder:
Backflow Device testing is due by June 15th, 2018.
August 16th *Mad Science* 1pm  
www.portland.madscience.org/
August 23rd *Angel Ocasio* 1pm www.ocomedy.com/
August 26th is the end of summer reading carnival (this year on Saturday by popular demand). Once again we will be featuring the artists and performers of *Earth Fairy Entertainment* and a host of huggable animals. Our lineup includes finisher reward books, face painting, snow cones, a bounce house, balloon twisters and more! www.earthfairyentertainment.com/

**TUTORING SERVICE**

Stacie, our tutoring volunteer will provide Homework Help on Wednesday evenings from 5pm until 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.

Police Officer Matt Glem will offer math help, specializing in Junior High through College Mathematics including College Prep (CPM). These sessions occur on Saturdays from 3:30pm until 5pm beginning January 6. Students are welcome to come on a drop in basis or by signing up.

**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. Here is a run-down on some of our upcoming story time themes for the next few months: Wednesday, May 23 – Mr. Will goes down on the farm.
Wednesday, May 30 – Special Guest story time with the Fire Department!
June 6 – Fish and Frogs with Mr. Will
June 13 – Special Guest story time with Razor the Potbelly Pig.
June 20 – Summer of fun (SRP signup effort) with Mr. Will.
June 27 – Mr. Will wishes the Library Happy Birthday!

**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.
June 1. 6:30pm, *Coco*.

Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer.

**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.

**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 a fresh foreign film every month. All showings occur at the Abbey Creek Winery tasting room on Commercial Street. Fine wine is available for purchase. Doors open at 6pm for a short movie then the feature runs at 7pm.

Thursday, June 21, International Movie Night will be *Neither Heaven Nor Earth*. French, 104 minutes with English subtitles.

Afghanistan 2014. Approaching the withdrawal of troops, Captain Antarès Bonassieu and his squad are assigned to monitor a remote valley of Wakhan, Afghanistan, on the border of Pakistan. Despite their determination, control of this so-called calm sector will gradually crumble as soldiers start to mysteriously disappear one by one.

**Culinary Literacy – Firehouse food**

The latest presentation in the North Plains Public Library’s Culinary Literacy Series is entitled Firehouse Food, a Presentation and Sampling. This will occur on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 from 9:30am until 10:30am. This library event will be at the North Plains Senior Center.

Local Firefighters will provide a delicious sampling of food for attendees but will share how to eat for good health and high performance; safety tips on properly...
cooking with fire; the camaraderie of sitting down together for a meal; handling interruptions when cooking, and rewarming tips; quick and easy meals, and will give us a glimpse into the life of a firefighter.

**Police Department News**

The North Plains Police Department would like to congratulate Reserve Officer Bynon on graduating the Washington County Reserve academy on May 10th. Please welcome Jason as he starts his field training!

**Those Were the Good Old Days**

**Hops- Now and Then**

By Melvin Van Domelen

Mountaindale, OR

Over the years there have been several crops grown by farmers in our local area that have all but disappeared, these being cannery peas, barley, flax and hops. We now do have a baseball team playing at Ron Tonkin field called the “Hops”. People wondered why this name was selected for the ball team. They had to reach way back in time to come up with that one.

I have some pictures of my Mother, who then was Pearl Corey, in a hop yard in 1909. This was an incentive to look into hop production here. My Mother is here, on the left, driving the cart and Tillie Schmitke is with her. The photo was taken at the Maxwell hop yard that was located just before Corey Road, takes off from Dairy Creek Road. This would be about 2 miles north of the Mountaindale corner. The 10 to 12 foot high posts that supported the vines show up here.

This photo, also taken at the Maxwell yard shows the girls decorated with hops everywhere. They are left to right: Retha Raffety, Pearl Corey, Wanda Raffety, Anna Fowles and Cora Willis. I had a chance to go over the picture with Retha while she was still living. Retha said that the hop vines did have a rough surface. But, she pointed out that a lot of the protection was for when they went to a dance, their arms were not so tanned. I questioned that Anna looked out of place. Retha said “Oh, she was just visiting”.

Elaine Gardener Olsen remembers the Maxwell hop yard and the hop drier there. She told of her brother Elmo being the person who would shout out “Wire down” when he lowered a line of vines for picking.

In talking with Clyde Pothoff, I learned his favorite way of picking hops was to strip the vines with his fingers, something like a rake. Sometimes he would have to pick the leaves out. He told me his family was picking hops the day World War II ended in September of 1945. Clyde said that the picking season went on for two or three weeks.

The Willis hop yard was west of where Murphy Road starts the climb up to Pumpkin Ridge. On a fishing trip with my Father, he showed me the wood fired hop drier that was still down by Dairy Creek. It was just like a small barn with three levels of screened floors. There were planks that a person could walk on to stir the hops that needed to be done often.

Nearby was the cabin of a local moonshiner, Slim Willis. I read in a newspaper once that Slim had been busted several times for this activity. Dad pointed out the empty wine and whiskey bottles that Slim had used to fill the space where the cabin rafters sat on the walls. These bottles were plastered in this space with moss and mud, all around the cabin. It was a sight to see.

Elaine Olsen loaned me an old picture album that had a page of photos of the Sinclair hop yard. This place was about one-half way between North Plains and Hillsboro on Glencoe Road. This prompted a visit with Steve Griffels who lives there today. Steve’s mother was Marjorie, a daughter of John and Nellie Sinclair.
Steve said there had been hops grown on the Sinclair farm from 1906 to 1945. This is a picture of the Sinclair hop yard. The house in the background still stands there today, 2018. The vines in the front have been lowered for picking. The rows of hops in the rear are still up on the wires and poles. Steve told me the young hop vines had to be trained to grow around the string in the right direction or they wouldn’t climb up.

The hop pickers were paid by the pounds produced. Steve’s mother kept a tally book for this. The best price Steve’s grandfather John received for his dried and baled hops was $1.50 a pound. If that was the price the grower received, the pickers could not have been paid very much.

Hops were soft and light, took a lot to make a pound. Some pickers camped in the Sinclair woods.

This is a wagon load of sacked hops headed for a hop drier. In 1946 the Sinclairs were drying hops for Steve’s Father, Avis Griffels, who had a yard up on Pumpkin Ridge. A fire started that burned down the Sinclair drier and one-half of Avis’s 1946 crop.

Steve Griffels was kind enough to dig out the tripod and spring scales that had been used in the Sinclair hop yard. They were up in the rafters of his garage and had not seen the light of day for forty years.

About the only hops we have around here now is the Hillsboro Hops, that baseball team. As I noted in the beginning “They had to dig deep for that name”.

Thanks to contributors Elaine, Clyde, and Steve.

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Books for Sale

Enjoy reading Melvin’s stories each month? If so, then you’ll love his 218-page history book on North Plains and surrounding area. “Those Were the Good Old Days!” is selling for $25. Please call Melvin at (503) 647-2760 to order your copy!

Historical Society Picnic

The North Plains Historical Society is holding a potluck picnic at noon on Monday, June 18, at the home of Doloris Van Domelen, 19441 NW Dairy Creek Rd. Everyone is welcome!

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June Calendar

06/01 Family Fun Night 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
06/04 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
06/07 Ice Cream Social 6 p.m. on Commercial Street
06/13 Town Hall with Janeen Sollman 5:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
06/13 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
06/14 Food Pantry 5 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
06/18 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
06/21 International Movie Night 6 p.m. at Abbey Creek
**Garlic Festival 2018**

This August will be the 21st year of the Elephant Garlic Festival. The three day festival is from August 10-12. The theme this year is 'ALL ABOARD THE GARLIC EXPRESS'. Wayne Holm, owner of Oregon-Canadian Forest Products, will be the Grand Marshal for the annual parade. See [www.funstinks.com](http://www.funstinks.com) for more details.

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**Fire Department News**

### Wildfires Can Happen Here — Take Steps Now to Reduce Risks

By TVF&R Captain Mick Carey

It’s important for property owners to take steps to assist in helping to protect their home and land from potential wildfires this summer.

During a wildfire, time is crucial and resources are limited. What you’ve done before a fire strikes may determine whether firefighters are able to save your home and other structures on your property.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has taken deliberate steps in the past 20 years to ensure a quick and effective response to wildfire, including investing in specialized wildland vehicles and equipment. Firefighters also participate in hands-on training, and TVF&R offers complimentary inspections to homeowners who reside on steep hillsides and in rural areas on the edges of town to discuss preventative measures.

Now is the perfect time to create a 30-foot defensible space or safety zone around your home that may help firefighters safely protect your home from an encroaching fire.

To create this space, homeowners are encouraged to take the following steps:

- De-limb trees at least 10 feet up from the ground and cut back tree limbs hanging over your roof.
- Remove leaves, brush, and other debris from your gutters, rooftop, and underneath decks and crawlspaces.
- Regularly mow and water lawns and other green belts on your property. Keep your landscaping well pruned and watered.
- Plant low-growing, fire-resistant plants such as groundcover, perennials, and annuals near your home. Plant individual shrubs and hardwood trees at least 10 feet from your home.
- Store firewood and other combustibles at least 100 feet from your home.

Ensure firefighters can quickly find your home by posting your address at the beginning of a long driveway. Make sure your street is named or numbered and a sign is posted at each street intersection. If you need a rural address sign, call 503-697-9418.

Access to your property is also crucial. To ensure crews can safely respond, cut back low-hanging tree limbs and clear dense vegetation and debris from the road or driveway. Driveways should be 20 feet wide and have a minimum clearance of 15 feet overhead.

For more information about wildfire safety tips, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

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**Noxious Vegetation**

It’s that time of year again! With spring here and summer approaching, please make sure that yards and ditches are mowed. Grass and weeds above 10 inches high are considered a nuisance and potential fire hazard.

"Between April 1st and October 31st of any year, no owner or person in charge of a property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of a property to cut down or to destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds, or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or, in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed". 4.10.090 NPMC
4th of July Parade

3:00 PM

- 2:00 PM - PARADE STAGING BEGINS AT JESSIE MAYS PARK
- PARADE ROUTE PROCEEDS WEST FROM JESSIE MAYS PARK TO MAIN ST.
- EAST ON COMMERCIAL TO 311TH ST.
- ENDING AT JESSIE MAYS PARK

- THE OREGON NATIONAL GUARDS OWN, 2-218 FIELD ARTILLERY DEMO
- 4:30 PM - FREEDOM SALUTE & DEMO EXHIBITION BEGINS

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Sanitary sewer rates are proposed to increase $1.33 (3%) a month for the average household. The Surface Water Management (SWM) fee is proposed to increase $.50 (6%) per month for the average household. These proposed increases will take effect July 1, 2018 and will be shared proportionately between Clean Water Services and its member cities. The increases are necessary to meet stringent federal pollution control safeguards and protect public health, the Tualatin River and local waterways.

Join us for a public hearing on June 19, when the Clean Water Services Board of Directors will review the proposed budget and rates. We welcome your comments. For more information, please visit cleanwaterservices.org/budget.

Combining science and nature, we work in partnership with our member cities to safeguard the river's health and vitality, ensure the economic success of our region and protect public health for nearly 600,000 residents and businesses in urban Washington County.

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