The Word on the Street

Library News

OBOB WRITERS CLUB
We continue to hold OBOB 2018-2019 book discussions as the summer progresses. We will gather to read, write, and discuss one book per month for both 3-5 and 6-8 grade divisions.

Wednesday August 22nd
3-5th division 3:00pm until 4:30pm, discussion on: Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson.
6-8th division 4:30pm until 6:00pm, discussion continues for: I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda.

SUMMER READING
Here is the lineup of the remaining entertainers with links to explain what they do:
August 23 Angel Ocasio 1pm www.ocomedy.com/
August 25 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/

Book Babies Storytimes
Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist, Ms. Em, every Tuesday at 10:00am 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 rundown on some of our upcoming story time themes for the next few months:
Wednesday, August 22, 2018 – Knight or night.
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 – Me hungry.
Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – Special Guest: Fletcher the Wonder dog.
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – Work, work, work!
Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – Speak like a pirate, mate.
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – No good books.
Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – Fall into fall.
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.

**September 7th 6:30pm, we will be showing the classic animated version of *Robin Hood*!**

An imaginative Disney version of the Robin Hood legend. Fun and romance abound as the swashbuckling hero of Sherwood Forest and his valiant sidekick plot one daring adventure after another to outwit the greedy prince and his partner as they put the tax squeeze on the poor.

**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.

**Mind Your Yoga**
Our skilled Yoga volunteer Meena will continue to guide patrons on the path to better health and flexibility. Due to the constraints of booking Jessie Mays, Mind Your Yoga sometimes meets at the North Plains Senior Center.

**August classes**
Week 3 : August 21st Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 4 : August 28th North Plains Senior Center

**September Classes**
Week 1 : NO CLASS
Week 2 : September 11th Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 3 : September 18th Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 4 : September 25th North Plains Senior Center

**October Classes**
Week 1 : October 2nd Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 2 : October 9th Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 3 : October 16th Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 4 : October 23rd Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 5 : October 30th North Plains Senior Center

**Library Book Club**
New members are always welcome to join in the monthly discussions. The group meets regularly once a month, usually on the last Wednesday of each month.

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**Mayor’s Corner**

*By Teri Lenahan*

With another successful year for the Elephant Garlic Festival, it’s time for me to put down the garlic ice cream and focus on business.

Even during the festivities of this weekend, I haven’t stopped thinking about our city and the business at hand. One specific item that is on my mind is the current and future economic growth in town. To bring you up to speed, the City and members of the community have been working on a comprehensive economic analysis to determine where opportunities and challenges exist in the City for employment growth and what steps the City should be taking to achieve the stated vision. The beauty of this study is that the outcome can be decided by us and not Metro! (North Plains resides outside the Metro boundary) Think about that; you can help shape the future economic vision for your town. How empowering is that?

The purpose of the *Economic Opportunity Analysis* (EOA) is to (a) update the City’s economic data, and projecting forward 20 years; (b) develop a cohesive economic strategy and vision for the community; and (c) better define the City’s role in helping to achieve community economic development aspirations through specific policies and implementation measures. After two years in the making, *PNW Economics* recently completed the draft Economic Opportunities Analysis and it is now time to unveil the findings to the public.

On September 4th at 6:00pm at the Senior Center, we will have an *Economic Opportunities Analysis Open House* to update folks on the outcomes of the EOA. If you are a long-time resident or are new to town, I encourage you to attend this meeting to discuss the findings of this study. The data is intriguing and it could help shape the future of our town. The final version will be presented at a public hearing to the City Council on September 17, where a final decision could be determined.

We have the ability to shape our future. The City Council welcomes your input on this very important topic. I hope you will mark your calendar for September 4th and join me and the City Council to learn more about the future economic opportunities in North Plains.
month at 7pm at the North Plains Public Library. Here is the rundown of upcoming titles for 2018:

- **Aug. 29** - *The Bright Hour* – Nina Riggs  
  (Suggested by Kris Kelly & Carolyn Leavitt)
- **Sept. 26** - *The Great Alone* – Kristin Hannah  
  (Suggested by Lori Andresen)
- **Oct. 31** - *Happiness is a Choice You Make* – John Leland  
  (Suggested by Jennifer Knowles)
- **Nov. 28** - *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* – Jamie Ford  
  (Suggested by Mark Leavitt)
- **Dec. 26** - *Before We Were Yours* – Lisa Wingate  
  (Suggested by Jennifer Knowles)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The following is a listing of the library related meetings scheduled for the next few months.

**Friends of the North Plains Public Library**

Our supportive Friends group usually meets quarterly on Monday evenings in the Library at 7pm and all members are invited to attend. Dates for upcoming Friends meetings are proposed to be:

- **September 10, 2018**
- **December 10, 2018**
- **March 11, 2019**
- **June 10, 2019**

**Library Board**

Our board will generally meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm to discuss the library, its goals, and objectives. The next meeting of the Library Board will occur on September 19.

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**September Calendar**

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**Fire Department News**

**Talk to Your Kids About Fire and Life Safety**

It’s that time again — when North Plains students head back to class. And for many students, this may be the school year where they will be trusted to be home alone after school.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages parents and caregivers to review fire and life safety tips with them.

Talk to your kids about how and when to call 911 for police, fire, or medical assistance in the event of an emergency. Children should know their address, phone number, and your contact information so that they can provide that information to the emergency dispatcher.

It’s also a good idea to have phone numbers for family and neighbors posted on the refrigerator, near the phone, or on a designated bulletin board in the event kids need assistance but it’s not an emergency.

This is also a good time to set house rules on using the stove or microwave. Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. Most of the fires start on the stovetop due to food or oil being left unattended while being heated. The following tips may help your child avoid a fire:

- **Allow cooking privileges based on age and maturity.**  
  Consider allowing younger children to only use a microwave or oven to heat food (versus the stovetop). However, use caution when heating food in a microwave due to the potential for burn injuries.

- **If allowed to use the stovetop, never leave food (especially oil) unattended — even for a moment!**  
  Pre-teens and teenagers enjoy many activities that can cause them to be distracted and/or forget they’re cooking. Remind children to stay by the stovetop when cooking. If they need to leave — turn off the burner.
• Keep combustibles such as pot holders, dish towels, food boxes, and magazines away from the stovetop.
• Water and oil do not mix! Never throw water on a grease fire or try to move the flaming pan. Either action can cause the fire to spread or cause burns to a body.
• If a fire occurs, leave the home and call 911 from a cellphone or a neighbor’s home.

Other safety tips to share include:
• Never use matches, lighters, or candles. Keep these items away from children and remind them that they are not to be touched by anyone other than an adult.
• Know two escape routes from every room in the house. One of those could be a window. Create and practice a home fire escape plan.
• Do not place combustibles like clothes, blankets, or scarves, over a lamp.
• Do not play with electrical cords, and do not insert anything other than a plug into an electrical socket.
• Never mix cleaning products.
• Know where first-aid supplies are located, and consider signing up older children for a first-aid and CPR class.

For additional fire and life safety information, visit www.tvfr.com.

In a school zone when the flashers are blinking, slow down and be sure to stop and yield to pedestrians crossing in crosswalks or intersections. Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. Please don’t honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way. Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
Let’s have a safe start to the school year!

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER!**

It’s that time of year again to make sure your lawns and the right-of-way areas are mowed in compliance with the City Municipal Code. Between April 1st and October 31st of any year, no owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the public right-of-way abutting the property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of 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.
(Ordinance 4.10.090)

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**Police Department News**

The North Plains Police Department would like to remind our community that the start of the 2018-2019 school year for North Plains Elementary school is approaching fast. September 4th 2018 is the first day of school.

Your NPPD officers will be out in the upcoming weeks to make sure the roadways and school is safe while everyone gets into the swing of safe drop offs, pick-ups, and travels to and from school.

Please take extra time getting ready for your commute, as there will be plenty of people on the road. Below are some tips for preserving safety https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/domain/89
NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM
The Planning Commission of North Plains will conduct a public hearing to review proposed changes to the Zoning and Development Code.

The Code Update includes Chapters 16.005 (Definitions), 16.065 (Floodplain Overlay), 16.080 (Signs) and 16.135 (Subdivision).

The Code update, City File 18-094, initiated by the City, includes the following proposed revisions:
1. Clarification of the definition of the term “lot coverage”;
2. Update to the FEMA Flood Map date (new date of October 19, 2018);
3. Update to the process for reviewing floodplain and subdivision on the same property;
4. A clear set of poral sign standards (i.e. sandwich boards) as none currently exists; and
5. A change of the length of approval for subdivisions from one year to two years.

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on this matter to the City Council, who will review the proposal and recommendation with a public hearing on Monday, October 1, 2018, or another date certain as stated at the Planning Commission hearing.

Monday, September 17, 2018 – 7:00 PM
The City Council of North Plains will conduct a public hearing to review the proposed Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA).

The EOA, City File 17-070, initiated by the City, was reviewed and recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission. The EOA includes an analysis of the current economic climate of the City of North Plains as well as a projection of economic development over the next 20 years.

Questions and/or comments regarding the applications can be directed to City Manager Andy Varner andy.varner@northplains.org (503) 647-5555 or City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133.

The public hearings will be conducted according to the process identified in Development Code Section 16.170. Public oral and/or written testimony is welcome at each hearing. The application and all evidence relied upon by the City to make this decision is in the public record and is available for inspection at North Plains City Hall during regular business hours for no cost. Copies can be provided at a reasonable cost. The City’s staff report will be available for review at no cost at City Hall or www.northplains.org one week prior to each hearing.

Failure to raise an issue in sufficient detail during the comment period or at the public hearing may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals or Appeals/Circuit Court on said issue.
EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING!

Contour Chiropractic Clinic PC

NEW HOURS
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MON-FRI
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