The City of North Plains is providing its annual curbside street tree leaf pick-up program again this fall. To help us better serve you, place loose street tree leaves curbside by the first day of the scheduled pick-up. Loose leaves should be raked into a windrow 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain. Keep leaf windrows less than 3 feet high.

Please do not park vehicles, or leave refuse bins or other obstacles near the leaf windrows.

This year we are doing things a bit differently in how we pick up the leaves. We have divided the city into four zones, and will be picking up the leaves according to that schedule. Please have your leaves out by the first day of leaf pick up for your zone. Commercial Street and 313th Avenue are the dividing lines for the quadrants.

- **Zone 1** - Leaf pick up will take place **November 5th-9th**.
- **Zone 2** - Leaf pick up will take place **November 12th-16th**.
- **Zone 3** - Leaf pick up will take place **November 19th-23rd**.
- **Zone 4** - Leaf pick up will take place **November 26th-30th**.
Mayor’s Corner
By Teri Lenahan

Who felt energized by the mild October temperatures, sunny afternoons and colorful leaves? As I worked in my garden and picked the last of the tomatoes and green peppers, I was reminded of how thankful I am that my garden produced a healthy bounty for me and my family. I hope all the gardeners out there enjoyed the same. Thank you, Mother Earth!

Now, being a gardener, November is not my favorite month. However, it does give us Thanksgiving which is my favorite annual holiday. Personally, I enjoy cooking the meal for my family, reminiscing about when my children were young, throwing the football at half-time and eating pumpkin pie for breakfast. Reflection is a big part of our day together and it brings us closer as a family. I hope you experience the same. Do you have a favorite tradition as a family? I would love to hear about it.

This month, I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers in North Plains that help make this community a better place. They spend many hours studying information that will have an impact on our community. They spend time together making decisions that will affect your life in some way or another. Here are just a few members of our community that I would like to say thank you to for being committed to making our town the best it can be. Thank you: Russ, Cameron, Larry, Sherrrie, Butch, Garth, Mark, Stephanie, Roshi, Carol, David, Doug, Rickey, Evan, Joanna, Patti, Pledad, Michael, Stewart, Heather, Tom, James, John, Lonnie, Scott, Lisa, Jackie, Libby, Gabe and Cindy. These people make things happen in North Plains. These wonderful folks serve on at least one of these committees: the City Council, Library Board, Parks Board, Planning Commission, Economic Development Committee and the North Plains Events Association. There are so many other people who come together and believe in the importance of maintaining our small-town atmosphere. We want to build on this growth in a positive way and we hope people want to get involved so we can continue to make it better for our children.

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Please keep in mind that emergencies, severe weather, and light/heavy leaf fall may cause delays in the schedule. We will keep you posted of any changes on the City’s website at www.northplains.org

Please continue to use your yard debris bins provided by Garbarino’s for the leaves from your backyard.

Items other than leaves will not be picked up.

Jessie Mays Closure

Jessie Mays is getting a makeover this fall! The work will include new siding and doors. For the safety and benefit of North Plains residents, the play structure will be closed and fenced off from October 29th- December 1st. Please contact Public Works Director Blake Boyles at blake.boyles@northplains.org with questions. We appreciate your patience.

Library New

In Library Art Display
In November and December we will feature the amazing art of Maryam Shariati, freelance and fine artist. Maryam is a graduate of the PNCA School of Illustration. She loves to paint in many mediums including gouache, and her work focuses on dreams, cats, fiction, magic, and music.

OBOB Writers Club
The OBOB Writers Club has a great lineup for the fall. The OBOB Club gathers to read, write, and discuss one book per month for both 3-5 and 6-8 grade divisions.

3rd-5th Grade Wednesday, October 31st 3:30-4:30pm Nightbird by Alice Hoffman.

6th-8th Grade Wednesday, October 31st 4:30-5:30pm The Body in the Woods by April Henry.

3rd-5th Grade Wednesday, November 28th 3:30-4:30pm When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin.

6th-8th Grade Wednesday, November 28th 4:30-5:30pm Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk.
Mayor’s Corner
By Teri Lenahan

Our community has a lot going on every month. Every day the staff and volunteers do their best to bring Library Storytime, Mind Your Yoga, Artist Trading Cards, Chili Cook-off, One Book One Community, Food Pantry and Family Fun Night to North Plains. We are trying to keep the ideas fresh and inviting to moms, dads and children. If you have any ideas that you think the community would enjoy, please feel free to speak out. For example, this month, we will be sharing the tradition of Diwali at Jessie Mays Community Center on November 9th. Please see the City’s website for details.

Our community is like a garden. North Plains is an ideal community to live and raise a family. The community leaders assess the needs and help plant the seeds. Through a watchful eye of watering and managing of the garden, the community will grow and produce a welcoming and livable town which we all can be thankful to call North Plains’ home. Folks, my hope is for you to embrace the power of family and enjoy this Thanksgiving season. Please be mindful of those neighbors who might not have immediate family close by. Reach out to them. There is no more important human quality than sharing with others.

Warmest Regards,

Teri

3rd-5th Grade Wednesday, December 19th 3:30-4:30pm In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III
6th-8th Grade Wednesday, December 19th 4:30-5:30pm Absolutely Truly by Heather Vogel Frederick
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 program room in 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, October 17, 2018 – Monkey Business with Mr. Will.
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 – Monsters are coming with Mr. Will.
Wednesday, October 31, 2018 – Scary stories with Mr. Will.
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 – Noisy stories with Mr. Will.
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – Guest story time.

Model builders club
Our new model building club will be running at North Plains Elementary School after early release each Wednesday afternoon until November 28th. The group will consist of 5th and 6th grade students and cover a full range of STEAM and historical activities.

Mary and the Witch’s Flower
This is a dazzling new adventure about a young girl named Mary, who discovers a flower that grants magical powers, but only for one night. Mary is an ordinary young girl stuck in the country with her Great-Aunt Charlotte and seemingly no adventures or friends in sight. She follows a mysterious cat into the nearby forest, where she discovers an old broomstick and the strange Fly-by-Night flower, a rare plant that blossoms only once every seven years and only in that forest. Together the flower and the broomstick whisk Mary above the clouds, and far away to Endor College, a school of magic run by headmistress Madam Mumblechook and the brilliant Doctor Dee.

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.
A will is not enough in Oregon! Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 2pm until 3:30pm
Join legal assistant Laura Lindholm for a session giving practical advice about estate planning. It covers how to safeguard your assets and healthcare wishes. The presenter will share information about why a will is simply not enough for most people. There are other things that need to be addressed too such as guardianship, conservatorship, power of attorney or even how to avoid probate. The presenter will also discuss what a Living Trust is and what people should know about it.

**Bollywood Night. November 9 at Jessie Mays 8pm until 10:30pm**

Join the staff and patrons of North Plains Public Library to celebrate the last day of Diwali (Festival of Lights) on November 9, 2018. This special day known as Bhai Duj is dedicated to celebrate the special bond between brothers and sisters, in a similar way to Raksha Bandhan. Brothers and sisters traditionally get together and share food, and honor the bond between them. Let us all come together in the spirit of community to celebrate our siblings and light the night. We will mark the festival with a display of traditional Indian dance, and share the Bollywood movie Dhanak at the Jessie Mays Center in North Plains. We will be delighted to provide free naan bread and samosas, and we will have beer available to purchase! Please do call and RSVP your spot at this great event.

**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.

**October Yoga Classes**

- Week 3 : October 16, Jessie Mays Community Center
- Week 4 : October 23, Jessie Mays Community Center
- Week 5 : October 30, North Plains Senior Center

**November Yoga Classes**

- Week 1 : November 6, North Plains Senior Center
- Week 2 : November 13, Jessie Mays Community Center
- Week 3 : November 20, Jessie Mays Community Center
- Week 4 : November 27, North Plains Senior Center

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**November Calendar**

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**FireDepartment News**

**Put a Lid on Cooking Fires**

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries. Last year, approximately one-third of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to, began in a kitchen. TVF&R crews encourage you to minimize your risk of a fire by organizing a safe kitchen and practicing these safe cooking tips:

- Keep a watchful eye on what you are cooking — never leave cooking unattended.
Keep your cooking area clean, including the stovetop, oven, and exhaust fan.

Keep dish towels and pot holders away from the burners on your stove.

Watch your sleeves to prevent them from catching fire or getting caught on pan handles.

Cooking oil can ignite quickly. Heat oil slowly and watch it closely.

Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Store it in an easy-to-reach location and know how to use it. The discharge of a portable fire extinguisher only lasts between eight and 10 seconds.

Put a lid on it.

The easiest way to extinguish a small pan fire is with a pan lid. Turn off the burner and carefully slide a pan lid over the pan from the side. The lid will “smother” the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan is cool. If you do not have a pan lid, you may also use a baking sheet or pizza pan.

Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a countertop, cabinets, or curtains.

Grease and water do not mix.

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned.

If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor’s house.

For additional safety tips, visit www.tvfr.com.

**Meals on Wheels People volunteer opportunity…**

It’s called “DONATE DINNER!”

Donate Dinner provides shoppers at local grocery stores the opportunity to “donate dinner” to a homebound senior when they do their holiday shopping the five days before Thanksgiving (November 17-21 between 11am and 7pm).

**How does it work?** Volunteers greet customers and hand them a card that explains how they can “donate dinner” when they check out. Each volunteer shift is only two hours!

Please go to https://www.mowp.org/news-events/donatedinner/ to register. You can choose any location, but for the North Plains/Forest Grove/Banks location, Jim’s Thriftway is the place to be! We still need volunteers the 19th through the 21st- all shifts.

Bingo here on the first Wed evening of each month starting at 6PM.

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**Out of the Ashes**

**By Melvin Van Domelen**

Mountaindale, OR

Every once in a while there is a story that surfaces and it just needs to be told. This is one of them. Firefighter and Public Information Officer (PIO), Mitch Ward, and others from Banks Fire District #13, were called upon to help the firefighting efforts on the Substation Fire southeast of The Dalles last July.

The Incident Command Post (ICP) was setup at the high school in Moro. It was the hub of activity for the firefighting efforts. The ICP tracks the progress of the fire, dispatches crews and equipment where needed, etc. Logistics, one of many sections within the ICP, is responsible for feeding, housing and supplying firefighters with tools and equipment they require. The
ICP’s Information section, where Mitch was assigned as a PIO on the state Incident Management Team under the Office of the Oregon State Fire Marshal, keeps the public and media informed on the situation.

The Substation Fire was unusually hotter and faster moving than is typical for this area. For two weeks this fire burned almost 80,000 acres that included crops, vehicles, and homes in Wasco and Sherman Counties. John Ruby, a local farmer, was in the process of creating a fire line with his tractor to protect a neighboring property when he was overcome by the fast-moving flames and was killed.

During the fire’s march across the landscape, two firefighters from Sisters found a two-week old kitten on the perimeter of fire. With eyes just barely open, malnourished and dehydrated, the kitten was brought to Mitch at the ICP. Mitch agreed to keep the kitten if a home could not be found for it. Firefighter Julie Kemper from Banks, and Della (last name unknown) head of Logistics, took turns caring for the kitten for five days and nights. Della by day, Julie at night. The two nursed the kitten with a special formula feeding it with a plastic syringe and keeping it warm.

Eventually when the Substation Fire had diminished to the point where the ICP began to demobilize, Mitch transferred the care of the kitten, with the help of local Moro resident, Teresa Farmer, to a non-profit animal rescue called Fur Footed Rescue (FFR) operated by Jay and Nikki Wood in nearby The Dalles. Jay and Nikki took the little guy in, fed him, bathed him, and delicately nursed him along until he became healthy and playful.

Mitch received the following message via phone text from FFR:
FFR: “Hi, this is Jay with Fur Footed Rescue. Thank you for saving this little survivor. We’ll take good care of him. We’d like to name him Little John in memory of John Ruby. Does that work for you?”

Mitch’s reply: “I would be honored for him to have that name.”

FFR: “Very good. He’s resting and ate a ton of formula. He’s 10oz. so that makes him about 2-3 weeks. He wouldn’t have survived on his own.”

Mitch got the media involved as he strongly felt the kitten’s rescue and survival was a human interest story that was badly needed for the community in the wake of this devastating fire. KPTV out of Portland did a story on Little John, gaining him lots of notoriety. Fur Footed Rescue was flooded with requests to adopt LJ has he became affectionately known as. John Ruby’s wife, Melodie, also learned of Little John’s survival and his whereabouts. Little John stole Melodies heart and she was able to adopt Little John on September 26th. This would have been the 65th birthday of her late husband. A “Bitter sweet moment” in Melodie’s words.

“The adoption was really an emotional day for us. The kitten keeps my mind occupied. He makes me laugh. He loves to play and go on walks with me.”

Since Fur Footed Rescue depends on an all-volunteer staff and has very limited resources, Mitch felt motivated to help FFR by doing a concert as a fundraiser and awareness event for them. This was a live performance by his music group, Macey Gard. The event was held Sunday, October 6th at The Dalles City Park. The concert was free and all pets of course were welcome.

In this day and age as we listen to the local evening news it is 90% violence. Sadly, it’s not news unless it’s the daily shooting, bank robbery, auto accident, house fire or missing persons. It’s not news, it seems, unless it’s bad. So, I think there is a real need for more ‘feel good’ stories like this one to come out and be heard.
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