**Annual Ice Cream Social**

Come and join your neighbors at the Annual North Plains Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00. 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).

It will be on Commercial Street to coincide with the ribbon cutting of the new murals. The ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 6:45 p.m.

**Library News**

**First Friday Flick.**

Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on the First Friday of each month for a free showing of a PG-rated movie.

June 2 at 6:30pm  **Sing.**

In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario’s attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists' find that their lives will never be the same.

**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 food and wine are available to purchase.

Thursday June 15, International Movie Night “Apprentice” from Singapore at Abbey Creek tasting room at 6pm.

**Friends of the Library.**

Our supportive Friends group usually meets on the second Monday of each month in the Library at 7pm all members are invited to attend.

There will be a general meeting of the Friends on June 12, 2017.

**Culinary Literacy at the Library**

Saturday June 24, Culinary Literacy at the Library. Please join us at the library for the presentation Growing Herbs.

**Senior Center News**

**MUSIC MONDAY— DT & Country will return to the Senior Center on September 11th**

Music with Larry Wilder Wednesday, June 21st @ 11:00-1:00PM

**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.

**JUNE CALENDAR.**

BINGO—Wednesday, June 7th, 6:30 p.m.

BUNCO—Thursday, June 1st, June 15th and June 29th @ 1:00 p.m.

Liver & Onions Lunch—Monday, June 19th

**Fourth of July Parade**

**GLENCOE LODGE #22**

The 4th of July Parade is Back! The Knights of Pythias are sponsoring a 4th of July parade starting at noon from Jessie Mays Community Park. After the parade there will be hot dogs and soda at the park. There will be prizes for the best entry in a number of categories. Check the city website for details. www.NPFun.org

**Making Hay in June**

By Melvin Van Domelen

Mountaintale, OR

A few years back the farmer who tills much of the land around Mountaintale had acres and acres of hay cut and ready to bale. I was
told his hired man had become sick. His son, who he leaned on, had just had an operation and had been told not to work. After I learned of the situation, I caught up with the farmer that evening. I asked if I could help. I told him “You don’t have to pay me, just give me a tractor.” His reply was “You be at the Crocker farm 8:30 tomorrow morning.”

It felt great. I’m in my late 70’s and am going to come out of retirement. This farmer had good equipment to work with. We raked and baled hay like crazy for the next two days. I had a ball.

About 6:00 p.m. the first evening we stopped for burgers and sodas and were eating by the Crocker barn. I made the comment “I wonder if the carriage is still up on the hay track in the top of the barn?” This brought a question from the son who is healing from his operation. “How does that work?”

It then hit me that this young farmer had no idea what it was like to put up loose hay. Today they hardly touch the hay when it is harvested, it’s all by machine.

So, how was this process handled in the early 1940’s? Let me count the ways. So few of us can.

The grass field was cut with a ground powered horse mower that has been converted to be pulled by a tractor.

Three warm days later the field is raked by the dump rake and windrows are formed.

The hay in the windrows is shocked by hand. A good hay shock, when dressed down could shed a lot of rain.

Hay shocks are pitched onto a bundle wagon. My brother used special long-handled forks for the loading. Our farm dog took care of any mice living under the shocks.

I am too short to pitch hay. My job is to spread the hay around on top of the load. I have to keep the corners square. I’m the loader.

The wagon load of hay is pulled up to our barn. We are still using horses for the haul. My Father has made me a whistle from a piece of a willow tree we just passed. Every year he tells me “If the load slides off, don’t jump; ride it down or else I’ll have to dig you out.”

My Father sets this harpoon hay fork into the top of the load. About 1/6th of the wagons contents will be pulled up to the hay track in the peak of the barn and latches onto the carriage. This carriage can run the length of the barn on a 4 x 4 track. A light trip rope releases the harpoon fork, its load is dropped in the hay loft of the barn. I have seen hay carriages in antique stores labeled as “Barn wheels and decorative art.”

My two older brothers spread the dumped hay around in the upper level of our barn called the hay loft. These brothers are known for making root beer and they like to bury a few bottles while they work here. These bottles will surface some time next winter – aged root beer.

So, it’s winter now, we need the hay. It’s a daily job to hand fork enough hay down a chute to the lower level in front of the cattle.

Then it needs to be pitched into the manger for the cattle to eat. By the middle of January the root beer has been found.

By next morning our hay has turned into manure that needs to be cleaned out with a barn scoop. A
wheelbarrow takes the days collection up the manure chute and dumped onto a pile outside.

During the summer this manure pile has to be hand pitched into a manure spreader. No hydraulics. The end product is spread on the fields to grow more hay for next year. It has taken me well over a week to dispose of a manure pile several times. It has been said a farms wealth could be judged by the size of its manure pile.

How many times did we handle our hay crop? I counted nine.

**Historical Society**

North Plains Historical Society will have a potluck picnic meeting at the home of Doloris Van Domelen, 19441 NW Dairy Creek Rd, at noon, Monday June 19th. All are welcome. Those who have items, photos and short stories related to growing strawberries are encouraged to bring them to show at the meeting, and, if possible, loan them for the North Plains Exhibit to be displayed at Washington County Museum for all of July. Items will be gathered up and taken to museum at the end of June and taken down at museum end of July. Please mark items with your name and phone number. Questions about the museum exhibit may be answered by calling Joyce Meek Reynolds at (503) 709-4844

**June Calendar**

06/01 Ice Cream Social 6 p.m. on Commercial Street
06/02 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
06/05 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
06/08 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
06/14 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
06/19 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
06/23 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
06/28 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Ctr.

**Fire Department News**

Fall injuries are preventable

*TVF&R offers safety tips to limit hazards, avoid falls*

As people grow older, the consequences of a fall grow more serious.

Unintentional falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for adults ages 65 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries and account for more than 95 percent of hip fractures. In addition, fractures from falls are a leading cause of disability and often result in entering a nursing home.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue crews responded to 4,863 reports of falls within the district’s service area in 2016. “Ground-level falls are one of the most concerning type of medical calls our firefighter paramedics respond to because we know many of our elders struggle to recover from them,” states Cassandra Ulven with TVF&R. “Most falls happen in the home and can be avoided.”

“Factors such as poor lighting, narrow stairs, and slippery surfaces can increase the chances of a fall. In addition, problems with glare, depth perception, tiredness or dizziness from prescription medications contribute to falls.”

Research conducted by Yale University showed that older adults are also most at risk of falling when they fail to use handrails on stairs, reach for objects overhead, and climb on chairs or ladders.

*Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds seniors and children of older adults to take the following precautions to help prevent a fall injury:*

**Take Care of Yourself**

Get regular medical check-ups and talk to your doctor to ensure appropriate levels and types of medication. Have your hearing and vision checked. Exercise regularly, and eat nutritious meals.

**Remove Existing Hazards**

Fasten throw rugs to the floor with double-backed tape. Keep cords out of pathways, and clean up spills as soon as they happen. Also, arrange furniture to minimize obstructions, and clear clutter from your living areas.

**Add Protection**

Wear shoes with non-skid soles. Turn on lights when walking through dark rooms or hallways. Use nightlights in all rooms. Install grab bars in the bathtub, shower, and toilet areas, and add handrails on stairwells. Place phones in multiple rooms or keep a cellphone with you in case you have to call for emergency assistance.

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

**Town Hall**

State Representative Janeen Sollman will be hosting a town hall meeting at the Jessie Mays Community Center on Saturday, June 3rd from 10-11 a.m.
FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Join us on June 10th at Banks High School to drop off your household hazardous waste and we will dispose of it in an environmentally friendly manner! Please keep products in original containers if possible, do not mix any products and keep away from passengers during transport.

WHAT: Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Arts and Craft Supplies, Automotive/Marine Paint, Batteries, Degreasers, Engine and Brake Cleaner, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Household Cleaners, Kerosene/Gas, Mercury and Mercury-filled items, Motor Oil, Paint and Paint Thinners, Pesticides and Poisons

WHAT NOT to bring: Ammunition, Electronics, Explosives, Garbage, Radioactive Waste

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

Photographic Chemicals
Polishes
Pool Chemicals
Rust Remover
Solvents
Thermometers
Thermostats
Transmission and Brake Fluid
Wood Preservatives

* Free medical digital thermometers in exchange for mercury medical thermometers!

WHEN: 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10th
WHERE: Banks High School, 13050 Main Street, Banks
QUESTIONS: Contact Killian Condon at 503-229-5562 or killian.condon@state.or.us
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North Plains Ice Cream Social

Join us on Thursday, June 1st @ 6:00 PM downtown on Commercial St. for the City’s Annual Ice Cream Social, enjoy ice cream and fresh strawberries.

After enjoying ice cream & strawberries join us at 6:45 for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the beautiful new murals and meet the artist Allison McClay.

We invite everyone to join us!
We take care of our water—from home to work to the Tualatin River and back again.


Everything we do at Clean Water Services aims to protect public health, while enhancing the natural environment of the Tualatin River Watershed. Combining science and nature, we work in partnership with others to safeguard the river’s health and vitality, ensure the economic success of our region, and protect public health for more than 570,000 residents and businesses in urban Washington County.

Sanitary sewer rates are proposed to increase $1.26 (3%) a month for the average household. The Surface Water Management (SWM) fee is proposed to increase $0.50 (6.5%) per month for the average household. These proposed increases will take effect July 1, 2017 and will be shared proportionately between Clean Water Services and its member cities.

Join us for a public meeting on June 20, 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.

It’s the same water our great-grandparents cooked with. It’s what we wash, brush and flush with. It’s the river our children play, kayak and fish in. It’s the watershed our bald eagles, kestrels and red-legged frogs call home. It’s why everything Clean Water Services and its member cities do, every ratepayer penny paid, keeps our community and our environment healthy. Learn more at cleanwaterservices.org.

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