National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
6:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. National Night Out has been celebrated across North America on the first Tuesday of August since 1983. It’s a day when people hold neighborhood block parties to strengthen community cohesiveness and crime resistance, and get to know their neighbors and their local public safety officials. When neighbors get to know each other, they create a connected and safer community. The City is holding its annual National Night Out event at Jessie Mays Community Park on Tuesday, August 1st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come out and meet your Police Chief, Police Officers, Mayor and City Councilors along with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Hillsboro Police Department and Oregon State Police.

The Hillsboro Optimist Group will be hosting a FREE Bicycle Rodeo and the Knights of Pythias will be providing FREE bike helmets.

The City of North Plains will provide a light dinner of hot dogs, chips, refreshments and dessert. Please feel free to bring a picnic dinner and hang out with us.

Come out and meet your local Police Officers.

“IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY, WE PLEDGE TO”
* Maintain a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others because so much is expected of us.
* Value human life, respect the dignity of each individual and render our services with courtesy and civility.

Golf Carts on City Streets

With summer in full swing, and summer events occurring, we would like to remind residents that golf carts are not permitted to travel on open city streets per Oregon law and that Oregon law will be enforced. Use of golf carts is permitted on closed city streets for events.

Library News

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

July 26. Storytime with Mr. Will - It looked like spilled milk.
August 2. Storytime with Mr. Will – me hungry!
August 9. Storytime with Barbara -- Cats.
August 16. Special guest story time.
August 23. Storytime with Mr. Will – Old and New.
August 30. Storytime with Mr. Will – Opposites.

Wacky Wednesdays – A summer of reading fun!
Aimed at school-aged children, there will be a summer reading related event every Wednesday usually at the Jessie Mays Community Center. These events will kick off in July. They will run from 1pm until 2pm each Wednesday through the summer!

Wednesday July 19. Michael O'Neill is the Co-founder of Nomadic Theatre Co. and is an acting, directing, and clowning act extraordinaire. Join him for family fun and lots of laughs!
Wednesday July 26 – STAGES Theater Troupe. The STAGES Performing Arts Youth Academy will present its patriotic-themed musical, American Voices. Come
see this fun show and watch these talented kids perform!
  
  Wednesday August 2 – Rick Huddle. Rick Huddle combines physical humor, theatrical storytelling, and music to put on variety shows that go beyond mere entertainment. Parents and children will laugh, sing, and play their way to a deeper understanding of each other.
  
  Wednesday August 9 – See the Reptile Man! Always a family favorite come and meet a giant boa constrictor face to face.
  
  Wednesday August 16 – Carnival Time! For all the kids and teens that successfully complete the summer reading program, there will be a celebration outside Jessie Mays Community Center (unless rain is threatening and we will move it indoors). The Carnival will feature face painters, balloon twisters, cotton candy, a bounce house, a friendly llama, finisher reward books and more!

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.

August 4 at 6:30pm The BFG
  
  Ten-year-old Sophie is in for the adventure of a lifetime when she meets the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance). Naturally scared at first, the young girl soon realizes that the 24-foot behemoth is actually quite gentle and charming. As their friendship grows, Sophie's presence attracts the unwanted attention of Bloodbottler, Fleshlumpeater and other giants. After traveling to London, Sophie and the BFG must convince Queen Victoria to help them get rid of all the bad giants once and for all.

Super Saturday
  
  For the summer Super Saturdays are on hold to make way for our summer Wacky Wednesdays events! The details are listed above.

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, August 17, International Movie Night will be the film Soul on a String from Tibet at Abbey Creek tasting room at 6pm. After discovering a sacred stone in the mouth of a deer, Taibei, a solitary Tibetan cowboy, embarks on a mission: to bring the stone

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)

Noxious vegetation includes: Weeds or grass more than 10 inches high, poison oak, poison ivy, blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line; vegetation that is a health hazard, a fire hazard because it is near other combustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous. We appreciate you taking the time to keep our community safe and looking its best. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact City Hall at 503-647-5555 or info@northplains.org.

Thank you!
back to the holy Mountain of Buddha’s Handprint. Pursued by black market traders who seek the priceless artifact for themselves, as well as two brothers seeking vengeance for the long-ago death of their father, Taibei’s journey will be a long and difficult one - even before it is thrown off course by strange, mystical events.

Senior Center News

Garlic Festival Pancake & Waffle Breakfast along with eggs, ham, Juice or coffee.
Date: Saturday, August 12th
Time: 7:30 – 11:00AM
Price: $7.00 adults $5.00 kids 10 & younger

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.

AUGUST CALENDAR.
BINGO—Wednesday, Aug 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
BUNCO—Thursday, August 10th & 24th
Liver & Onions Lunch—Monday, August 21st

Those Were the Good Old days…

A Fair to Remember

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

I am going back in time to the 1930’s and 1940’s when the Washington County Fair was held during the last few days of August. Its location then was between Shute Park and what is now 8th Avenue. The Hillsboro Senior Center and a parking lot occupy the old fair site today. I measured off this strip of land recently. It is only 160 feet wide, one block long. There were empty lots to the west across 8th Avenue that we also used for Fair activities and farm machinery displays.

In much earlier days, I’m told, the County Fair had several different locations. My Father told me the fair was once held in an area behind today’s Winco market in west Hillsboro. This was in a 50 acre piece of property of the Tongue place. There were horse barns there and a race track.

I have this photo of my Mother, on the left, and friends advertising the County Fair in Forest Grove, 1916. There were several sites used for the fair in Forest Grove, one being Pacific University campus.

I have a ribbon my parents won with a cow at the Banks Hog and Dairy Show. I am not sure this was a county-wide event.

As far back as I can remember, my Mother took me to the fair by Shute Park when she worked to create the Washington Grange exhibit. There was stiff competition among the county Grange for the best display of produce from their area. Some creations taking 2 days to arrange.

There were the long Grange and Farmer’s Union buildings, both 2 story. Two dairy barns, connected, held the open class, 4-H and F.F.A. animals. Clayton Nyberg, a volunteer, helped keep things running here. The pig and sheep barn was on the east side. This area was under the watch of Adrian Hornecker. Adrian once raised hogs on his farm where Hillsboro High School is today. One small building held the chickens and rabbits. We called this the 4-H building which also had the floral exhibits and the land products. Two large surplus Quonset huts were added after World War II.

I was 13 years old in 1944. The war was still going on. The fair was being held only for the 4-H and F.F.A. youth. Several of the fair buildings had been converted to house the Braceros, the Mexican workers brought in to help harvest the crops. I rode my bicycle to Hillsboro that year, 1944, to go to the fair. I’m sitting in the bleachers watching the 4-H kids show their animals and the loudspeakers announces that Glen Grossen had won third place with his Brown Swiss heifer. That was my inspiration. I wanted to do that.

By the next year, we neighborhood children had formed a 4-H dairy club. I placed fifth in a class of 10 Jersey calves. How proud I was of that ribbon. By 1946 my brother, Dale, was home after serving in the Marines. Having been in 4-H activities as a youth, he wanted to “give back” and became our club...
leader. We were very active and entered the float in the 4th of July parade.

We were called the Dairy Creek Dairy Club, had 10 members, and lined up for this photo, 1946. I scored a blue ribbon with my Jersey and went to State Fair in Salem, which was big time.

In 1947, seven young women from throughout Washington County competed to become Queen of the Harvest, Queen of the Fair. This contest was decided by who sold the most pins for fair admission. There were yellow pins, the size of a quarter, for .50 cents. They were good for all fair days. I can remember our mother driving up to a dance at the Dixie Mountain Grange so my sister, Betty Jean, could sell those pins. Betty Jean sold the most pins and was crowned Queen of the Fair by Walter Norblad, a United States Congressman. I was so proud of my sister.

At these county fairs, back in the 1940’s, there were no Curly Fries, no Elephant Ears, no Pronto Pups on a stick. I would have to walk to the S. W. corner of 10th and Baseline to the Street Car Diner to get a burger for .25 cents. In the late 1940’s the Washington Grange did start up a restaurant where the folks could get a decent meal.

Some of the earlier fairs were held in late September or even early October. When I took cattle to the County Fair, it ended the last of August. The State Fair at Salem then started on Labor Day. On the Sunday in between, we would move to Salem. It was a long experience for the exhibitors but we loved every minute of it.

Some years later, after my wife and I had the two daughters, I wanted to follow in my brother’s footsteps and try to “give back”. I became a 4-H club leader and with several children, we formed a 4-H dairy goat club. Our daughters had French Alpine goats. It was a good chance to relive a lot of memories. It was like going back 30 years in time.

Books for Sale
Love reading Melvin’s stories each month? You can now buy them in print in “Those Were the Good Old Days!” by Melvin Van Domelen. The book is 208 pages long and selling for $25. Please call 503-647-2760 to order your copy!

August Calendar
08/01 National Night Out 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
08/04 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
08/07 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
08/09 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
08/10 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
08/11 North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
08/12 North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
08/13 North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
08/16 Summer Reading Carnival 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
08/21 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
08/23 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Ctr.
08/25 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St

Fire Department News
Take Action Before Disaster Strikes to Prepare for Emergencies
By TVF&R Captain Mick Carey
Experts have long warned that it’s only a matter of time before a major earthquake hits Oregon. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has taken steps to ensure all stations and operating centers have the equipment needed to respond in the event of a major disaster.

The District has also prepared personnel for disaster response through emergency planning efforts, ongoing training, and a combination of complex and smaller-scale exercises with partnering agencies.
Are you and your family prepared?
Following a major earthquake, emergency response agencies are going to be overwhelmed. Not everyone can be helped at once. It may be days or weeks before basic services are restored and years until infrastructure is rebuilt.

It’s vital you have a personal disaster plan. There are many steps you can take before a disaster strikes. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages you to take some time to create an emergency plan for you and your loved ones.

Your first concern during a disaster is likely the safety of your family members. Advanced preparations can help you locate loved ones more quickly during an emergency.

Discuss how you’ll reunite if you are separated. Select an out-of-state contact person who can relay information in the event local phone lines aren’t working.

It’s also important to know how and when to shut off utilities and plan for what to do in the event electricity, gas, phone, and water services are disrupted for a prolonged period of time. That’s where having an emergency kit of supplies to sustain you can be crucial.

Gather emergency supplies such as food, water, flashlights, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, gloves, tools for shutting off utilities, medications, clothing, bedding, sanitation supplies, and camping gear.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue can provide you with helpful forms and valuable information to help you in your planning. Visit our website at www.tvfr.com and click on the Safety & Education tab at the top of the page for downloadable information on this topic and more.

Prepare now for peace of mind later.

Andrew’s Riddles:

When I was 8 years old, my sister was half my age.
Now I’m 70, how old is my sister?

If you’re driving 80 mph, how long does it take to drive 80 miles?

How long does it take to dig half a hole?

Answers: 66, 1 hour, you can’t dig half a hole.
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ANNUAL ELEPHANT GARLIC FESTIVAL

BOOK SALE

Hours of Operation
Friday, August 11 @ 12-6PM
Saturday, August 12 @ 10AM-6PM
Sunday, August 13 10AM-3PM

@ the Elephant Garlic Festival in Jessie Mays Community Center
30975 Hillcrest, North Plains, Oregon 97133