A Message from the Mayor

Happy Holidays! From my family to yours I wish to extend a very warm holiday wish to everyone in North Plains. Can I ask you a favor? As we spend the holidays with our family and friends, may we be mindful of our neighbors who might be sick, elderly, lonely or struggling in some way or another. They might not ask for help, but I bet they would appreciate a random act of kindness.

I also want to thank the many residents who volunteer their time on the various North Plains’ Boards and Commissions, Library, Churches, and to City staff, Public Works crew and our Police Department.

Lastly, I want to thank our men and women in the Armed Services. We are grateful to have many patriotic men and women in our community who have served and/or are currently serving in our armed forces. I hope that all military men and women return home safely to their families. We owe them so much for providing us with the comfort of being safe in our own country.

My sincere wishes to all for a peaceful holiday season here’s to Health and Happiness for the New Year in 2018.

Warmest Regards,
Teri Lenahan
Mayor of North Plains

Jingle through North Plains
December 7th, 2017

6 p.m. line up for the Jingle parade
(starting at Jessie Mays)
6:30 p.m. the Jingle Departs
7 p.m. Visit Santa at Jessie Mays
8 p.m. Dickens Carolers
9 p.m. Tree lighting Finale!
Leaf Pick-up

The City of North Plains will be 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 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. **Leaf windrows on top of rocks cannot be picked up.**

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

Have your leaves set out in the way prescribed above. If your street tree leaves are not in the street on the scheduled date we will not have the opportunity to provide you with this curbside service.

A second pick-up date is scheduled **Tuesday, December 5**

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.cityofnp.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.**

Library News

**TUTORING SERVICE**

Stacie our tutoring volunteer will be providing her excellent Homework Help again this school year. Starting from November our tutoring volunteer Stacie will be moving the service to Wednesday evenings 5 to 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.

**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.

November 15. Storytime with Mr. Will, Puddles and Rain.
November 22. Storytime with Mr. Will, Robots attack!

November 29. Storytime with Mr. Will, Rumble in the Jungle.
December 6. Storytime with Mr. Will, Sheep Attack.
December 13. Storytime with Mr. Will, Sleepy Head.
December 27. No Storytime, Happy Holidays!
January 3, 2018. Storytime with Mr. Will, New Year, new books.

**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!

**December 1 @ 6:30pm, Kiki’s Delivery Service**

Super Saturday.

Come join the library at Jessie Mays Community Center for fun performers and activities for all ages! These events occur from 1pm until 2pm. Events are always a blast, and always free of charge.

**Saturday November 25th Super Juggling with Rhys Thomas**

Rhys Thomas dazzles you with improbable juggling, unique comedy and amazing acrobatics. JuggleMania shares the heroes that taught him how to juggle: BOOKS! By reading and practicing, this Oregon boy gained enough skills to become an internationally touring juggler, magician and comedian. Chinese yo-yos, cowboy lassos, Indian clubs, Egyptian juggling balls and other toys come alive in the hands of an artist that has toured four continents.

There will be no super Saturday in December.

**Saturday January 13th with kid’s musician Mo Phillips**

This is a must for kids with music like you have never heard before! Its goofball music played well with a genuine sense of wonder and appreciation for the wackiness inherent in every single child. His songs and song titles make no sense on the surface but kids gravitate strongly to his comedy-folk songs about being the “Champion of Sleepy Time,” a sultry analysis of what’s worth swapping in our school “Lunchbox,” and falling in love with a couch named “Maria”. It is impossible not to be charmed by the oddness of it all. This will be super fun for all the family.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES**

**Culinary Literacy III —Tips and Tricks for the Holidays. Saturday, December 9, 9:30 am -10:30 at North Plains Senior Center**

North Plains Public Library is proud to offer the 3rd presentation in our Culinary Literacy Series - "Tips and Tricks for the Holidays!" featuring Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club’s Executive Chef, Mark Gordon. Join Chef
Gordon as he shares holiday tips with fun demos and show and tell. Mark your calendars and reserve a spot now! The venue is located at 31450 NW Commercial St., North Plains, OR 97133. Everyone is welcome! Due to the growth in attendance for these series, reservations will be required. Please call the library to reserve a spot, 503 647-5051.

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, December 21, International Movie Night will be the Land of Mine from Denmark and Germany. In the days following the end of World War II in Europe and the liberation of Denmark from Nazi occupation in May 1945, the defeated Wehrmacht evacuates the country. A Danish sergeant, Carl Leopold Rasmussen, angrily harasses two German soldiers who attempt to take a Danish flag. Meanwhile, a group of young German prisoners of war are handed over to the Danish Army and subsequently sent out to the West Coast, where they are trained to remove the more than two million mines that the Germans had placed in the sand along the coast. Most of them are teenage boys conscripted by Hitler in the last days of the war, and they are hopelessly ill-equipped to carry out their dangerous job. The captured German soldiers are warned by Captain Ebbe not to expect any sympathy from the Danes, who are resentful towards their former occupiers. Rasmussen shares this contempt, and he is determined to treat the young soldiers under his command without the least bit of sympathy.

Those Were the Good Old days...

When We Came Together

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

This first event happened before my memory kicked in. I have just been told about this accident by my parents.

Sometime during the early 1930’s, Melvin Erdman, a son of Adolph Erdman, was playing with blasting caps. Melvin didn’t get the break that Ralphie did in the Christmas Story movie. Melvin really did “shoot his eye out,” he lost an eye.

This accident required a specialist to be called in to handle the situation. It was going to be a very costly operation and recovery time. No way that Adolph had the funds to pay for it all.

My father, Jake, and Jim Powers toured our community one evening. They explained the situation to the neighbors. The local folks came through and enough money was raised to pay for the operation that Melvin needed. Remember, that this was during the time of the Great Depression.

As time went by, I’m told, Adolph managed to repay the neighbors who had helped him out. Most people have no idea what a blasting cap looks like. Here is a picture of some. Beware of them.

Ed and Elsie Leming rented the Sam Raffety farm that was across the road from the Mountaindale School. They lived in a small rental home there for years. In time they bought the Sam Raffety farm and they moved into Sam’s house.

Around 1960 Ed got into trouble with his second heart attack. He had a large field of hay cut down. I believe it was Elmer Hergert who came in and baled it up. There were hundreds of hay bales out in the field. The community came together.

Lawrence Crop brought in a bale loader that could be pulled by the trucks. Joe Bake, Clarence Meek, my brother, and many others showed up. I worked at the top of the bale elevator in the hay loft of Ed’s barn. In less than 3 hours that hay field was empty.

As we left that day, the driveway exit was to go by the Leming house. Elsie had Ed out in the porch in a chair. He was able to wave at the departing crew, and he cried. A third heart attack
took Ed 3 months later, in September. One remembers that when help was needed, help showed up.

About 1970, a longshoreman, Victor Riley, came out from Portland and bought the Floyd and Grace Raffety farm near Mountaintdale. Victor was not a very sociable guy. He kept to himself and raised some cattle.

During the month of June everyone was making hay. Vic, as we called him, had a large 15 acre field of baled hay out in the field. The weather forecast was rain for certain.

My brother, Dale, his son, a renter of Dale’s, and myself, had spent the afternoon hauling in the last of Dale’s hay bales. After supper we all headed for the Riley field with our farm truck. We didn’t receive much of a welcome greeting.

Vic unloaded on us with “What do you want? The hay is not for sale, I’m busy.” We then told Riley that we had come to help him haul hay. Vic says “I don’t believe it”. We all got to work. George Connally, at the Mountaintdale Store, puts out the word to people coming through and more helpers showed up with pickups and trailers.

The word gets out at the Lower Tavern in North Plains that folks were helping haul in Riley’s hay before the rain. More help shows up. Nearby neighbors have a machinery trailer but are not at home. Someone hooks on and uses it anyway.

Riley sends someone to North Plains for beer and now is just directing the operation. There were men who showed up that I had never seen before or ever saw them again.

By 11 PM we thought the hay was all in Vic’s barn. Before leaving we circled the field with our farm truck and found 40 bales that had been overlooked in a corner.

We loaded them up and were able to park the truck under a shed. The rain came down. A couple of days later we took that last truckload to Vic’s barn. He didn’t even know we had picked up that last load. Riley then told us “I still don’t believe it, never saw anything like it”.

It was comforting to see a couple of incidents lately in the North Plains area when folks still came together to help out someone in need. That’s who we are.

**Senior Center News**

**MUSIC MONDAY:** DT & Country will be playing at the Senior Center on Monday, December 11th at 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICARE:** Do you have questions about Medicare? From October 15th thru December 7th you can make an appointment to speak with Karen Shell and have all your questions answered, call the Senior Center 503-647-5666

**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.

**Circuit Training Bootcamp:** Begins October 30th Monday thru Friday 5am - 6am Just show up $5.00 for drop in or $25.00 a month

**December CALENDAR:**

**BINGO:** Wednesday, Dec 6th, 6:30 p.m.

**BUNCO:** Thursday, Dec 14nd & 28th 1:00 pm

**LIVER & ONIONS LUNCH:** Monday, Dec 18th salad bar opens at 11:45, lunch at 12 pm

**DRIVER SAFETY CLASS:** Are you interested in taking a driver safety class? Call 503 647-5666

**2018 CRAB FEED TICKETS:** are now on sale either online at northplainssc.org or at the center at 31450 NW Commercial St. from 10-2:00pm. Crab only $35.00, Steak only $35.00 or surf & turf $40.00.

**December Calendar**

12/01 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at the Library
12/04 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
12/07 Jingle Parade 6 p.m. at Jesse Mays
12/13 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
12/14 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
12/18 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
12/21 International Movie Night 6 p.m. at Abbey Creek Winery on Commercial Street
12/22 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
12/24 Christmas Eve City offices closing at 12 p.m.
12/25 Christmas City offices Closed
12/27 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Ctr.
It's that time again…..
North Plains Elementary School Annual

Holiday Gift Shop!!

The North Plains Elementary PTO sponsors and coordinates a unique gift shop for our students. The PTO reaches out for donations from families and friends of North Plains students as well as business members in the community. Each student will have the opportunity to visit this gift shop and choose a gift for two special adults in his/her life. They will wrap the gifts and prepare them for giving.

Donations are needed for our Holiday Gift Shop. We are looking for small adult gifts with a price range of $1-$5. Some suggestions are: golf accessories, jewelry, gloves, fishing supplies, sporting accessories, calendars, coffee items, kitchen gadgets, small tools, candy, knick knacks and small garden tools. Other items we need for the gift shop are gift bags, tissue paper, bows, small boxes and self-adhesive gift tags.

Please drop off new items at the North Plains Elementary School office by Dec. 1st.

Thank you for your help!

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Hobson 24hr Fitness Is Hosting a Food Drive

Fight Hunger and Get Fit Food Drive
December 11th-22nd

All Donated Goods go to the North Plains Senior Center!

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Gym Office Hours:
Dec 11th-16th M,T,W,F 4p-6p, Sat 10a-2p Dec 18th-22nd M,T,W,F 1p-6p
10170 NW Glencoe Rd North Plains, OR.

Call 503-447-1366. Txt 503-819-4024. facebook@hobson24hrfitness