City Council Candidates Wanted!

During its April 18, 2016, Regular Session, the North Plains City Council declared a Council position vacant following resignation of Councilor Sandi King.

Applications from North Plains’ residents interested in applying for the remaining Council term, expiring December 31, 2018, are being sought.

If you would like to serve your community by volunteering to be a member of the City Council, please contact City Hall for an application, or you may obtain an application through the City’s web site at www.northplains.org.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact City Recorder Margaret Reh by phone at (503) 647-5555 or via e-mail at margaret@northplains.org.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Candidates will be interviewed during the City Council’s regular meeting scheduled Monday, June 20, 2016.

Annexation Update

The North Plains Planning Commission conducted two public hearings for applications for annexation on May 11. This included “Phase Two” of the Sunset Ridge Subdivision by Polygon on the east side of town and the other is for the property north of North Avenue. There was a great turnout of concerned citizens who were given an opportunity to share comments with the Planning Commission. After hearing comments and deliberating, the Planning Commission found the applicants had met all the necessary code criteria for annexation and have forwarded a recommendation to the City Council for approval. The date of that City Council meeting has not yet been determined. Once the date has been decided, it will be posted on the City website at www.northplains.org.

The next step for the Planning Commission is to review and revise the requirements to the Neighborhood Community (NC) Zone. This NC zone is the designation of both the proposed annexation areas. This will be the best time for citizens to offer suggestions and provide input to what the design of this zone should look like. So please mark your calendar and join us at the June 8, 2016 Planning Commission meeting to express what types of homes, parks, sidewalks and connectivity you would like to see in the NC zone.

For some background information from Mayor Hatcher, please see the May 2016 newsletter for his article.

New North Plains Residents,

Welcome to our community! If you have school-aged children, please don’t wait to get them registered. Students entering grades Kindergarten-6 will attend North Plains Elementary School, located at 32030 NW North Avenue in North Plains. Students entering grades 7 and 8 will attend Evergreen Middle School, located at 29850 NW Evergreen Road in Hillsboro. Students entering grades 9-12 will attend Glencoe High School, located at 2700 NW Glencoe Road in Hillsboro. Registration information and forms are available on the District website at www.hsd.k12.or.us under Parents/Enrollment Process. School office staff are typically available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to answer questions or accept enrollment paperwork. Please note that elementary school offices will be closed from June 22-August 17. We are excited to meet you!

North Plains Elementary School, Evergreen Middle School, Glencoe High School

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Police Department Update

Effective May 23rd, an agreement with Bill Snyder was reached in not renewing his Police Chief contract. Per that agreement, he will also be dropping the tort
claim he filed against the City. We wish him the very best in his career and future endeavors.

Officer Jesse Baker will be promoted to Chief once he completes training. Officer Baker has worked for the North Plains Police Department for 10 years; we are very much looking forward to him leading our Police Department!

**Firefighters Host Open House and Blood Drive at North Plains Fire Station**

On Saturday, June 11, from noon to 4 p.m., Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters will provide tours of the North Plains Fire Station located at 31370 NW Commercial Street. The event will include fire safety house activities for children, hands-only CPR demonstrations, refreshments and tours of the fire station and firefighting equipment. The American Red Cross will also be conducting a blood drive and *Be the Match* will have bone marrow registry information.

North Plains Fire Station 17 was built in 1998. Six professional firefighters work out of the station. Since last September, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Washington County Fire District #2 have been partnering to serve North Plains, Scholls, Midway, Helvetia, Rock Creek and central Washington County.

Starting July 1, three additional firefighters will be working at the North Plains station to help respond to a rising number of calls. These firefighters will be cross-trained as paramedics to bring a near-emergency-level of care to medical calls such as heart attacks and traumatic injuries.

**Library News**

**Summer Reading 2016!** It's that time again! All ages may sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the North Plains Public Library starting **Wednesday, June 1**. This year’s general theme is WELLNESS, FITNESS, AND SPORTS, in keeping with the Summer Olympics. The preschool and children’s slogan is **ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ**, and the teen slogan is **GET IN THE GAME: READ**, and the adult slogan is **EXERCISE YOUR MIND - READ**.

**ADULTS**

Visit the library table at the North Plains Ice Cream Social on Commercial Street at the Farmers’ Market on **Thursday, June 2**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. where information will be distributed about this year’s program along with a special goody bag. Library staff, volunteers, Board and Friends members are issuing a challenge to the adults of greater North Plains to reach a goal of collectively reading 500,000 pages by the end of summer. There will be weekly contests with prize drawings. Let the friendly competition begin!

**PRESCHOOLERS AND FAMILIES**

Join us at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Wednesday, June 29** at 11:30 a.m. for the Little Tykes Summer Reading Kickoff. Stretch, Dance, Play! Smooth or sharp, strong or light, express yourself with all your might! Jumping, spinning, leaping, soaring - so many ways to move! Join Growing Arts movement educator Iris Nason for an engaging creative dance experience. Children learn sign language, body awareness and creative self-expression while connecting with new friends and families as they sing, sign, stretch, dance and play! Designed for children 0 to 6 years old, this event is in lieu of Storytime this day at the Library.

**JUNE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

**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 10:30 a.m. in the children’s section of the library.

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

- **June 1** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Transportation
- **June 8** Storytime with Miss Carol: Food
- **June 15** Special Guest Storytime: Turtles with Rosemary
- **June 22** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Mice
- **June 29** In lieu of the usual storytime at the library, the Little Tykes Summer Reading Kickoff will take place at Jessie Mays Community Hall with Iris Nason of the Growing Arts Center and featuring stretching, yoga, games, dance, music, and singing for children 0 to 6 years old.

**First Friday Flick.** Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, June 3** at 6 p.m. for a free showing of the British stop-motion animated movie, *Shaun the Sheep*. As leader of his flock, Shaun thinks
and acts like a person in the barnyard, which usually gets him into madcap adventures and into trouble. Popcorn will be served.

Author and Holocaust Survivor Alter Wiener Shares His Life Story. Join us on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street in North Plains for a free lecture by one of the very few Holocaust survivors still living in the Portland area. Alter Wiener has shared his life story in the states of Oregon and Washington with 850 audiences in universities, colleges, schools, churches, synagogues, temples, prisons, companies and book clubs. He has been interviewed by radio, TV stations, and newspapers. Mr. Wiener received an Honorary Bachelor of Arts Degree from Warner Pacific College, an Honorary Law Degree from Lewis & Clark Law School, and the prestigious Americanism Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Wiener’s autobiography, From a Name to a Number, was published in 2007. For more information, go to: http://www.alterwiener.com.

Craft Guild Meeting. Join our informal group of knitters, crocheters, on the second Tuesday morning of each month from 8 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie (and coffee) as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. Bring your yarn or cloth and needles (or other craft projects) and expect to make new friends and share ideas. The next get-together will be on Tuesday, June 14. (Note: this is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters; individual or class instruction will not be available.)

Singer and Songwriter GAYLE RITT Presents: GUITARS! Join us on Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library for an entertaining evening with musician Gayle Ritt focused on learning more about the guitar. Learn about different kinds of guitars and hear the various sounds of these instruments. Ritt will perform some of her own original music and also some “covers.” She will talk about simple chords to play and how to use common accessories like a tuner, capo, straps, and more. Ritt will also talk about improvisation and performing with a band. Ritt performs locally with her own band, 23 window. The group plays classic rock, blues, jazz, and indie rock. This casual event promises a memorable performance of music and educational entertainment. All ages are welcome to attend this free event. More information about Gayle Ritt can be found at www.gayleritt.com.

Library Book Club. On Wednesday, June 29 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the book The Tsar of Love and Techno by Anthony Marra will be discussed. New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Morning Coffee Cart. Although regular library services (computer access, staff assistance) are not available until 10 a.m., we now open our doors every weekday morning at 8 a.m. for you to come have a cup of coffee ($1 for 12 oz, $.50 for refills), read a newspaper (USA Today, Oregonian, Hillsboro Tribune, Hillsboro Argus) or magazines, and check out holds and other library materials on the SelfCheck machine.

Quilt Display. The quilt to be displayed in June will be a favorite for fishermen. The trout-fishing pattern contains five trout appliques and embroidered trout fly designs. North Plains’ resident Renee Wallace made the quilt as a gift for her husband, who loves to fly-fish. This is a 57” x 76” creation produced by Lunch Box Quilts, LLC.

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit in June features photographs by North Plains’ native Alicia Kroell. Alicia is interested in travel and the tourists that come with the territory. She recently spent a year teaching English in Prague and traveling throughout Europe. Visiting many “must-see” sites, she was intrigued by the collective experience of tourists. The guides we follow, the souvenirs we buy, and even the photos we take all have a certain likeness; but, for the traveler, it’s remarkably unique. Alicia is originally from North Plains, and she studied Studio Art and Photography at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. She continues to live and work in Portland as a freelance photographer.

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

A STACK OF THANKS

A good time was had at our breakfast fundraiser May 7th! As with most events it takes many hands to get the job done. Our sincere thanks to all who attended the breakfast; to the volunteers who worked tirelessly; and most especially to our sponsors—Carlton Farms, The Meating Place, McDonald’s, Costco, Black Bear Diner, Washington County Fire District #2 and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.
And thanks also to those who attended our hot dog BBQ in the afternoon.

MEETINGS

To all North Plains Senior Center members: We are approaching the end of our 2015-2016 year and it’s time for our Annual Meeting, Monday June 6th at 12:30 p.m. Next year’s budget has been posted and emailed for members to review. If you plan to attend please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and review the agenda. If you’d like to become a member, stop by and fill out an application. We’d love to have you join us.

MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

Dick & Sherry Thompson are back again so get ready to kick up your heels to some great classic country music. Come and join us at lunchtime Monday, June 13th 11:00 to 1:00 and each 2nd Monday of the month thereafter.

PAY ME NOW, don’t pay me later

Time to renew your membership and pay your yearly dues. Dues are $15 and must be paid by 6/30/16. The money provides support to the Senior Center during the upcoming year. Anyone who would like to become a member please fill out an application at the Center’s front desk. We’d love to have you join us!

JUNE CALENDAR

Bingo—Tuesday, June 28th, 6:00. Cash prizes for every game.
Bunco—Thursdays, June 9th and 23rd, starting at 1:00.
Pop & Paint—Wednesday, June 15th; 6:30 p.m.
Music at the Center with D.T. & Country—Monday, June 13th 11:00 to 1:00
Liver & Onions Lunch—Monday, June 20th
Annual Meeting—Monday, June 6th, 12:30

North Plains Historical Society

The Monday June 20th meeting will be summer picnic at Doloris Van Domelen’s home at 12 p.m.
Bring Food to share for Old Fashioned Pot Luck. Bring family and guests - All are Welcome
Doloris phone: 503-647-2698

Those were the good old days...

Fourth of July

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

I had planned to use this story for the July newsletter last year. It turned out to be too long. It is a pretty good article that I didn’t want to shorten. Mayor Hatcher suggested to go for two months. So here is Part One of the 4th of July, 1940’s. Hopefully more to follow next month.

Next to Christmas, the 4th of July was the other big day of the year. We were usually still putting loose hay into the barns at this time, so it was a nice break in the routine.

In the morning there was always the trip to Hillsboro to see the parade. A lot of cars in those days still had a radiator cap and this flag display would be flying there.

For years and year, this parade was led by a tall man dressed as Uncle Sam with white tails. He had a long white beard and a stovepipe hat, red, white and blue all the way. He seemed to be eight feet tall.

There were always some war veterans and the local fire engines were a big deal. It was a pretty folksy event. My sister, Betty Jean, had a small pet pig she called Annabelle. Betty Jean pushed Annabelle, wearing a baby bonnet, and riding in a baby buggy along this parade one year. Whenever there was a hesitation or stop in the parade, Betty Jean would whip out a baby bottle and feed the pig. Her entry was well received and she won an award of some kind.

I was in this parade a few times while involved with 4-H club and Future Farmers of America activities. One year our float had a recreation theme and as part of it we were cooking pancakes on a camp stove. My brother, Dale, was in the crowd and motioned for me to toss him a pancake. I flipped him a half-cooked one with my pancake turner. I can still see the look on his face as the dough oozed through his fingers and onto his pants. He never forgave me for that. It came up years later when I asked him to trust me to get something done. His reply was, “How can I trust a brother who throws me a raw pancake?”
In those days the parade came down Main Street and ended up in Shute Park. After some patriotic speeches and ceremonies, the flag would be raised and the carnival would start up for the day. Swede Ralston, a local barnstorming pilot, was likely to buzz the crowd about this time with a couple of barrel rolls. He was drumming up business for plane rides out at the airport. My older brother, Nolan, flew with Swede one 4th of July.

There was this carnival at Shute Park that went on for three or four days. This was a big event, a once-a-year happening. I look at the same space today where this carnival was held in Shute Park and I wonder, “Where did it all fit in?”

They called it going to the “Grounds”. I don’t know why. Maybe it is because at this time the county fair was held nearby and that area was known as the fairgrounds. But you didn’t go to the carnival or you didn’t go to Shute Park, you went to the “Grounds”.

There was a grove of fir trees between the fairgrounds and the carnival area. When the old timers went to the “Grounds” for the 4th of July, they spent most of their time under these fir trees, picnicking and just visiting with friends that they saw maybe only once a year. A family would put a picnic basket on a table there and leave them all day. No one would bother them. That was your table.

In this same location was the booth for the public address system. This speaker could be heard throughout the carnival area. It seemed to be in constant use. “Jimmie Harris go to your picnic table.” “We have a little lost boy about five years old, blue shirt, his name is Harold.” “There will be dancing in the pavilion starting at 4 o’clock.” “Suzie Spencer – go to your car, your folks are going home.”

There was a huge multi-purpose wooden pavilion with a curved roof that stood in Shute Park. This was used for dances, roller skating and community activities. It was a shame to see it torn down. The playground was beside where the Hillsboro Library stands there today.

The carnival would be set up in the same pattern year after year. The Roll-o-Plane here, the Tilt-a-Wheel there, Ferris wheel up by the pavilion. A lot of sawdust was spread for walkways in the traffic areas. The games of chance were set up along the grove of trees along with the side shows.

For years running, down on the end of this row of games was Chief White Eagle’s wrestling tent. This operation was a show in itself, my favorite. Chief White Eagle would get out on the stage in front of his tent wearing white buckskin and a long feathered headdress; he looked grand. White Eagle had an empty hot water tank, and he would bang it with an iron pipe and rub this pipe up and down the rivets. This made a lot of noise and was sure to attract a crowd. “Hubba! Hubba! Hubba!” he would shout and he would parade his house wrestler out on a stage. White Eagle’s wrestler’s name was Killer King. And Killer King could beat any man, so they said. In a short time, an accomplice in the crowd would speak out and say “Oh, he doesn’t look so tough to me. I could beat him.”

So the challenger would climb onto the stage and introduce himself as Sailor Bill Dolan from San Francisco. White Eagle would grin and his question always was “Do you so much as happen to have your wrestling trunks?” The answer was always “Yes, I do.”

The Chief is grinning again and says, “Well, folks it looks like we have a match. Get your tickets now. Admission is twenty-five cents, standing room only.” The break we neighborhood kids had was for several years the ticket taker was a young man that lived in our community, Fritz Schantz. We were able to see quite a few matches without the tickets. Then there was always the entrance under the tent.

So Killer King and Sailor Bill would go at it and the match was over in a couple minutes. Killer would flop on Sailor Bill a few times, give him an airplane spin, and throw Bill out of the ring. End of match, all over, everyone out.

The combatants would get back up on the stage and parade in front of the tent. White Eagle would beat on the water tank. Sailor Bill would claim he was blindsided and could easily beat the Killer if given another chance. The Chief’s eyes would light up and he would say, “This could go on all night folks, get your tickets.”

You just knew Sailor Bill is going to win this one. When the Killer throws the Sailor through the ropes this time, Bill crawls under the ring, comes up from behind and lays Killer low.
Two out of three, two out of three and so it goes. And the next challenger from the midway crowd is Mr. Stone from Olympia, Washington, who just so much as happens to have his wrestling trunks with him. “Hubba! Hubba! Hubba!” And the Chief is beating on that water tank again. The show was really better on the outside of the tent than in the ring. To be continued...

Mountaindale entry in the 4th of July Parade 1932. L-R on ground, Melvin Eardman, Robert Mc New, Fritz Tschanz, Lyman Peters (4-H club leader), Keneth Voges, Nolan Van Domelen, Walter Tschanz is sitting on a 1924 model-T Ford. The other three boys are the Tonisson Brothers (L-R George, Glenn and Martin).

June 2016 Calendar

06/01 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
06/02 North Plains Ice Cream Social/Farmers Market Kickoff 5 p.m. on Commercial Street
06/03 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
06/06 Historical Society 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
06/06 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
06/08 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
06/08 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
06/09 Holocaust Survivor Presentation 4:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
06/11 Blood Drive 12 p.m. at the North Plains Fire Station
06/15 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
06/20 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
06/22 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
06/22 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
06/29 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
07/04 4th of July Parade-Noon at Jessie Mays

NPEA News Corner
Events Calendar

- June 2 - North Plains Ice Cream Social/ Farmers Market Kickoff
- August 12 - 14 - North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
- October 13 - Chili Cook-off
- December 8 - North Plains Jingle Parade

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the Garlic Festival. Please contact Patti Burns at (503) 319-5428 or email: patti.f unstinks@gmail.com

Farmers Market

The North Plains Thursday Marketplace will open the season June 2, 2016 5:00-8:00 pm on NW Commercial Street providing local strawberries for the ice cream social. We will be participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program and offering a $10.00 match for Oregon Trail Card recipients.

The Market Sprouts Program returns offering $3.00 to each child ages 5-12 to purchase fresh fruits vegetables at the market. Market Sprouts is sponsored by Dairy Creek Community Food Web, our 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor.

The Rogue Pub is sponsoring free live music each week during the market hours. Strawberry Roan will play June, 2nd for the opening of the market. The market will run June 2nd - September 1st, 2016, 5:00-8:00 pm. See you there!

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.
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