City-Wide Garage Sale May 2

Let’s get set for a garage sale bonanza
The North Plains annual Garage Sale will be on May 2 this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this free event either as a buyer, a seller, or both. There is no cost to you to participate as a seller, and free garage sale signs are provided to participants. If you would like to participate in this year’s event, please call Patti Burns at 503-647-2619 or send an email to lochlolly1@aol.com.

Annual Spring Plant Sale May 2

The North Plains Community Garden Club (NPCGC) will sell plants at its annual sale on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for the tents at Jessie Mays Community Park at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street. Thousands of healthy plants, selected and grown for this area, will be available at prices pleasing to the pocketbook, including herbs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, succulents, and house plants. Purchase planted pots, hanging baskets, or garden art for the perfect Mother’s Day gift. Funds raised from the sale support NPCGC gardening and charity projects in North Plains and Washington County. Help us support our community by making your world more beautiful.

Chowder and Sandwich Bar May 2-Cancer Care Fund-Knights of Pythias

The Knights of Pythias will host a chowder and sandwich bar at the North Plains annual citywide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The proceeds will go to our Cancer Care Fund to support those in our community who have battled or are battling cancer. This fund supports local families who need help with paying bills or assistance with purchasing groceries while going through treatment.

We will be set up on the sidewalk in front of the Pythian Hall and next to the Treasure Chest at 31550 Commercial Street. In case of inclement weather, food will be served in the Pythian Lodge above the Treasure Chest Antique Mall. We are asking for donations to support the cause. Hope to see you there.

NP Senior Center BBQ May 2

The North Plains Senior Center will have its BBQ on the Porch fundraiser on May 2 starting at 10:30 a.m. during the City-Wide Garage Sale. Burgers and hot dogs will be served for a donation.

BIG SPRING CLEAN May 9

Annual Clean-Up Day Event:
Please join us for the City of North Plains’ Annual Clean-Up Day Event on Saturday, May 9. This will be held at the parking lot at Jessie Mays Community Park from 8-11 a.m. This event is sponsored by Metro, Recology and the Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Program.

100th Anniversary of North Plains Elementary School

Let’s celebrate the 100th Anniversary of North Plains Elementary School. On May 28 starting at 2 p.m. there will be a “Birthday Party” at the school with entertainment and displays. The event is open to the public, and former students are encouraged to participate in this special event. Residents are encouraged to share their memories of North Plains Elementary by sending in photos to the Historical Society c/o City Hall or info@northplains.org, or call 503-648-9597.

2nd Community Workshop!

Join us in the Community Vision Process!
At the next community workshop, May 28, from 5:30-8 p.m. residents will have another chance to shape the final draft statement and implementation strategies. Envision North Plains’ Future Steering Committee is meeting May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station in North Plains, located at 31370 NW Commercial Street. This meeting will focus on drafting the vision statement that will be used in the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you to the 100+ participants that have taken the online survey to date!

Visit www.envisionnp.org
LIBRARY NEWS

New Electronic Reader Board. Many thanks to the Friends of the North Plains Public Library and to Mark and Carolyn Leavitt for purchasing and installing the Library’s new electronic reader board. Slides of all upcoming Library events scroll across the screen that is located just above the children’s computers in the main Library area.

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

- May 6 Storytime with Miss Marion: April Showers
- May 13 Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Noise
- May 20 Special Guests: Chickens Galore
- May 27 Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Bugs and Insects

Holiday Closure. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

Writers’ Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

First Friday Flick – Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On Friday, May 1, come watch a PG-rated Disney comedy based on the 1972 book by the same name: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst and Ray Cruz. Alexander Cooper’s day begins with gum stuck in his hair, followed by more calamities. The rest of his family is unsympathetic until each is plagued by his and her own very bad and hilarious day! All ages welcome. Popcorn is provided.

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on Monday, May 11 at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Friends of the Library Book Cart Sale. Also on Saturday, May 2, the Friends will sell a selection of used books in conjunction with Free Comic Book Day. The Sale will take place in front of the Library on Commercial Street, weather permitting, or inside the Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Super Saturday. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Saturday, May 9 for a free Pizza and Paint Palooza Party! Paint your own superhero masterpiece that might get to be displayed in the library! Pizza provided. All ages are welcome.

Summer Reading 2015 Challenge! It’s that time again! Sign up for the Every Hero Has a Story Summer Reading Program at the North Plains Public Library starting Monday, June 1. New this year – Library Staff, Library Board members, and Library Volunteers are issuing a challenge to the people of greater North Plains to reach a goal of reading one million pages throughout the summer. There will be weekly contests with prize drawings. Adults, kids, and teens may participate, and the program will run through August 31. Look for the Library table at the North Plains Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 4, where goodie bags and information will be distributed.

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit in May will be a showing of local children’s art created at the Super Saturday Pizza and Paint Palooza Party. Superheroes will be featured and is the theme of the 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of May has a patriotic theme and is titled For My Son. It was created by local resident Diane Link in honor of her son who serves in the US Marine Corps.

Read to the Dogs. First Graders and up may practice their reading skills with Taylor, a registered Pet partners dog. This program takes place on the first Wednesday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. Reservations are required. Sign up for a 20-minute time slot on Wednesday, May 6 by calling 503-647-5051.

Free Comic Books! Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comic books! Stop by the Library between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, during North Plains’ citywide Garage Sale Madness Day, to receive your own free comic book provided by Diamond Comic Book Distributors. Free Comic Book Day is an annual event sponsored across North America by participating comic book specialty shops.

Library Book Club. The Book Club will meet at the Library on Wednesday, May 27 beginning at 7:30 p.m. to discuss The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. A.J. Fikry’s life is not what he expected it to be. His wife has died, his bookstore is failing, and his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. He is isolating himself from all the people of Alice Island and from Amelia, the Knightley Press sales rep who refuses to be deterred by A.J.’s bad attitude. And then a mysterious package appears at the bookstore that gives A.J. the ability to see everything anew. It doesn’t take long for the locals to notice the change; or for that determined sales rep, Amelia, to see her curmudgeonly client in a new light. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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North Plains Senior Center News

A Memorial Mass will be held for one of North Plains’ oldest residents, Irene Kay, on April 28 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church. Following the service, a reception will be held at the North Plains Senior Center.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! You can help
the North Plains Senior Center earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Fred Meyer is donating $2.5 million per year to nonprofit organizations in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to North Plains Senior Center at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our nonprofit number—92742. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you help the North Plains Senior Center earn a donation!

**BREAKFAST AT THE NPSC EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING.**
A hot Breakfast will be served each Wednesday morning from 7:30 – 10 am. Cost is $6.00 per person.

**DONATIONS WELCOME** Just a reminder that the Senior Center runs on community donations and proceeds from our various fundraisers. If you’d like to make a tax-deductible donation, send it to North Plains Senior Center, PO Box 147, North Plains, OR 97133. Please contact 503-647-5555 for more information.

**MEAL TICKETS** We are selling meal tickets at the center for congregate meals. The tickets are $30 for 10 meals. This would make a great gift for a special loved one in your life.

**POP and PAINT NIGHT** Pop and Paint night at the North Plains Senior Center, Wednesday, May 20, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. “Wine Country” will be the picture being painted. $37.00 is the cost of the class. Snacks and drinks will be served. Register at [www.popandpaint.com](http://www.popandpaint.com).

**EXERCISE GROUP** The Exercise Group, open to the public, not just for seniors, is meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the lower level of the Senior Center. New cardio exercise will be included. Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Work at your own level and enjoy the fun!

**TOPS** Come and join TOPS for a fun and supportive way to lose weight on Thursday evenings from 6–7 p.m. Call Karen at the Center at 503-647-5666 for more information.

**Parks Need Your Help**
The City of North Plains has two openings on its PARKS BOARD. If you are interested in this position, please call City Hall at 503-647-5555 or visit our webpage at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org) for an application.

**Got Yard Debris?**
Recology/Oregon Compost is accepting yard debris at its North Plains location, free of charge for residents of the City. You only need to present your ID to prove residency. Recology is located at 9570 NW 307th Avenue.

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**Volunteer Recognition Night**

Jessie Mays was filled to the brim with volunteers and well-wishers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The North Plains Senior Center provided a great dinner of spaghetti, bread and a lovely green salad. Awards were presented to Chris Lantz for Volunteer of the Year; Trent Robinson for Teen Volunteer of the Year; Teri Lenahan received the Lifetime Achievement award. Thank you to all our volunteers and the many hours that are contributed to our great community.

**North Plains Historical Society**

Our motto is: **You are history in the making.**
The North Plains Historical Society will be meeting at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Monday, May 4, at 1:00 in the afternoon. All are invited to attend this informative meeting. Please come and join us. Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

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The North Plains Thursday Marketplace is just around the corner! If you would like to join the market board or volunteer this year at the market please e-mail, northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Our next market board meeting will be May 4, at the Rogue Brew Pub at 7:00 p.m.

New Seasons Market Grant Program will be sponsoring the Market Sprouts Kids’ Club in 2015. The Oregon Trail Card Match will be $5.00 per person, per market. Every week there will be a canned food drive for the North Plains Food Pantry! Look for the collection bin at the Market Sprouts table.

**Calling all artists** to come out for the first Thursday of each month of the North Plains Thursday Marketplace! Apply online at [ManageMyMarket.com](http://ManageMyMarket.com) or pick up a paper application at City Hall.

There will be live music each week provided by the Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery in the courtyard.

Join us at the North Plains Thursday Marketplace, Thursdays June 4–September 24, 5:00-8:00 p.m. on NW Commercial Street in North Plains, Oregon.
Those were the good old days…
Coming of Age

By Melvin Van Domelen, Mountaideal, OR

There are many traditions around the world that usher a boy into manhood. The Jewish boy has his Bar Mitzvah. The African boy goes out to hunt the wild animal. The Native American Indian youth goes to sit on a mountain, waiting for a vision. I would like to record my own introduction to this age.

One day Clarence Meek, a good neighbor, came and asked my Father if I could help him with his pea harvest. In the 1940s and well into the 1950s, garden peas were grown by contract for the cannery in Hillsboro. This was a cash crop for local farmers. Hundreds of acres of peas were grown in Washington County.

Clarence knew I had run a tractor and mower in my Father’s pea field two days earlier. Clarence had a big field to cut and a better power mower. I could hardly sleep that night in anticipation.

The next day and into the night we cut pea vines like crazy. The big payoff came at lunch time. Eva Meek, Clarence’s wife, had a wash stand set up in the back yard with a blue, chipped, enamel wash pan by the faucet, and towels hung on bushes. There was always a lot of horseplay going on here. The snapping of towels, water being splashed, a flower being slipped into a back pocket.

To get a shake of a hand and a pat on the back and get to sit down for lunch with the men of the community is something I’ll never forget. I’m fifteen years old, but I was accepted and could do a man’s work. I was one of them.

It was a feeling something like the first time I voted or going on my first date.

This pea crop was planted as soon as the ground could be worked in February or early March. Peas are a 90 day crop and like cool weather. When the pea harvest began, it didn’t stop and went on 24 hours a day. The only holdup would be if the fields were too wet to run the equipment.

In very early years, the pea vines were hand-loaded onto trucks by use of pitchforks. Then a hay loader was used, pulled behind a truck to elevate the vines to the back of the load. Two men on top of the load worked to spread the vines around and move them forward. This was a hard job. You were knee-deep in the vines. The truck is rolling from side to side, it’s dark, and you are tired. I spent one night loading peas with John Meek, who had just returned from being a Japanese prisoner of war.

The machine that shelled the peas was called a “viner,” and the pea viners were located off of Dennis Street in West Hillsboro. For every load of pea vines hauled into the viners, a load of thrashed vines needed to be hauled out. These left over vines made wonderful cattle feed and were worth $5.00 a load. Many loads went into farm silos.

Later on, my brother, Dale, had a new 1949 Chevrolet farm truck in which we hauled peas for other farmers. Dale drove all day, and I drove all night. We were paid $3.00 an hour, truck and driver. We thought we were really making money. Gasoline was around twenty cents a gallon. I remember getting drowsy around four in the morning. The solution for this was to stop, raise the truck hood, and grab a spark plug wire. The eyes would open after that.

We had a black cocker spaniel that rode with us and sometimes got us a job. A farmer would request that truck with the black dog.

I miss the harvest crews. I realize now that there are so few of us left who took part in them. If someone gave his word that he would help fill your silo, if he could walk, he would be there, no excuses. Filling a silo took a lot of help.

My father had a large three wire stationary hay baler that took nine men to operate. The neighborhood would show up with horses and wagons to feed the thrashing machine. Wood sawing in the fall brought the farmers together. One could hear that buzz saw sing a half mile away.

My mother always put out a good meal for these crews. Other neighbor ladies would come in to help with this. If you were known for an outstanding meal, it was easier to line up a crew. I miss all of this but still always remember that lunch at Clarence and Eva Meek’s with the neighborhood harvest crew.

May 2015 Calendar
See community events at NPfun.org
5/01 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
5/02 May Garage Sale Madness All over the town of North Plains!
5/02 North Plains Community Garden Club Plant Sale 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Jessie Mays
5/02 Knights of Pythias Community Cancer Care chowder and sandwich bar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 31550 NW Commercial Street
5/02 Senior Center BBQ 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 31450 NW Commercial Street.
5/04 North Plains Historical Society 1:00 p.m. at JMCH.
Pizza Delivery beginning in May!!

A Note from Clean Water Services

Budget information and July 1 Rate Increase

Every year, from April through June, Clean Water Services goes through a budget process to establish rates for the following fiscal year. Public meeting notices are published in local newspapers, inviting the public to comment on proposed rates before the budget is adopted. Before any rate change, the District sends media releases to local newspapers and billing inserts to customers to notify customers of rate increases. Clean Water Services Board of Directors adopts the District's budget and rates.

Citizens can testify regarding the 2015-16 proposed budget and rates at upcoming public meetings. On May 8, 2015 (at the Clean Water Services Administration Building Complex 2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro, OR 97123), the Budget Committee will consider the FY 2015-16 proposed budget and recommend it to the Board of Directors for adoption. Clean Water Services Board of Directors Public Hearing to Recommend Budget 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, at the Shirley Huffman Auditorium Public Services Building 155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97124
Presents...
May Art Night @ The Crick

Join us on Friday May 15 from 6-9 p.m. for our artist spotlight! If you have been to our tasting room, chances are you’ve seen and used our featured artist’s work. Rob Ward started crafting furniture and other items out of Wine & Bourbon barrels in 2011. These tables, chairs, benches, platters, garden orbs are built to last! Each item is individually unique.

Also, the following day on Saturday May 16th from 12-3 pm you can join our own “Rob the Builder”, & create your own garden orb made out of recycled wine barrel hoops! Mr. Ward will be on hand ready to help.
Ticket price for Saturday is $35, which will include a tasting flight and supplies. Space is limited for this event, so secure your spot by purchasing your ticket at the link below: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/create-your-own-garden-orb-wrob-ward-tickets-16510543480

Customary tasting flights and wine by the glass and bottle will be available all weekend.

Until then... Meet us @ The Streets of Tanasbourne
Every Thursday from 4-9 pm discover our new pop-up boutique tasting room. Stop in for a glass or a combined tasting flight with premium wines from Abbey Creek and a monthly-featured local winery.

For more info about this or any upcoming events please call or email at 503-389-0619 or info@abbeycreekvineyard.com
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Stuffed Hashbrowns and Eggs $7*  
Grilled russet potatoes stuffed with ham, bacon, olive, scallion, sour cream and melted Cheddar. Served with two eggs to order & toast.

Berry Crunch French Toast  
Brioche french toast dipped in cinnamon cream with a cereal crust, maple syrup and fresh berries.

California Frittata $7*  
Tillamook cheddar cheese, bell pepper, tomato, black olive and crumbled bacon topped with fresh chives, sour cream and avocado. Served with hash browns & toast.

GREENS
Sonoma Summer  
Tender rotisserie roasted turkey breast tossed with apples, cranberries, Swiss cheese with shredded Monterey Jack and bacon in a citrus honey-mustard dressing then finished with toasted hazelnuts.

Southwest Chicken $7  
Lime-fajita grilled chicken with black beans, tomato, corn, olives, Cheddar, pico de gallo and crisp greens atop tortilla-strips nest.

SIGNATURE BURGERS
18/18 Hickory Bacon Cheese Burger  
Our signature 1/2 lb, 18/18 (1/2 Bacon 1/2 Burger) Patty, crisp bacon and grilled white onion with tangy BBQ sauce and Tillamook cheddar cheese piled high with lettuce & tomato on a Kaiser roll.

Steakhouse Bleu Burger  
Juicy beef patty broiled and topped with bacon, Bleu cheese, steak sauce, crispy fried onion rings then finished with lettuce, tomato and secret sauce. The flavors explode!

ARTISAN SELECTIONS
Portland Cheese Steak  
This thick cut ribeye steak piled high with fresh baguette, topped with sautéed peppers, onions and mushrooms, crispy buttery fried onion rings, cream cheese, melted Swiss & Provolone then finished with a drizzle of basil pesto.

Mendocino Chicken Sandwich  
Grilled chicken breast with pickles, gherkins, caramelized onions, Monterey Jack & Rota cheese with mild\green chilies, avocado & field greens.

English Pub Style Fish and Chips  
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