CITY HIRES NEW POLICE CHIEF

On January 18, 2011, the City Council approved a contract with the City’s new Police Chief. William Snyder will start with the City on February 1, 2011. Bill comes to us from the City of Hillsboro where he was a police officer for over 10 years. He also served on the Washington County Fraud Interagency Task Force. Bill has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Southern Oregon University. He taught criminal justice at ITT Technical Institute. is a Certified fraud examiner and has been deputized by the U.S. Marshal’s Office. Bill is a nearby resident and will introduce himself to the community in the next issue.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Service on a City committee can provide valuable direction toward the future of the community and assist with the development of guidelines. If you are interested in applying, please visit the City's web site at www.northplains.org to obtain an application for submittal to the City Recorder.

Walking Trail Advisory Committee: Any citizen who is interested in serving on this Committee to identify and develop areas for walking trails are welcome. Please submit your application to City Hall. The term for the positions will expire December 31, 2011.

Planning Commission: 1 position available on the 7 member Commission who are responsible for reviewing land use applications and the Zoning and Development Code for updates. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This position has a four year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Budget Committee: 3 positions available on the 14 member Committee who are responsible to develop a viable budget for the City each year. There are generally 2-3 meetings annually, typically between January through June at 7:00 p.m. These positions have varying terms of up to three years, expiring December 31st.

City news

On January 13, 2011, Gerald Wygant was sworn in as the City’s new pro-tem Municipal Court Judge. Judge Wygant served as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of North Plains for several years prior to his resignation in 2002. The City Council is developing a hiring process for the Municipal Court Judge.
LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Club.** The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Library to discuss *The Whistling Season* - Ivan Doig.

**Friends of the Library.** The Friends’ mission is “to provide funding and support to the North Plains Public Library.” The next meeting will be February 7th at 7:00 at the Library. New members are welcome.

**First Friday Flick.** Come see *Despicable Me*, rated PG, on Friday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m. Popcorn provided.

**One Book, One Community:** Throughout the month of February, the Friends of the North Plains Public Library will host the Fourth Annual One Book One Community program with Ivan Doig’s book, *The Whistling Season.* Kick Off for the program will be held the evening of Saturday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library where over sixty copies of the book will be distributed. Entertainment will be provided by old-time fiddler and Cornelius resident, Daniel Forster, and refreshments will be served.

**Storytime.** Storytimes for children 6 and younger are held on Wednesday mornings beginning at 11:30 a.m.

**Ready to Read Grant:** The library received a $1,000.00 grant from the Oregon State Library to do its annual Summer Reading Program.

**Hours/Location.** Visit us Monday-Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. For information, call 503-647-5051 or visit the Library website at [www.nplibrary.org](http://www.nplibrary.org).

CITY NEWS:
The Washington County Visitors Association will be submitting an application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for designating an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. Within North Plains, this path would be along NW West Union Road, NW Commercial Street and NW Gordon Road.

NW GLENCOE ROAD CITY ENTRY UPDATE:
The City Council authorized the cost for the City entry sign, spires and crosswalk improvements.

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