Volunteer Recognition

The North Plains annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner will take place on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to come and say thanks to the many volunteers in North Plains who make this such a great place to live! The North Plains Senior Center will provide a free spaghetti dinner for attendees. The Volunteer of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement recipient will both be announced during the evening.

City Wide Garage Sale & Clean-Up Day

Garage Sale
Let’s get set for a garage sale bonanza! The North Plains annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this free event either as a buyer, a seller, or both. A list will be put together of all the garage sales in the City and surrounding area at no cost to you. 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.

The North Plains Garden club is hosting their annual plant sale the same day at Jessie Mays. The sale opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

Clean-Up Day
Residents in the 97133 zip code are invited to bring unwanted items to the North Plains Annual Clean-Up Day at Jessie Mays Community Park on May 11th. Garbarino Disposal is providing dumpsters for junk materials and recyclables.

Acceptable items (and fees) include:
- Usable items for a charitable organization - No fee
- Large appliances - $5 each
- Air conditioner, refrigerator or freezer - $25 each
- Tires - $4 per tire off the rim; $6 per tire with wheel
- Bulky wastes, furniture, scrap metal, plastics and electronics - $5 per carload, $10 per truck, trailer or van
- Heavy materials (brick, rock) - $20/ half-full mid-size truck

Other items will be assessed at the event. Participants may be asked to help unload their materials.

Do NOT bring:
Household/wet garbage; hazardous waste; paint; medications; light bulbs; batteries or potentially asbestos-containing building materials such as drywall, vinyl sheet, etc.
Library News

Switch into Spring video gaming event with the Teen Council

All teens are most welcome to join us on Friday, April 12th from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. We will be playing the Nintendo Switch Games on the big screen at Jessie Mays! Pizza and board games will also be available. Our teens are invited to also bring their own devices and games if they would like. This event was created by the North Plains Teen Council and a generous donation by the Knights of Pythias!

OBOB Writers Club

The OBOB Writers Club has a great lineup for spring. The OBOB Club gathers to read, write, and discuss one book per month for both 3-5 and 6-8 grade divisions. Here are the details of upcoming OBOB meetups:

3rd-5th Grade

Wednesday March 20, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Ugly by Robert Hoge
Wednesday April 24, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. The Infinity Year of Avalon James by Dana Middleton

6th-8th Grade

Wednesday March 20, 4:30pm until 5:30pm. The Luck Uglies by Paul Durham
Wednesday April 24, 4:30pm until 5:30pm. Avenging the Owl by Melissa Hart

Book Babies story times

Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist, Ms. Em every Tuesday at 10:00am in the program room in the library.

Story times

Children ages 2-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30am in the children's section of the library. Here is a run-down on some of our upcoming story time themes for the next few months: March 20 – Rumbles in the jungle. March 27 – Special guest story time with veterinarian Dr. Tom. April 3 – The sheep arrive. April 10 – Sleepy head. April 17 – Spring into spring! April 24 – Special guest story time with Mayor Lenahan. May 1 – Mr. Will brings us Smelly story time.

Mayor’s Corner

By Teri Lenahan

Upcoming “If I were Mayor...” contest Deadline

The deadline for the “If I were Mayor...” contest is fast approaching! Please submit your entry to City Hall is April 12, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. The North Plains Library will also accept your submissions by the due date.

Do you know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, or a mature world-view? The City of North Plains is participating in the 2019 Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) “If I were Mayor, I would...” contest. In this contest, students are encouraged to share their creative ideas about how they would govern the City of North Plains.

The City invites all 4th – 6th grade students attending North Plains Elementary and all 7th – 12th grade students residing in the City of North Plains to enter the contest. All 4th - 12th grade North Plains Homeschoolers are encouraged to participate too.

One lucky winner from each age group will receive a $50 gift card from the City, recognition from the Mayor and City Council at a City Council meeting, and appear in the City Newsletter and Social Media.

All North Plains winners will go on to compete at the statewide level for prizes and an invitation to the Oregon Mayors Conference award luncheon.

There are three grade-level contest categories:

Grade 4 and 5 will compete in a poster contest (no larger than 17” x 28”)

Grades 6 through 8 are asked to complete an essay (500-1,000 words)

Grades 9 – 12 will be asked for a digital media presentation (i.e. Video, PowerPoint)

For more information, please go to our website www.northplains.org and click on 'If I were a Mayor...' under the What’s New tab.

If you have questions, you can contact Mayor Lenahan at teri.lenahan@northplains.org
ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES
Here is a rundown on the adult focused news and programs that occurred recently or are scheduled to occur next month. All are welcome at our programs.

Word Play
The library is proud to host a monthly writers group titled **Word Play** for patrons 18 and older. It meets once a month on the first Thursday of the month from 5pm until 7pm at the library.

Here is a statement from the organizer Marie Buckley:
“If you like to write and would enjoy meeting with others to exercise your creative muse, this is the opportunity! Come and play with words at the library! Each meeting will begin with a short shared writing warm-up and then move into the monthly topic. We will discuss the topic, brainstorm ideas, and spend 20 to 30 minutes writing. After that, we will take turns sharing what we wrote by reading aloud. Participants will gain new ideas to write about and commit memories and life experiences to paper. This is not a critique group, but rather a time to create, move words around, and have fun”.

Library Book Club
New members are always welcome to join in the monthly discussions. The group meets regularly once a month, usually on the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the North Plains Public Library.

Here is the exciting run down for 2019:

- Mar. 27 – Stranger in the Woods – Michael Finkel (Suggested by Carolyn Leavitt)
- April 24 – The Friend – Sigrid Nunez (Suggested by Dale Wilhelm)
- May 29 – Born a Crime – Trevor Noah (Suggested by Mike Spooner)
- June 26 – The Library Book - Susan Orlean (Suggested by Mark Leavitt & Dale Wilhelm)
- July 31 – Family Trust – Kathy Wang (Suggested by Jennifer Knowles)
- Aug. 28 – A Thread of Grace – Mary Doria Russell (Suggested by Karen Conklin)
- Sept. 25 – Nine Perfect Strangers – Liane Moriarty (Suggested by Jennifer Knowles)
- Oct. 30 – Educated – Tara Westover (Suggested by Janet Bailey & Kris Kelley)
- Nov. 27 – My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry – Fredrik Backman (Suggested by Lori Andresen)
- Dec. 26 – The Good Neighbor – Maxwell King (Suggested by Kris Kelley)

The art of the story festival comes to Jessie Mays Community Center
On May 4 we will be proud to present Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. telling tales and singing music around the history of folk and blues. This presentation entitled “The History of Our Music” is a fun journey through American History via the vehicle of Folk and Blues. The event is mainly aimed at adults. It will occur from 1pm until 2pm.

A Mother’s Day celebration with Latin Flair - Friday May 10, 2019 from 6:30pm until 9pm.
Let’s celebrate the love of our moms with a multicultural evening of food, music and film! This will occur on May 10, at the Jessie Mays Community Center from 6:30pm until 9pm. The North Plains Library will be hosting a bilingual community celebration for Mother’s Day. We are proud to showcase the fine music of Mariachi Viva Mexico, and will be showing the Mexican movie *Sabor a Canela*, a tale of family and feuding cooks.

Here is the low down on the movie:
Maria is a young girl that lives with her grandmother, Dona Tere, in downtown Mexico City. Dona Tere is the owner of a traditional Mexican restaurant named ‘El Molcajete,’ the restaurant is run by chef Rosi. Following the death of her daughter, Dona Tere has lost her passion for the kitchen and has stopped working in ‘El Molcajete. Maria does her best to try to get Dona Tere back to the restaurant. Trouble is brewing because chef Rosi is not following the “light” menu. We will provide authentic Mexican food and there will be beer available for purchase.
April Calendar

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Gold Fever

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

My brother, Dale, and I rented the Loel and Hazel Hollenbeck farm for several years. There was a 10-acre prune orchard and a couple acres of blackcap berries. We rented this farm until the Columbus Day windstorm of 1962 blew down the 60-year old orchard. It blew some of the prune trees clear off the property. Shortly after that the Hollenbecks sold their farm.

The blackcap bushes needed pruning and Loel would work along with us and tell stories. Loel was full of stories, one of which follows:

Seems there were two con men working the area, around the late 1920’s. They had dug an excavation in a mountain up Dairy Creek way. They placed a small amount of gold nuggets there among the rocks. This is called “salting” a mine.

Their plan was to approach Jake Raffety, a prominent Mountaindale resident. And ask him to invest in this mine. Now, Jake may have been getting up in age but he was no push-over.

Raffety realized he knew nothing about real gold but Jake knew a man then working at the Nyland sawmill had been to the California gold fields. Jake got the mill worker to go have a look at this so-called mine. Upon seeing the layout, the mill worker shouted out “That’s gold all right, it’s mine! You guys stole it from my mill shack last week”. The gold was returned to its owner and the con men skipped the country before they could be apprehended.

So said Loel Hollenbeck.

I have been told by several before me that there was once an old duffer who paid with gold nuggets at the Mountaindale store. But, no telling where that gold came from? Maybe California or eastern Oregon.

Come back with me some 25 or 30 years. There was a gold mining venture next to my parent’s farm at Mountaindale. Seems there was someone that came up with the idea that there was suspension gold in the water of East Dairy Creek.

Now, I know this is the month of April and the old joke possibility comes up. Is Melvin laying one on us? I don’t make this stuff up, this really happened.

A small, little known church group took action on this theory of minute gold particles in the creek waters.

Two oblong stock watering tanks were set up. They were exactly like the new tanks in the community garden across from the fire hall. Football chunks of lava rock were flown in from Hawaii in blue barrels and put into the stock tanks. A huge gasoline irrigation pump spread the creek water over the lava. The lava was supposed to catch those minute particles of suspension gold.
This project ran for two weeks, 24 hours a day. It went on for two more weeks now and then. My wife and I, along with Paul and Anita Clark who then owned the property, checked out the lava with a metal detector. Nothing. All that registered was the metal water tank. I will state that this was a clean operation. No soil erosion went back in to Dairy Creek. The only erosion was the misguided funds that backed this venture.

Senior Center News

MUSIC MONDAY: DT & Country will be playing at the Senior Center on Monday, April 8th at 11:00 am-1:30 pm

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.

Upcoming event:
Meals on Wheels People will be having our 2nd annual Stride for senior’s walkathon on Saturday, April 20th at the Portland International Raceway. Come join my team or create your own to support our mission! You can go to strideforseniors.org to register. My team is called “Pioneers of North Plains” and I, Angie Boyd, am your team captain. Can’t attend? You can still help by making a cash donation (online or at the North Plains Senior Center) to support my team or the organization as a whole.

Liver & Onions will be served on Monday, April 15th Circuit training boot camp, M-F 5 am – 6 am $5.00 drop in or $25.00 per month

Bingo here on the first Wed evening of each month starting at 6PM.

Fire Department News

TVF&R will ask voters to renew local option levy for emergency services

Voters will see Measure 34-286 on May ballot

Voters will decide in the May 21 election whether to renew Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue’s local option levy to maintain emergency response services and personnel hired since 2000.

Measure 34-286 proposes a renewal of TVF&R’s existing levy rate at 45 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation for five more years. The current levy expires in June 2020. Under Oregon law, levies expire in five years or less and require voter approval for renewal.

For property assessed at $300,000, about the average in TVF&R’s service area, the cost of the local option levy would be about $135 per year or about $11.25 a month.

If the levy renewal does not pass, funding that pays for at least 92 of 432 TVF&R firefighters and paramedics would be lost.

If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain firefighter, paramedic, and some staff positions that support operations. Levy funding will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment to ensure effective emergency response.

TVF&R voters first approved a 25-cent per $1,000 assessed valuation local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008. In 2014, voters approved a replacement levy with a rate of 45 cents per $1,000 assessed valuation. The 2014 replacement levy provides 22 percent of the fire district’s funding. TVF&R used the levy funds approved by voters in 2014 to:

- Retain 42 levy-funded firefighters and hired additional firefighters, paramedics, and personnel who support TVF&R’s operations.
- Purchase two fire engines, one tiller truck, two medic/rescue units, one response car, one rescue boat, five fire investigator vehicles, and command vehicles.
- Construct one new fire station with a second station in progress.
- Acquire land for five fire stations.
- Help fund the seismic upgrade and remodel of three existing fire stations to ensure crews could respond following an earthquake.
- Acquire equipment such as fire hose, breathing apparatus, and medical kits.

Thanks to community support, TVF&R has been able to make investments that help ensure its ability to provide fast and effective emergency response with new station construction, four-person crews, alternative response vehicles, improved equipment, and community risk-reduction efforts.
While the district has made strides to reduce response times and improve outcomes, increasing call volume, traffic congestion, and development remain challenging.

If the levy is not renewed at the existing rate before it expires in June 2020, reductions in staffing and operations will be required.

If approved, the levy renewal would appear on the November 2020 property tax statement at the same rate of 45 cents per $1,000 AV and be identical to what currently appears on individual tax bills.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, call Public Affairs Chief Cassandra Ulven at 503-649-8577.

**Board & Commission Openings**

Are you between the ages of 15-17 and interested in volunteering for your community or know someone who is? The Parks & Recreation Board has a youth advisor vacancy!

The Parks & Recreation Board meets once a month, on the 2nd Monday at 6 p.m. Members of the board oversee park development, park maintenance, and make recommendations regarding projects and fees.

Please visit [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org) if you would like to apply. Applications can be emailed to our City Recorder, Lori Lesmeister, at lori.lesmeister@northplains.org or turned into City Hall.

**PCC Spring Music Series**

The Portland Community College Rock Creek music program continues its diverse series of short concerts/lectures in April and May in the Forum, Building 3, at the Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Road, Portland. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

The concerts are presented in conjunction with the Tuesday evening Music Appreciation class and are open to the public. A donation is appreciated but no one will be turned away. The concerts are free for PCC students. Parking is $2 (permits available at parking machines). The series is sponsored by grants from the Beaverton Arts Council and the Washington County Cultural Coalition. The series continues through 2019.

**April 9 – Ben Hunter and Joe Seamons**

Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons are songster revivalists who perform acoustic blues, field hollers, fiddle & banjo breakdowns, and early jazz that delights audiences in concerts and workshops nationwide. With their unique integration of performance, education and modern-day folklore, the Seattle-based duo redefines the role of a songster in the 21st century. Their American Roots music is inspired by early 20th century American folk, novelty songs and black Americana. They blend the musical stories from the rural American Northwest, African American folklore and connect those lineages to music from around the world. For more information, please go to: [https://www.benjoemusic.com/](https://www.benjoemusic.com/).

Ben and Joe will present a one-hour lecture and demonstration on American folk music, also on April 9, at 11:00 am in building 3, room 114 at the Rock Creek campus. All are welcome.

**April 16 – Okaidja**

Born into a family of musicians and storytellers in a village on the west coast of Ghana, Okaidja Afroso is a singer, guitarist, percussionist, and dancer deeply connected to the musical traditions of the African Diaspora and devoted to bringing together diverse modes of expression in pursuit of global harmony. His four albums, most recently *The Palm Wine Sea*, chart a journey from his past as a vocalist, percussionist and dancer with the Ghana Dance Ensemble and Obo Addy through to the present, as a confident and mature songwriter and collaborator. His songs call back to the sounds of his youth, illuminating them with the experiences and wonder of a curious traveler, never resting and always seeking. For more information, please go to: [https://okaidja.com](https://okaidja.com).

**Don't forget to make your 2018 IRA contribution.**

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NOTICE OF APRIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission of North Plains will conduct a public hearing on:

The North Plains Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan, City File 19-014, initiated by the City, is designed to:

• Address the statewide planning goals of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC);
• Encourage orderly and coordinated urban growth and provide urban level services in an efficient and economic manner;
• Enhance community livability and encourage economic expansion; and
• Preserve the community’s character and natural resources for future generations.

Questions and/or comments regarding the applications can be directed to City Manager Andy Varner andy.varner@northplains.org (503) 647-5555 or City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133.

The public hearing will be conducted according to the process identified in Development Code Section 16.170. Public oral and/or written testimony is welcome at each hearing or in writing in advance of the hearing. The application and all evidence relied upon by the City to make this decision is in the public record and is available for inspection at North Plains City Hall during regular business hours for no cost. Copies can be provided at a reasonable cost. The City’s staff report will be available for review at no cost at City Hall or www.northplains.org one week prior to each hearing.

Failure to raise an issue in sufficient detail during the comment period or at the public hearing may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals or Appeals/Circuit Court on said issue.

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