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.

Donate Your Used Books to the Friends.
Do you have leftover gently used books, DVDs, audio books and music CDs from your North Plains Garage Sale Weekend? Donate your used books, movies, audio and music CDs during North Plains Clean-Up Day. The Friends of the North Plains Public Library are always looking for these items to raise money for the library.

Drop off books at 31311 NW Commercial Street across the street from the library. Proceeds from used book sales benefit your local library in North Plains.

Questions? Contact the Friends at friendsnppl@gmail.com to arrange for large donations.
Library News

OBOB Writers Club
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 our last OBOB meetups of the season:

3rd-5th Grade
Wednesday April 24, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. The Infinity Year of Avalon James by Dana Middleton

6th-8th Grade
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:

April 24 – Special guest storytime with Mayor Lenahan.
May 1 – Mr. Will brings us Smelly storytime.
May 8 – Space story time.
May 15 – Tales from the old country.
May 22 – Tools are grand.
May 29 – Special guest storytime with a mystery guest!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES
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:

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)

**Free Yoga for All**

Free Yoga occurs at the Jessie Mays Community Center 7pm until 8pm most Thursdays until June 13. You’re invited to join Kim in an exploration of western yoga styles in a relaxed and informal setting. This 10-week series will introduce you to popular asana (poses) that will be sequenced with the breath (flow or vinyasa style) or held for a couple minutes (hatha or restorative style). Join us if you would like to learn modifications to poses (because everybody is different) and start to relax your mind near the end of the week. Bring your yoga mat or borrow one of ours.

**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.

**Summer Terrarium fun**

DIY Terrariums and Seed Swap Friday, August 16th 6:00pm at Jessie Mays add some low maintenance greenery to your desk or office space! Learn how to make an enclosed terrarium, what plants work best and how to troubleshoot & maintain your terrarium. Materials will be provided and reservations are required for this event. Bring left over or saved seeds from summer gardening for our casual seed swap!

**Home Depot Kids Workshop**

The Home Depot kids workshop hosted by the Library at Jessie Mays was a smashing success! Thank you to all who attended. A video of the event can be found at the link below for those who are reading this newsletter digitally.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we_fBnyRYy4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we_fBnyRYy4)
**May Calendar**

**05/01** Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center.

**05/04** City Wide Garage Sale starts!

**05/04** Art of the Story 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center

**05/06** Historical Society meeting 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center

**05/06** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Senior Center with 5:30 p.m. work session on Law Enforcement

**05/08** Garden Club Meeting 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays. Contact 503-647-2405 with questions.

**05/08** Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center with 6:00 p.m. work session

**05/09** Food Pantry 5 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St

**05/10** Mother’s Day Celebration with Latin Flair 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center.

**05/11** Clean-up Day 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center.

**05/13** Parks & Recreation Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center

**05/14** Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center.

**05/15** Economic Development Meeting 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center

**05/20** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center

**05/23** Food Pantry 5 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St

**05/27** City Offices Closed for Memorial Day

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**Shivaree**

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

When I asked my good friend, Mitch Ward, if he had ever attended a shivaree, he asked “What’s that?”

I would describe a shivaree as a spontaneous, surprise celebration sprung upon unsuspecting folks.

I hadn’t heard of a shivaree taking place for over 50 years, but long ago they were a common happening. Usually to mark a wedding, a house warming, or a wedding anniversary. Having been able to attend shivarees in my youth, I thought their existence should be recorded.

In the late 1930’s, our neighbors, Floyd and Grace Raffety, lived up on a hill just east ½ miles from the Mountaindale corner above the Dairy Creek Bridge. I don’t remember the reason for the shivaree, probably a wedding anniversary. I do recall a lot about it.

After dark, two of the Raffety neighbors, Joe Baker and Clarence Meek, had placed a stick of dynamite on top of a fence post. They had it at the ready about 100 yards from the Raffety house.

The crowd parked across the road and walked up the hill to the back yard. I still remember shaking in anticipation. Silence was maintained until that dynamite went off. Then all sorts of noise broke out. Shotguns were fired off over the roof of the house. People were shouting and beating on pans and buckets. The shivaree was on, a total surprise.

The Raffety cat had been sleeping under a hot wood stove. When that dynamite exploded, the cat jumped straight up and singed some hair off of its back.

The women attending brought in desserts and they would get some coffee pots going. About 35 friends and neighbors enjoyed conversation and laughter. A grand time was had by all.

Let’s go back to January 29th, 1944. This was when my parents, Jake and Pearl VanDomelen had been married for 25 years. This was the incentive for a shivaree-like celebration. I do believe my two older brothers and my sister had a hint of what was to come, but they kept it quiet. I’m barely 14 years old. I don’t remember any commotion going off outside beforehand.

Shortly after supper there comes a knock on the front door. My Father’s sister, Heneretta (VanDomelen) Neilson and her husband, Tom, just happened to stop by and express good wishes. After a few minutes, another knock, more relatives. This
goes on for a full half-hour. Cars are parked on the front lawn and in the barnyard. The neighbors are here.

It was decided there needed to be a mock wedding to marry my parents again. Curtains were removed from a window to pin on a wedding dress for my Mother. A fancy, folded dresser scarf served as her hat and veil. Dried money plant was used as Mom’s bouquet. A stone doughnut from my Father’s Native American artifacts collection took the place of a wedding ring on my Mother’s thumb.

My Father’s pants legs were rolled up to expose his long underwear. Fishing hooks, flies and spinners decorated his hat. Uncle Tom Neilson was the preacher of the day. He read passages out of a Montgomery Ward catalog. A cousin, Hank VanDomelen, backed up my Father with a shotgun just to make sure the ceremony went off without a hitch.

When Uncle Tom asks “If anyone knows why these two should not marry? Speak now or forever – he never got finished, all pandemonium broke out. Raised clenched fists were shaken, fingers pointed, and all sorts of accusations made. Everyone’s protests were heard.

This was a real old-time get-together and it was one celebration I’ll never forget.

My wife and I married in 1957, that’s 61 years ago. We first lived in a very small house. I told her to expect some sort of shivaree shenanigans to happen. This never occurred and I was somewhat disappointed about that.

Just to mention a shivaree should bring back good memories to the older generation. Remember?

Fire Department News

Young Women Have Chance to Explore a Career as a Firefighter

Applications are being accepted for the 11th annual Portland Metro Fire Camp for women ages 16 to 20.

This camp is an all-encompassing introduction to a rewarding profession. The camp is designed to instill confidence while building leadership and team skills.

Participants will learn what it takes to be a firefighter while completing hands-on training in hose and ladder skills, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ropes and knots, live-fire operations, aerial ladder climbs, forcible entry, and emergency medical skills.

They will also receive instruction from professional female firefighters from multiple agencies across the West Coast on how to prepare for interviews and gain insight on what it is like to have a career in the fire service as well as the importance of good nutrition and physical fitness. This free fire camp will be offered twice this summer on two weekends.

The first camp will take place June 28, 29, and 30 at the Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center, 4800 NE 122nd Ave., in Portland. The deadline to apply for this camp is May 22.

The second camp will be held August 2, 3, and 4 at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue’s Training Center, 12400 SW Tonquin Road, in Sherwood. Applications will be accepted for this camp through July 3.

Applications and more information are available online at portlandmetrofirecamp.com.

Boards Vacancy

The Library Board has a vacancy opening on July 1, 2019. Please email the library director at willw@wccls.org with questions!

Law Enforcement Open House

Join us May 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center for a Law Enforcement Open House. The City of North Plains has been exploring future law enforcement options for our community. Come to learn more and participate in the discussion!
NOTICE OF MAY PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 7:00 PM
The Planning Commission of North Plains will conduct public hearings on:
  • Zone Change- Veteran’s Park
  • Zoning Code Update- Partition Expiration Deadline Extended to 2 Years

File Number 19-027 Veteran’s Park Zone Change
The city proposes to change the zoning of 0.26 acres of property zoned C-2 (Highway Commercial) to IPU (Institutional and Public Use). The purpose of the rezone is to develop a Veteran’s Park utilizing existing City property and the property proposed for rezone.
  Applicable zoning code sections are: 16.060 (Institutional and Public Use Zone) and 16.200 (Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Amendments).

File Number 19-028 Zoning Code Update- Partition Expiration Deadline Extended to 2 Years
The City is updating the Zoning Code to increase the approval period for minor land partitions from one year to two years. This is prompted by recent partitions requesting approval extensions to meet conditions of approval.

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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