Fourth of July

The Knights of Pythias are sponsoring a 4th of July parade that departs from Jessie Mays at 3 p.m. There is a free hot dog and soda barbecue at Jessie Mays immediately after the parade. We are excited to bring back a fireworks display in the City of North Plains! The show begins at 9:30 p.m. and will last approximately half an hour. The fireworks will be launched over the pond at Lakeview Farms.

NPPD Partnership with Washington County

On June 3rd the City Council voted to enter into a contract partnership with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) to provide law enforcement services in North Plains. The County Board of Commissioners approved the contract at their June 18th meeting, and the partnership becomes official on July 1. This vote was the result of many months of deliberation, consideration, and analysis among elected officials and our City staff. Why did the Council take this historic step? The simple answer is summed up in one word: sustainability.

Law enforcement service levels and requirements continue to increase, no matter the size of a community. In North Plains, keeping up with the growth and service expectations will soon pose a challenge. The City went through several months of back-and-forth with the County, asking tough questions, staking out community concerns, and poring over budget proposals. In the end, we are confident the Sheriff’s Office will allow us to provide a higher level of service and professionalism in our community while retaining our current officers and our own police identity.

This partnership with WCSO gives the North Plains Police Department (NPPD) access to a wide variety of resources that present a new and unique opportunity for our City. These resources include specialized investigation services, trainings, major crimes teams, canines, negotiations teams, media relations, and more. All of these resources and the new partnership will come at a reduced cost to the City, as we take advantage of economies of scale within the WCSO model. “With the expanded growth in North Plains and the demand for more law enforcement services, a partnership with WCSO will improve coverage. Partnering with the Sheriff will offer backfilled services when NPPD officers are in mandatory training, on vacation, or on medical leave,” said North Plains Chief Jesse Baker.
It is important to note that NPPD and WCSO already have effective, close working and training partnerships, and remarkably consistent visions when it comes to providing service to the community. WCSO currently has a strong history of providing localized service to independent communities within the county, including Cornelius and Banks. The partnership will provide a continuity and depth of service that will benefit residents, both within and outside of the city limits. County Sheriff Pat Garrett commented: “We are excited to partner more closely with our friends who live, work and play in the City of North Plains. We’ll listen carefully and focus professionally as we work to best meet needs and build trust within the community.”

The official partnership between the two agencies will begin on July 1. Over the summer, our current Police Chief and officers will undergo several weeks of training, at which time other officers from WCSO will fill in as needed during this interim period. All our summer events will have full City coverage, and residents will not see a reduction in priority call service during the transition. In short, you should not expect to see a radical change; we fully intend to meet the increasing needs and expectations of the community through this partnership.

If you have more questions, please visit the FAQ page on the City’s website (www.northplains.org/police) specific to this partnership. You can also call the Police Department at 503-647-5555 for further information. Thank you for reading- we look forward to serving you.

Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park will be starting up again this June, with the first performance at the Ice Cream Social. This year, we are trying something different by switching up the parks where the concerts will be hosted, and inviting food trucks!

- **July 26th**- Sunset Ridge Park, featuring Tom Mann (Country). Gourmet hot dogs & nachos by The Dirty Weiner.
- **August 23rd**- Jessie Mays Park, featuring Hillsboro Symphony Jazz Band. Street tacos and mac & cheese by Momma’s Grub.

We hope to see you there!

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**Mayor’s Corner**

*By Teri Lenahan*

In the American holiday calendar, no day is more significant in our history than the 4th of July, a day we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and a day that birthed our independence as a sovereign nation. It is a day to honor our Founding Fathers for their vision and commitment to create a form of government that protects a person's right to life, liberty and property and be accountable to all citizens.

The Founding Fathers were a diverse group of brave men who sacrificed their lives for the ideals held in the Declaration of Independence. The Great American Experiment is just that, an experiment that continues to change so many lives. The founders continue to inspire us to speak about freedom, patriotism and the need to take action to secure these sentiments. Independence is not something we should take lightly, rather we must fight for it every day. **There is so much good in our country**, yet racism, sexism, bigotry and other forms of societal oppression continue to exist.

We must recommit ourselves to making sure we treat each other with respect and dignity. We owe it to children, communities and fellow Americans to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of liberty, equality and humanity on which our country was founded. We cannot assume that the struggle is ended. It is never-ending. As John F Kennedy outlined in that famous 1946 speech: “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. It was the price yesterday. It is the price today, and it will ever be the price.”

So, as we gather to celebrate America’s birthday, let us not forget our Founding Fathers’ unified goal, “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”. Hold these truths to be sacred, cherish your freedom and keep in mind the service and sacrifice of ALL servicemen and women, especially the military families here in North Plains.

May you and your families be blessed. Be safe and Happy 4th of July.
Take the Yoga survey
The library is running a yoga survey to determine the future form of this popular event. Please visit the library to place a dot on your choice for the future of flexibility and health!

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 10am in the program room in the library.

Story Times
Children ages 2-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 10am in the children's section of the library. With the departure of Mr. Will, Ms. Emily will be running the Wednesday story time slots.

Summer Reading Lineup
Sign-ups for summer reading started on June 1 and the program ends at the Carnival on August 24, although some finisher prizes will be kept in the library until Saturday September 14 for parents who cannot attend the Carnival. At this time over, almost 300 kids have already signed up.

Penny & Her Puppets, July 11 at Jessie Mays at 1pm
Penny's Puppet Productions is a professional one-woman puppet company dedicated to making the world a better place, one puppet show at a time! Offering joyful programs that ignite the imagination and fill the room with excitement and laughter, Penny's live performances use puppets, story, and song to inspire and entertain children of all ages. Penny is a professional storyteller who specializes in puppet shows for kids.

The Alphabeticians, July 18 at Jessie Mays at 1pm
The Alphabeticians play clever, upbeat, family appropriate songs, including songs about numbers, size, dads, metaphors, extinct fish and multiple alphabet songs. What more could you ask for?

Nathalia, July 25 at Jessie Mays at 2pm
Originally from Barranquilla, Colombia, Nathalia moved to the United States to study Music Therapy at the Berklee College of Music. Upon completion, she began her career in Los Angeles and later received a Master’s degree in Clinical Psychology from Antioch University. Nathalia’s experience as a music therapist and early childhood music educator inspired her to use music as a tool for teaching her own children Spanish. In doing so, she had inadvertently written songs that would later become her debut children’s album, From Here To There.

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.

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:

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)

Terrarium Fun
DIY Terrariums and Seed Swap Friday, August 16th 6pm 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.

Join the Friends of the Library-We Need Volunteers for the Elephant Garlic Festival Book Sale!
Our membership organization depends on local volunteers for support.

Join our organization to support your local library. We need volunteers to help staff our annual Elephant Garlic Festival Book Sale. This is the Friends largest book sale held inside Jessie Mays Community Hall. We sell THOUSANDS of books, movies, audio, reference materials, old magazines and other memorabilia during the festival at bargain prices. Pre-book sale set-up and book sale shifts range from 1 hour to all day depending on how much time you want to give. Support your local library and volunteer for our annual book sale. Sign-up sheets are available in the library.

Questions? Contact the Friends at friendsnppl@gmail.com for more information or take a look at our https://nplibrary.org/friends

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Mima Mounds

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaïndale, OR

My father, Jake, was a walking encyclopedia in the Native American, history and interesting places. He once told me to try and make an effort to visit the Mima (pronounced My-mgh) Mounds in Washington State.

Our chance to stop by there came after my wife and I spent a weekend in Gig Harbor. The mounds are a mysterious place. To this day I don’t believe they have come up with a factual explanation as to how these mounds were once created.

These unusual formations were recorded by Captain Charles Wilkes. He was the leader of a U. S. Exploratory Expedition that was mapping the area.

These mounds average 6 to 8 feet in height, are 25 to 30 feet wide at their circle base. They are scattered in a random pattern 8 to 10 feet apart. There are hundreds and hundreds of them as far as the eye can see.

The first thought was that the mounds were Native American burial sites. But, where the sites have been leveled no bones or artifacts have been found.

Another theory has been that the ice age could have left these deposits. But, how and why only in one location, and being so uniform in size?

Someone produced the thought that an infestation of giant gophers could have done the job.

Even the possibility that the legendary Paul Bunyan had a hand in construction has been humorously suggested.

I spent one-half of my working days with Teufel’s Nursery at Cedar Mills, over 30 years. One day Tom Teufel, one of the owners, flew me up to inspect a second nursery they then operated north of Seattle. I asked him to fly over the Mima Mound area to get a look from above. We could see the south end of the mounds that have been preserved.
To the north the mounds have been leveled and turned into pastures and farm land. The bare circles from where the mounds once stood are still visible from the air. This leveled space to the north stretches for miles up that narrow valley.

These preserved 445 acres have a paved half-mile walking trail. There is also a viewing tower where you can climb and get a wide angle look. Wild flowers bloom profusely here in the spring. This is a piece of untouched Washington State soil.

A stop here is well worth the short side trip and gives a chance to stretch your legs. It will boggle your mind!

This strange area is about 5 miles off of Interstate 5. Going north take exit 95, just south of Olympia. Turn west at the exit, drive under the freeway. Next turn right at a crossroad, go to a corner called Little Rock go straight through, proceed through to Waddle Creek Road. Turn right a short mile to the Mima Mound sign. Admission is free, the attraction is open year-round.

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**Senior Center News**

**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.

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**Fire Department News**

**Veterans, Pets, and Fourth of July Fireworks Don’t Mix**

As we prepare to commemorate our country’s independence on July 4, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue urges residents to have a heightened awareness of how fireworks impact veterans and pets.

Fireworks produce sounds similar to gunshots, which can cause physical and mental distress to those who have experienced combat. Response to traumatic events vary from person to person but everyone should be mindful and respectful of those who may suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Keep in mind that loud fireworks affect the brave men and women who fought and continue to fight for our freedoms.

TVF&R Captain Andrew Klein, who served as a chief warrant officer with the Army National Guard, states: “Unexpected and random loud noises can cause combat veterans to become anxious or initiate a fight-or-flight response. A planned community fireworks display is much more tolerable because it is predictable and is a patriotic-themed celebration of our country.”

Fireworks also tend to frighten beloved pets, including farm animals. The loud noises can cause them great anxiety and stress, since they are unable to comprehend what is going on. If you insist on using fireworks, be aware of your own pet(s) and your neighbors’ and try to limit the quantity and length of time fireworks will be set off. Rather than lighting fireworks in your neighborhood, where veterans and pets may reside, consider attending a professional show in your area.

Summer weather is also upon us, which means an increased risk of fires. TVF&R offers up the following fireworks safety tips to ensure you have a safe holiday.

**If you intend to use fireworks, keep them legal and safe.**

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode, or travel on the ground more than six feet — this includes bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, and M80s. To be legal, purchase all fireworks at a licensed Oregon fireworks stand. Fireworks purchased by mail order or in the state of Washington or at a Native American reservation may be illegal in our state. Just because some fireworks are legal, doesn’t mean they’re 100 percent safe. This includes sparklers. They can reach temperatures of 1,200 degrees — wood burns at 575 degrees, while glass melts at 900 degrees, according to the National Fire Protection...
Association. Even legal fireworks are dangerous and can cause injuries and burns.

- Only adults should light or handle fireworks. Supervise children at all times.
- Use fireworks outdoors on a paved surface, away from buildings, vehicles, and vegetation.
- Never try to re-light a “dud.” Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, or buildings.
- Never alter fireworks or make your own.
- Have a hose nearby in case of fire and place “spent” fireworks in a metal bucket with water.

**Reporting firework incidents in TVF&R’s service area.**

Individuals needing to report a fire or medical emergency should call 911; individuals wishing to report a nuisance or concern about illegal fireworks should do so via the non-emergency number, 503-629-0111. These situations will be logged, passed on to local law enforcement, and responded to as resources allow.

**Penalties for misusing fireworks.**

Law enforcement agencies enforce criminal laws related to the use of illegal fireworks in Oregon. Under Oregon law, officers can seize illegal fireworks and issue criminal citations, including reckless burning, criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, and more with fines up to $500 per violation. People can also be held civilly liable for damages resulting from improper use of any fireworks — legal or illegal. For more safety tips, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

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**Woodstove Exchange Program**

In Washington County, Oregon, one-third of households rely on burning wood stoves as an essential heat source. Many of them use older and uncertified wood stoves, which produce a high level of fine particle pollution which would lead to poor health outcomes for our citizens and that is especially dangerous for young children and people with existing respiratory conditions.

Since implementing the wood stove exchange program in August 2016, over 300 old wood stoves have been replaced, preventing the emission of over 150 tons of particulate pollution, harmful gases, volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants.

The Washington County Wood Stove Exchange Program offers rebates and grants to residents who replace their old wood stoves with new and cleaner burning devices.

If you use an old wood stove for heat, with tiered rebates ($1500, $2500, $3500) depending on income, you may be able to trade it in for a new, more efficient and cleaner heating device. And depending on income, some households may be eligible for a full cost replacement (up to $5000). Apply today at [www.WoodStoveExchange.com](http://www.WoodStoveExchange.com)!

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**Low Income Home Repairs**

Washington County, Office of Community Development currently has funds available to help low-income homeowner with critical repairs. If you need help or know someone who does, please contact Councilman James Fage at [james.fage@northplains.org](mailto:james.fage@northplains.org). He has volunteered to help facilitate this process. You can also contact Sarah Branson at [Sarah_branson@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Sarah_branson@co.washington.or.us)
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