Meet Your New Library Director - Robin Doughty

Greetings North Plains! I am thrilled to be your new Library Director and I would love to meet you. Please come by the library to say hi. Expect to continue to see your favorite library programs and the same great access to materials through Washington County Cooperative Library Services. September is Library Card Sign-up Month so it’s the perfect time to get a new card or renew your old one. If you don’t have time to come in, you can now register for a library card on-line to access our 100,000 downloadable items here. Did you know that your library card offers streaming video through Kanopy? Or that state parks and the World of Speed museum have been added to our print-from-home Cultural Pass to Adventure program? Or that there are no longer overdue fines on any format of children’s materials? I am so proud to lead a library that has so much to offer the community! Don’t be surprised to see me around town introducing myself, and please invite me to share the benefits of a library card with your organization.

This is what I’m reading next!
Inspector Gamache is back in action to investigate a missing person and flooding in Quebec in the latest installment of the Three Pines mysteries. If you enjoy strong character development and charming small towns, I highly recommend this whole series!

Book Babies Storytimes
Book Babies is on Tuesdays at 10:00am.
Join Ms. Em, our Early Learning Specialist as she guides parents and caregivers through some inspirational early learning activities. Bubbles, art, and play time galore! Take some time to visit with others while entertaining your little one!

Storytimes
Story Time is on Thursdays at 10:00am.

Library News

A Summer Reading Double Act-Teen Game Truck and Engineer It Thursday, August 1, 2019 - 1:00pm
Join us at Jessie Mays for two cool events. The parking lot will feature the game truck for teens, loaded with a massive library of video games, a climate controlled game theater will be at Jessie
Mayor’s Corner
By Teri Lenahan

Year-after-year, time seems to fly by and every September, I ask myself where did the summer go? From the Ice Cream Social, Concerts in the Park, 4th of July Celebration, National Night Out and the Elephant Garlic Festival, it was a very busy summer indeed. All of these events, and the many others throughout the year, help shape and build our small town charm and it reminds me of the importance of being neighborly.

We are all part of the community whether we choose to engage or not and in one way or another, our community has an impact on our lives. Engaging in our community looks different to everyone. You can be a community leader, a business owner, a member of your church or a volunteer at a local event. Regardless of your engagement, our community exists because we find ways to identify with each other and the neighborhoods where we live.

There is a warmth and generosity to knowing your neighbors. I ask new residents all the time, why did you move here and their responses are very similar, ’We love the small town charm’, ’I wanted to raise our family in a small town yet love being close to a big city’, or ’We wanted less stress and more quiet time with family and friends’. Regardless of your reason, living in a small town can be a very refreshing change of pace for those who come from a large city. Waving to each other on the streets is a common occurrence in North Plains, sharing your garden’s bounty with your neighbors opens up the door to new friendships and watching the beautiful sunsets with your friends creates lifetime memories.

With so many new residents moving into North Plains, we, ole’ timers have the opportunity to show them the meaning of being a good neighbor. We all want good neighbors, but it’s hard to know exactly how to be the kind of neighbor our neighbors want. A quick wave or a simple hello could be that first step in getting to know your neighbor. A small act of kindness can lead to so much more. So the next time you’re out walking and you see someone drive by, I challenge you to offer up a Smile and Wave. I promise you that I’ll be doing more of the same thing.

Mays! Enjoy life-sized Jenga and other games while you wait your turn!

Inside Jessie Mays we will feature the Museum of Natural and Cultural History’s Engineer It Stem Program. ENGINEER IT! Exploring Ancient Technologies.

Build a shelter, design a boat, weave a shoe, or invent a fishing tool! Try out your own engineering skills while discovering technologies designed by Oregon’s first engineers. Native American people have long used science and engineering to create effective tools, homes, clothing, cooking methods and more - passing this knowledge down through generations. Many of these innovations are still being used today! Join us to explore a collection of Oregon artifacts from the museum and engage in fun, hands-on engineering challenges.

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:

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)

September Calendar

09/02 City Office Closed for Labor Day
09/03 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. with 5:30 p.m. work session at North Plains Senior Center
09/04 Economic Development Meeting 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center (downstairs)
Senior Center News

News from the North Plains Senior Center & Meals on Wheels for September 2019

- The North Plains Senior Center and Meals on Wheels will be closed Monday, September 2nd, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.
- Come join us for BINGO! Always the first Wednesday of the month. For the month of September, it falls on the 4th from 6 pm - 8 pm. $5 at the door buys your first card. Every card, thereafter, is $1/per card. Hot dogs, soda, and chips will be available for a separate fee.
- For the month of September, Bunco will be held on the 5th and 19th. Begins promptly at 1 pm.
- Liver and onions will be served on Monday, September 16th as the second entree.
- EXERCISE GROUP—The Exercise Group, open to the public and not just for seniors, meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Senior Center. New cardio exercise included. Work at your own level. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun!

Fire Department News

Talk to Your Kids About Fire and Life Safety

It’s that time again — when North Plains students head back to class. And for many students, this may be the school year where they will be trusted to be home alone after school.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages parents and caregivers to review fire and life safety tips with them.

Talk to your kids about how and when to call 911 for police, fire, or medical assistance in the event of an emergency. Children should know their address, phone number, and your contact information so that they can provide the information to an emergency dispatcher.

It’s also a good idea to have phone numbers for family and neighbors posted on the refrigerator, near the phone, or on a designated bulletin board in the event kids need assistance but it’s not an emergency.

This is also a good time to set house rules on using the stove, oven, or microwave. Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. Most of the fires start on the stovetop due to food or oil being left unattended while being heated or items placed too close to the burners.

The following tips may help your child avoid a fire:

- **Allow cooking privileges based on age and maturity.** Consider allowing younger children to only use a microwave or oven to heat food (versus the stovetop). However, use caution when heating food due to the potential for burn injuries.
- **If allowed to use the stovetop, never leave food (especially oil) unattended — even for a moment!** Pre-teens and teenagers enjoy many activities that can cause them to be distracted and/or forget they’re cooking. Remind them to stay by the stovetop when cooking. If they need to leave the room, turn off the burner.
- **Keep things that can burn or catch on fire such as potholders, dish towels, and food boxes away from the stovetop.**
- **Water and oil do not mix!** Never throw water on a grease fire or try to move the flaming pan. Either action can cause the fire to spread or cause burns to a body.
- **If a fire occurs, leave the home and call 911 from a cellphone or a neighbor’s home.**

Other safety tips to share include:
- Never use matches, lighters, or candles. Keep these items away from children and remind
them that they are not to be touched by anyone other than an adult.
- Know two escape routes from every room in the house. One of those could be a window. Create and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Do not place items that can burn such as clothes, blankets, or scarves over a lamp or near a heater.
- Do not play with or overload electrical cords, and do not insert anything other than a plug into an electrical socket.
- Never mix cleaning products together. Each product has a job to do, but together could cause harm, off-gassing, or an explosion.
- Know where first-aid supplies are located. Consider signing up older children for a first-aid, home alone, babysitting, and/or CPR class.

For additional fire and life safety information, visit www.tvfr.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. He has volunteered to help facilitate this process. You can also contact Sarah Branson at Sarah_branson@co.washington.or.us.

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**Economic Development Committee**

Are you interested in volunteering for your community? The Economic Development Committee has a vacancy! The group meets once a month on the first Wednesday at the Senior Center. Applications can be found at www.northplains.org. Please email lori.lesmeister@northplains.org with questions or to submit your application!

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North Plains Repair Blitz! September 28th, 2019

Our Home Preservation Program serves the low-income, veteran, senior, and disabled populations in western Washington County. Repair projects include yardwork and paint (ABWK projects) to access ramps and grab bar installation to major critical repairs. The program is designed to address issues to make the home safer, more secure, and enable mature homeowners to remain in their homes longer.

www.westtualityhabitat.org ~ 503-359-8459 ~ 3731 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, OR 97116
NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 7:00 PM
The Planning Commission of North Plains will conduct a public hearing on:
- Zoning Code Update- Signs

File Number 19-086 Zoning Code Update- Signs (16.080)
The City is updating the Zoning Code to increase clarity and consistency in the sign code. The proposed changes affect permanent and temporary signs.

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.

Notice to mortgagee, lien holder, vendor or seller: If you receive this notice it shall be promptly forwarded to the purchaser.