Sometimes our busy family gets stuck in a rut with dinnertime fare and I bravely try a new cookbook to liven things up. Pleasing five people at the dinner table is not easy, and I can’t believe the success rate we’ve had with the recipes in this cookbook! Our favorites so far are Spring mushroom and Pea Risotto, Chicken Thighs with Sausage, Red Beans and Rice (similar to jambalaya), and Classic Pasta Carbonara. The instructions are clear, the ingredients are simple, and the photos are mouthwatering.

Holiday Craft Faire
From Dec 2nd – Dec. 24th, visit the library to do your holiday shopping at our Annual Craft Faire! Browse handcrafted items donated by local artisans and support the library with your purchases.
Giving Tree at the Library
Please consider visiting our library’s Giving Tree with tags for gifts for local seniors, veterans and the North Plains Food Pantry. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 16th. Thank you to Loch Lolly Christmas Forest for the tree!

Dickens Carolers
The library is bringing the Dickens Carolers back to the North Plains Jingle. Their performance begins at 7:30 at Jessie Mays Community Center. We hope to see you there!

Weekday Storytime Break
Weekday storytimes will be on a holiday break from Dec. 17 – Jan. 4. We will offer drop-in crafts and Imagination Station during the break.

Bilingual Española Storytime with Señora Laura will continue all month at 10 a.m. on Saturdays!

Library Holiday Hours
The library will close early at 2 p.m. on Dec. 24th, and at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31st so our staff may celebrate with their families.

Library Book Club
The December meeting of the library book club is discussing *The Good Neighbor*, by Maxwell King on Dec. 26th at 7 p.m. in the library.

OBOB Practice
Ms. Em leads lively, monthly OBOB practice sessions. This month:
- 3rd-5th Grade 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Williams-Garcia
- 6th-8th Grade 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - *It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas

Winter Reading Challenge
The library is planning a Jan/Feb adult reading challenge. Details coming soon!

Friends of the Library
The Friends of the Library will hold their next quarterly meeting on Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the library building. If you are interested in being holiday helper for on-line sales, please contact friendsnppl@gmail.com.

Mayor’s Corner
By Teri Lenahan
Happy Holidays! Our town is known for hosting some pretty amazing events. The Chili Cookoff, the Elephant Garlic Festival and The Jingle have brought family and friends together for decades. Our small town charm with these family friendly events have brought us together where memories are shared and new ones are made.

As individuals, we cannot solve every problem or save every critter, but together **WE can make a difference**. Can I ask you a favor? As you spend the holidays with your family and friends, please be mindful of your neighbors who might be sick, elderly, lonely or struggling in some way or another. They might not ask for help, but I bet they would appreciate a random act of kindness.

"In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress."

~Booker T. Washington

Each of us has a contribution to make in our community. Your neighbor might not be able to volunteer in the community, but they have a story to tell. We hold different beliefs and have different lifestyles. Yet, we all want the same things in life, a home, good schools and a safe community. I appreciate our individuality and I am grateful when we come together in harmony. We want to be respected, we want to listen, be heard and be valued for our contributions. North Plains can be all of this to all of us, if we open up our minds to the possibilities. **"Believe in the WE".**

My sincere wishes to all of you for a peaceful holiday season.
Health and Happiness in 2020.
Together, we will make a difference.

Warmest Regards,
Mayor Teri
City Manager Update

Projects on the Move in North Plains
If you haven’t already, you may soon notice signs of dirt being pushed around as the City has several projects in the works. I will run down a few of them here.

Ghost Creek Trail – This project involves a trail constructed near and around the Glencoe/Highway 26 interchange. The path will be ADA compliant and go under the existing bridge, and up each side of Glencoe Road to Highland Court. On the east side of Glencoe, the path will terminate at the Turtle Pond on 307th Avenue, complete with a viewing platform. In a future second phase, the path on the west side of Glencoe will eventually meander through the wooded area over to 314th Avenue and include a boardwalk near the wetland area.

West Union Path – Beginning in 2020, City contractors will start the first phase of a pathway from the intersection of Glencoe and West Union Road out east. This project will involve a bridge over McKay Creek. Phase two of this project will end at the Sunset Ridge development.

Pedestrian Crossing on Glencoe Rd – The City will install a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Glencoe Rd and Pacific St to ensure a safe passage across this busy area. The project will be ADA compliant and will include a separated walking corridor on Pacific St, east of Glencoe, over to 307th Avenue. This project will be wrapped up in January.

Intersection Wall – The City completed the improved wall at the four-way stop at Glencoe and Commercial St/West Union Ave. This wall acts as a marker to direct traffic towards downtown North Plains and is better stabilized. Future upgrades will include plantings and shrubs.

Water Reservoir and Pump Station – The City awarded the construction contract for a 2 million gallon water reservoir and pump station in late October. This project is located on 3 acres of City land on West Union Road. Groundbreaking will begin in January, 2020.

Lastly, there are other commercial, industrial, and residential projects soon to start turning dirt in North Plains over the next few months. If you have any questions on the projects listed above or any other developments in town, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the City. You can always email me at citymanager@northplains.org or call City Hall at 503.647.5555. See you around town!

- Andy Varner, City Manager

Historical Society
The North Plains Historical Society will have a meeting Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center. All are welcome. The program will be about Liberty Ships built in the shipyards of Portland during WWII. Bring photos and stories.

December Calendar

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Senior Center Updates

BINGO! Always the first Wednesday of the month. For the month of December, 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.
The city of North Plains will be having their 16th annual “Jingle through North Plains” parade on December 5th. Line-up for the parade starting at 6:00 pm at the Jessie Mays and parade leaving Jessie Mays at 6:30 pm. Decorate your own vehicle (or anything that moves) and join the parade. Awards will be given for “Best Decorated Business,” Best Decorated Vehicle in parade,” and Best Lighted House and business.” In addition to the parade, there will be a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 pm (with children singers); visits with Santa at the Jessie Mays between 5:45 and 7:15 pm; and we will have the “Dickens Carolers” singing for us at 7:30 pm. Cookies, apple cider, and hot chocolate will be provided...courtesy of Loch Lolly Christmas Forest, North Plains Events Association and the City of North Plains.

For the month of December, Bunco will be held on the 12th and 26th. Begins promptly at 1pm. DT & Country will be singing at the senior center on Monday, December 9th during our lunch service.

Liver and onions will be served on Monday, December 16th as the second entree.

MOWP and the North Plains Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th, for Christmas Day and Wednesday January 1st for New Year’s Day.

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!

Senior Center & Meals on Wheels annual Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, Jan 18, 2020. Tickets will go on sale the middle of December at northplainssc.org or you can come into the center to purchase them.

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**Gift Certificate**

Buy any $25 gift certificate and receive a certificate for a free 12" pepperoni pizza!

Free pizza certificate valid January 2 - 31, 2020

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EXPANDING A STRONG PARTNERSHIP

The City of North Plains Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office work collaboratively, side-by-side everyday as dependable and effective public safety partners to serve you. Creating safe communities is not only about deterring crimes, but also about building trust. Trust in which our communities report any crimes or suspicious activities, no matter how small or innocuous. We approach law enforcement with a mindset of providing exemplary customer service. Cultivating open communication ensures that proactive solutions can be implemented to meet the priorities of the community. We are proud to serve the City of North Plains and be part of this great community.

YOUR TEAM - CHIEF JESSE BAKER

Chief Jesse Baker has lived in and served the community of North Plains for the last 14 years and is excited to continue to work within the community. His favorite part of working in the city - the people and how friendly everyone is.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Thank you to everyone who attended our first community safety meeting on November 6. As it is getting darker earlier, please considering adding the #9PMRoutine to your daily schedule.

Every night at 9:00PM, we encourage the community to lock up property, turn on lights and bring in valuables to reduce the likelihood of falling victim to property crimes.

- **LOCK UP** your car, house, windows, garage, gates and shed.
- **TURN ON** exterior lights, security cameras and alarm system.
- **BRING IN** valuables from your car, yard, patio and porch.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join your neighborhood deputies for a cup of coffee at Hits the Spot Café - 10355 NW Glencoe Rd Unit D on November 24 from 12-3PM. Connect with your neighbors and meet the deputies who serve your community.
Spread Holiday Cheer for Children in Need

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters are dedicated to responding to the fire and emergency medical needs of the community at a moment’s notice. This holiday season, firefighters are asking community members to help them come through for less-fortunate children as well.

Station 17 is once again collecting new, unwrapped toys for the North Plains Lucky to Serve toy drive and looks forward to distributing the toys to families in our community with the help of dedicated volunteers. This marks the 10th year of the toy drive that brightens the holidays of about 320 children and teens right here in North Plains.

You can help us continue this holiday tradition by dropping off toy donations at our station, 31370 NW Commercial St., now through December 13. There is a need for unique family games, youth-sized bike helmets, bike locks, and items for teens.

TVF&R knows that we serve a generous, compassionate community. Thank you in advance for helping us contribute to brighter holidays for children and teens in need.

If your family could use some help this year, please stop by City Hall or North Plains Elementary School to pick up an application. More information is also available at www.facebook.com/lucky2serve.

If you would like to help wrap gifts, you can assist Lucky to Serve volunteers on Saturday, December 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at North Plains Elementary School, 32030 NW North Ave. Volunteers are encouraged to bring scissors, tape, and any wrapping paper they want to donate.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is Recruiting Volunteers

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is grateful for its dedicated cadre of volunteers, who aid us in our mission to create safer communities.

We are in the process of seeking more men and women who are willing to donate their time and serve their community as TVF&R volunteers. This exciting opportunity gives individuals a chance to be part of their fire district. TVF&R offers two ways you can choose to serve your community:

- **Incident Support Volunteer**: As an incident support volunteer, you would bring rehabilitation units to major incidents to provide TVF&R firefighters assistance with breathing apparatus, medical monitoring, and other support in a non-firefighting capacity. You would also participate in public education, attend parades, support community events and activities, and attend monthly drills.

- **Auxiliary Volunteer**: As an auxiliary volunteer, you would play an active role in TVF&R’s public education program and attend community events. This is a non-emergency response role. You may work once or twice a week or even a few times each year, depending on your area of interest and commitment. You could also help restore and maintain TVF&R’s fleet of antique apparatus.

All volunteers must be 18 years old or older, have a high school diploma or an equivalent certificate, pass a criminal background check, have a valid Oregon driver’s license, and live within TVF&R’s service area. All volunteers must obtain CPR and automated external defibrillator training within six months, and incident support volunteers must also obtain emergency medical responder certification within 12 months.

**Want to learn more?** TVF&R is holding a Volunteer Interest Open House on Tuesday, January 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Station 50, 12617 SW Walnut St., in Tigard.

For more information about TVF&R’s volunteer program or to apply to become a volunteer, visit www.tvfr.com/careers. Applications will be accepted through January 12, 2020.
North Plains Elementary School Annual

HOLIDAY Gift Shop

NPES PTO sponsors and coordinates a holiday gift shop for students. The PTO reaches out for donations from family, friends, and businesses in our community. Each student has the opportunity to choose a gift for two special adults in their lives at NO COST! They will then wrap and prepare the gifts for giving.

DONATIONS & SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!

We are looking for small gifts for adults priced between $1–$5. Some suggestions are jewelry, gloves, blankets sporting accessories, candy, knick knacks and tools!

Please drop off new, unwrapped items by Dec. 11th

Other items we need are gift bags, tissue paper, bows, small boxes and self-adhesive tags

Questions or concerns email npes_pto@yahoo.com or call school office 503-844-1630