New Year Greetings from the North Plains Public Library!
In 2019 the North Plains community broke records for library check-outs, library visits, summer reading attendance, and storyline attendance! For the past six months in a row we have had more library visitors than we had in the same months last year. We are privileged to serve a flourishing community that loves their library!

Director’s Pick
A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell
How can history be suspenseful? Even if you already know of Virginia Hall, you will be hanging on every word of this dramatically-told, true account of U.S. born Virginia as she spies for England in Nazi-occupied France. Her bravery, physical stamina, and mental endurance are truly extraordinary. I listened to this library book on downloadable audio with excellent narration by Juliet Stevenson. Highly recommended and very inspiring!

A Will Is Not Enough in Oregon
Many people do not realize that more is needed than just a simple will. In this program, the audience will receive practical advice from attorney Benjamin L. Rasche on how to safeguard their assets and health care wishes during and after their lifetime. They will also acquire up to date knowledge about wills, living trusts, health care documents, issues regarding guardianship, conservatorship, and power of attorney. This program also gives information on how to avoid probate and what to do when family complications arise. January 9 at 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Jessie Mays Community Hall.

Winter Warmer Reading Challenge
Shake off the winter chill with a toasty & fun library reading challenge! You might find your next favorite book or discover a great new author. Beginning Jan 1 and ending Feb 27 with a hot cocoa social in the library. Get started on the challenge anytime at the library or on our website!

After School ‘Bingo with Brianna’
**Mayor’s Corner**

*By Teri Lenahan*

_Happy New Year, North Plains and beyond._ Out with the old and in with the new. Ringing in the New Year is cause for celebration. I hope you and your family took the opportunity to reflect on the past and plan for the future. May you live up to the promises you have made and may you create for you and your loved ones the most Happy New Year ever.

This month, I dedicate my Mayor's Corner to Fely Magallanes and her project, _Saving Mother Earth_. I met Fely a couple of months ago. She is warm, kind and has a generous heart. Fely has an incredible project. She spearheaded a project to sew produce mesh bags for every family in North Plains by April 22, 2020. Why April 22nd? Because it is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, but more importantly, her mission is to do her part to save Mother Earth. So as you read this article, please consider helping Fely. She needs donations of utility fabric, and volunteers to help cut, sew and thread drawstrings. If you can help her, please email me at teri.lenahan@northplains.org and I will get you in touch with her.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that over 380 billion plastic bags are used and discarded in the United States, _annually_. Plastic quickly fills up landfills and recycling facilities and ends up polluting the air we breathe, and affecting not only our food but plants, animals, and marine life. In fact, the Oregon Legislature even passed HB 2509 this year that will ban single-use plastic bags, beginning in January 2020. Our use of plastics is out of control and we need to do something to protect our planet. This is why Fely asked me to initiate the _Saving Mother Earth_ project in North Plains.

Fely's inspiration comes from her friend, Irma Flores-Adibpour, who did this project as her present this Christmas to all her families and friends in Fairfax, VA. Fely's motivation to _Saving Mother Earth_ is to encourage families in North Plains to be diligent in joining her in this project with the ultimate goal to stop the use of single-use plastic bags.

Join us is the library for after school BINGO and win mystery prizes! Kids, tweens, and teens are invited to play BINGO at 4 p.m. on the Last Friday of the month December through May.

**Parenting Together Washington County Grant Award**

Our youth specialist, Emily West a.k.a. Ms. Em, was awarded a mini-grant of $600 from Parenting Together Washington County! This will help us fund a kindergarten readiness class series this year. Details coming soon!

**Craft Guild**

Join our informal group of knitters and quilters from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. This is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters, with no formal instruction.

**Teen Council Meetings**

Usually meets every other Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the library. Please check website for details.

**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 7:00 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library. Check our website for 2020 selections!

**Library Storytimes always at 10 a.m.**

- **Book Babies** resumes January 7th and continues each Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime** resumes January 2nd and continues each Thursday at 10 a.m.

**Bilingual Spanish Storytime** continues each Saturday at 10 a.m. coming soon!

**Join the Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the North Plains Public Library is a 100% volunteer organization. Our membership organization depends on local volunteers for support. Join our organization to support your local library. Due to retirements we have several vacancies on our Board. We have many opportunities for volunteers to help with our book sale at the Elephant Garlic Festival and our online book selling.

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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This initiative will provide every household in North Plains with a FREE set of produce bags made out of utility fabric (white, mesh, polyester, 36"x44") with drawstrings on both sides. Many shoppers will carry their own grocery bags from home. However, plastic bags are still being used for produce, which our mesh bags will replace. It will take every one of us to be committed to this project to rid our planet of plastic bags.

The timing of Fely's project coincided with the “Random Acts of Kindness” article I wrote in the October 2019 issue of the North Plains Newsletter. When Fely and I first met to discuss her initiative, it turned out that we were “thinking along the same lines”. However, neither she nor I can implement the Saving Mother Earth project alone. We need your participation to make this project successful. With your support and participation, we believe we can create a legacy to help save MOTHER EARTH!

Fely is a concerned human being and an envisioned caretaker of this beautiful earth. It is her ultimate goal to spread this project to our neighbor cities with high hopes that it would spread countywide, statewide, and eventually, nationwide. This project will be a legacy to future generations. Help save the planet and enjoy the most of Mother Earth’s natural beauty and her environmental values.

Both Fely and I need your help and we hope this inspires you to be a part of a movement that makes significant changes in how we live on this planet. Together, we start Saving Mother Earth!

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**January Calendar**

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**Senior Center Updates**

*News from the North Plains Senior Center & Meals on Wheels for January 2020*

- No BINGO for the month of January. First Wednesday of the month falls on a holiday (New Year’s Day).
- For the month of January, Bunco will be held on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. Begins promptly at 1pm.
- DT & Country will be singing at the Senior Center on Monday, January 13th during our lunch service.
- Meals on Wheels People and the North Plains Senior Center will host its 12th annual Crab Feed. The proceeds will support the North Plains Senior Center and Meals on Wheels People Food program in North Plains.

The Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, January 18th 2020, we will have 3 different seating times starting at 3:00 4:30 & 6:00p.m. The event will be held at the Jessie Mays Community Center in...
North Plains, attendees will enjoy traditional Crab or steak dinner or a Surf & Turf dinner, beer and wine will be available for purchase, there will be live entertainment and fun raffle prizes. This is a chance for the community to gather and support the North Plains Senior Center & Meals on Wheels People. All you can eat crab is $35/ticket; crab & steak is $40/ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Senior center or online at northplainsssc.org.

- **The North Plains Senior Center and Meals on Wheels People** will be closed Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Year’s Day and Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- **Liver and onions** will be served on Tuesday, January 21st as the second entree. Usually, it falls on the 3rd Monday, but we will be closed Monday the 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- **EXERCISE GROUP**—The Exercise Group, open to the public and not just for seniors, they meet 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!

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**Boy Scout Tree Collection**

Do you need your Christmas tree picked up after the Holidays?

The North Plains Boy Scouts has got you covered!!!

For the past 10 years, Troop 275 has made it a tradition to recycle North Plains Christmas Trees.

Please place your tree curbside Saturday, January 4th or Saturday, January 11th for removal.

Please place your envelope/donation at the bottom of the tree. Checks can be made payable to: “BSA Troop 275”

We will kindly accept bottles and cans during this time for recycling as well. These do not require a donation.

Your support directly benefits our local North Plains Boys Scouts camping programs and activities.

We appreciate your generosity.

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Deputy Clarissa Conway and four-legged community member Tilly

YOUR TEAM - DEPUTY CONWAY
Have you checked out Conway’s Canines on Facebook? Each #fidofriday Deputy Conway shares a meeting with a new four-legged community member. Deputy Conway loves getting out into the community and meeting dogs (and their owners). Deputy Conway joined the with the Sheriff’s office six years ago and one of her favorite assignments is being part of the WLT (Westside Interagency Narcotics Liaison Team) where she focused on problem houses in the Aloha community. What she likes most about working in North Plains is the small town feel and how friendly and welcoming everyone has been. Next time you are out and about, please say hello!

SAFETY REMINDERS - WINTER DRIVING
It’s only a matter of time before our area sees snow on the roads this winter. Please remember to monitor the weather forecast, check road conditions and pack an emergency supply kit before hitting the road when a snow storm hits. Additionally, three areas in Washington County have been designated as “snow zones” - areas where motorists are required by law to have tire chains or traction tires on or in vehicles when traveling on the designated portions of roads during periods of severe winter weather. For more about road conditions in your area, please visit: https://www.tripcheck.com/.

Something to keep in mind when getting ready to head out the door on a chilly day is to never leave your vehicle unattended and running while it warms up. No one wants to sit inside their cold vehicle on a chilly days, but leaving your vehicle on while unwatched gives car thieves the opportunity to break in or drive off with your vehicle and sometimes even returning later to burglarize your home. Remember, never leave your car unattended and running, even for a few seconds, because that is all it takes for someone to drive away with it.

PORCH PIRATES - PROTECT YOUR PACKAGES
A few steps you can take to safeguard your packages and deliveries:
- Schedule deliveries to arrive when you are home
- Have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your packages
- Deliver packages to shipping stores or an Amazon locker
- Install a security camera

STAY CONNECTED
If you need law enforcement help or to report something, the two main numbers you need to call are 9-1-1 for emergencies or crimes in progress and 503-629-0111 for any non-emergency issues or to report suspicious items.

When you call in a few helpful tips to remember:
- Remain calm
- If you see suspicious or criminal activity, be a good witness
- Be prepared to provide as much detail as possible - the WHO, WHAT, WHEN and WHERE for the situation
Fire Department News

Spread Holiday Cheer for Children in Need
Tips to Carry You Safely into 2020

With the New Year and resolutions on everyone’s mind, now is the time to think about some personal and home safety steps that can help carry you and your family safely into and through 2020, as well as save you time and money by avoiding winter-related damage to your home or business.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters always see an increase in outdoor-related injuries around the first of the year. Keep these things in mind to minimize your risk of personal injury:

- Increased slip and fall injuries are of particular concern this time of year.
- Be extra careful on icy surfaces around your home – use kitty litter or sand to increase traction.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activity; dress in layers with hats, gloves, and waterproof boots.
- Be aware of the windchill factor, which can often lower the temperature by several degrees.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service issues storm advisories.
- If you must travel, make sure someone knows where you are going, what time you expect to arrive, and the route you plan to take.
- Pack extra water, food, blankets, and clothing in case of an unexpected emergency or delay.

There are also steps you can take to improve the safety of your home this winter.

- Have your home heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- If you are heating with wood, inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Always discard ashes in a metal container away from combustible materials.
- Check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly.
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies by installing a CO alarm in your home.

In addition to fires, TVF&R firefighters respond to other types of emergencies that can cause severe damage to homes and businesses. We recommend you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the water shut off for your home/business if you haven’t done so already.

For the past several winters, TVF&R firefighters responded to hundreds of calls for frozen water pipes that burst and began flowing water. Businesses and homeowners suffered thousands of dollars in damage because they didn’t know how to stop the water from flowing.

During region-wide weather events, first responders must prioritize their response to life-safety incidents.

Knowing how to shut off your water and calling a professional can prevent significant damage to your home. Also, insulate exposed water pipes in the garage and cover outdoor water spigots.

Visit www.tvfr.com for more winter safety tips.

Green Living

Greetings North Plains friends! My name is Carissa Bonham and I am a green lifestyle writer and North Plains resident.

The holiday season often brings lots of new waste into our homes between gifts, parties, take out and more. Wondering how you can deal with all these different kinds of waste in the least terrible way possible? Here are some tips to help keep as much as you can out of the landfill!

Wrapping Paper

Wrapping paper that isn't glossy or have metallic elements on it can be recycled. Remove bows and ribbon and put used, recyclable wrapping paper in paper grocery bags and drop them in your recycling bin. Save any ribbons and bows in good condition to reuse later!

Cardboard boxes

Gift boxes and cardboard boxes can be recycled if they get broken down and added to your recycling cart. Remember that pizza boxes, boxes that held food or waxed paper boxes CANNOT be recycled.

Polystyrene AKA "styrofoam"

Don't trash your polystyrene/styrofoam packaging! This bulky waste doesn't break down and can clog our landfills. Agilyx in Tigard can take and recycle block foam and even clean styrofoam take out containers. Drop your styrofoam and other #6 plastics at 13240 SW Wall Street, Tigard, OR 97223 - open 24 hours a day (be extra eco savvy and ask your neighbors if you can take theirs, too!)

Take Out Containers

Plastic clamshells, pizza boxes and waxed take out containers cannot be recycled. Add these to your regular garbage. Any styrofoam or plastic labeled #6 or PS can be washed and brought to Agilyx (see above!).

Christmas Tree, Wreaths and Swags

If you have a natural tree, Christmas wreath or swag, you can have it picked up by the local boy scout troop after removing ornaments, bows and wires. You can also chop up your undecorated tree or other greenery to add to your green bin. Make sure all wires and decorations are off first. Don't want your artificial tree? Try and rehome it via NextDoor, Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist because these can't be recycled.
NOTICE OF JANUARY PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 7:00 PM
City File Number 19-127

The Planning Commission of North Plains will conduct a public hearing on updates to the following sections of the Zoning and Development Code:

- 16.020 R-7 Low Density Residential
- 16.025 R-5 Medium Density Residential
- 16.030 R-2.5 High Density Residential
- 16.045 NC Neighborhood Community
- 16.105 Accessory Structures
- 16.145 Public Facilities
- 16.150 Street Standards
- 16.170 Application Requirements
- 16.210 Temporary Uses

The proposed code changes include:
- Clarification to setback standards for accessory structures
- Updates to the public facilities and streets codes to comply with the newly adopted Transportation System Plan
- An update to the list of land use actions the City processes
- The addition of a model home provision for new subdivisions in the City


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.