This month, I have teamed up with Councilor Cameron Martinez to provide you with many resources to help meet your needs. Councilor Martinez is a Registered Nurse who currently works for the Hillsboro School District. It is her nature to help others. She is a real-life hero among us and we are grateful for her service and for her leadership. First and foremost, if you are having a life-threatening emergency, please Call 911. North Plains Food Pantry is located at 31311 Commercial Street and is open the second Thursday and last Friday of the month. If you need additional food support, please call the Oregon Food Bank at 503-505-7061 or visit OregonFoodBank.org. Family Justice Center of Washington County. Call 503-469-8620 for confidential help with restraining orders, safety planning, housing and more. They are located at 735 SW 158th Avenue, or at FJCWC.org. The Domestic Violence Resource Center is online at DVRC-OR.org. Proyecto UNICA helps with Latinx domestic violence and sexual assault: 503-232-4448 or ProjectUnica.org.

Washington County Crisis Line provides 24/7 crisis support and intervention at 503-291-9111. For substance abuse and mental health support, call the Disaster Distress helpline at 800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs (Hablanos for Spanish) to 66746. LBGTQ+ 1-877-565-8860. Teens 1-877-968-8491. The State of Oregon's child abuse reporting hotline is 1-855-503-SAFE (7233). Are you in need of immediate help? Call Community Action at 503-648-6646. Homeless? Call Community Connect: (503) 640-3263. They will help you to find housing resources in Washington County. Oregon Veterans are a diverse community and united in service. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 503-373-2085, or the Veterans Crisis line at 1-800-273-8255.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit the Governor’s website at coronavirus.oregon.gov or the Oregon Health Authority website at healthoregon.org/coronavirus. For all non-emergency calls, please Call 503-629-0111.

For all other connections to resources: Call 211. Our community has been quite resilient during this pandemic and we are proud at how our community has come together to find creative ways to help one another.
during *Stay Home, Save Lives*. We know there are insecurities in our community and we want you to know how to reach out to find assistance if it is needed.

If you have any questions, comments or want to help, please email either one of us at teri.lenahan@northplains.org or cameron.martinez@northplains.org. We will get through this together. We care.

Mayor Teri and Councilor Cameron

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**Reopening Update**

Thanks to the hard work of county-wide library staff guided by public health recommendations, we have a reopening framework to assist all Washington County Cooperative member libraries with best practices as they rollout services. Each member library is governed by their local jurisdiction so reopening will look a little different and be on a slightly different timeline at each library. We are making strong efforts to coordinate as much as possible to avoid confusion for patrons.

What does this mean for the North Plains Library? Once Washington County has successfully entered Phase 1 in the Governor’s Reopening Oregon Plan [https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19](https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19), we hope to resume curbside pickup of items that are currently in the North Plains Library, including the many newly published titles we have received! Washington County is expected to enter Phase 1 in mid-June. Once the county-wide WCCLS delivery service begins between libraries, we will be able to accept returns at our location, until then the bookdrop will remain closed. This may not occur until Washington County is in Phase 2. We appreciate you graciously storing your library materials at home for such a length of time! We will continue to rollout library services in stages as we cautiously move forward until we can welcome patrons into the library on a limited basis beginning in Phase 2 or Phase 3. We will be sure to post email, social media, and library signage notifications with the dates and details once we have them. North Plains residents checked-out over 1,000 downloadable items in April which is a new record and we are so happy we have these resources available. We are also mindful that not everyone can access online content and are eager to get books in your hands again!

While we are closed to the public, we are having the library deep-cleaned and thoroughly disinfected including the carpeting. We are installing protective equipment such as partitions between the public computers and plexiglass panels at the staff desk. Our number one priority is safety, and this will inform our processes. We miss seeing you, and hope you are staying well and secure.

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**Library News**

**Director’s Pick, Father’s Day Edition**

*The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins

One of the earliest mystery novels, *The Woman in White* has been a longtime favorite of my dad and I, one we reread every so often. It brings a strong sense of atmosphere, memorable characters, including a wicked count, and a twisty, suspenseful plot. Highly recommended and always available on WCCLS Overdrive along with almost 2500 other always available ebook titles. Get started on Overdrive with the Libby app or at wccls.org/ebooks.

June 1 marks the beginning of our annual summer reading program! This year’s theme is *Imagine Your Story*, and we’ve certainly used our imaginations to make it fun under existing constraints. Reading this summer is more important than ever since we are at risk for a “COVID slide” in learning in addition to “summer slide” this year. From June 1-July 10, we have storytimes and activities for children and families to do in their homes and in the community. From July 11-August 15, we will add giveaway books and take & make kits for all ages on select Wednesdays and Saturdays. The event calendar at wccls.org will remain updated with our current programs. See the special insert to get started with Summer Reading this year and take a walk down Commercial St in June for a self-guided storybook tour!
Communication Can Provide Clarity

Starting in the midst of the early 1930’s Great Depression and into the years leading up to World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt used the power of his bully pulpit to address the American people by holding regular “Fireside Chats.” The purpose of those wide-ranging conversations was to instill calm, comfort, and confidence in the nation’s institutions, and in people themselves. In short, President Roosevelt and his advisors were utilizing communication to bring clarity into the homes of all Americans as the nation healed its collective wounds and began searching for answers.

Back then, the radio provided such a medium; today, however, there are vastly more options for a government to connect with its citizens. Now, obviously, there are no FDR’s among us in City Hall. Nevertheless, like our 32nd president, we have realized the importance of communicating and what role that plays in providing clarity in people’s lives.

That is why you will see a commitment for improved communications coming from the City over the next 12 months. There are many avenues for governments and citizens to interact, but our City Council has made it a priority to keep folks engaged and “in the loop” about what is happening in North Plains.

A strategy is key to improving our efforts to connect with citizens, and we now have that. Some of the differences you will see over the next year include a refreshed newsletter, improvements to our website, and even a City app. Those are just a few of the changes we have in store as we continually seek ways to up our game.

The world is shifting right before our eyes, and it is important to keep up with the pace of change. Through it all, a little clarity can go a long way, and I promise we intend to deliver on that. Maybe not over the radio like FDR, but one way or another, you will discover your local government reaching you more and more.

June Calendar

All items on this calendar are taking place virtually. Please visit www.northplains.org/calendar for information on how to join in.

06/01 City Council 7 p.m. with work session at 6 p.m.
06/08 Parks and Recreation Board 6 p.m.
06/10 Planning Commission 7 p.m.
06/15 City Council 7 p.m.

Green Living

STOP BEFORE YOU SPRAY! BEE-FRIENDLY WEED MANAGEMENT IDEAS

As the weather warms up and the plants in our yards and fields start to wake up, so do dandelions, grasses and other plants that aren’t growing where we want them to be.

Spraying a synthetic herbicide like glyphosate (the main component in products like RoundUp) is an easy way to kill weeds but glyphosate poses a real threat to bees and other pollinators. A 2018 study* from the University of Texas suggests that exposure to glyphosate makes bees more susceptible to infection and death.

Instead of turning to chemical weed killers, try one of these effective, nontoxic weed killing options instead:

1) Boiling Water

Boiling water is a great way to spot-kill weeds without killing the plants surrounding them. Just carefully pour some boiling water over the offending weed. (pro tip: do not do this in flip flops!)

2) Homemade Weed Spray

Mix 1 gallon of vinegar, 1 cup of dish soap and 2 cups of table salt together in a large sprayer. Shake well to mix. Spray on weeds growing in areas where you never want plants to grow (like sidewalk cracks, in pathways, etc). This works best when you apply it on a sunny day.

The soap helps the vinegar stick to the leaves while the acid in the vinegar works together with the sun to kill the weed. The salt helps keep new plants from sprouting in the same spot any time soon.
3) Suffocate Them
If you have a large swath of weeds that you want to kill, suffocating them is a great way to knock them out with minimal work. Water the area with weeds you want to kill. Then lay large pieces of cardboard down on top of them. Weigh them down with rocks or pots.
To help make this extra effective, you can even water the cardboard to help it really stick to the weeds.
Leave the cardboard in place for at least 2 weeks (up to 4 for more stubborn weeds). When the process is done, the weeds will have decomposed back into the soil and your area will be ready for planting!

4) Hand weeder or Hoe
There are several tools that can make taking out weeds less of a chore. From hoes to step-down "weed poppers" our local hardware, garden and farm stores have tools you can use to make manually removing weeds easy on your body.
I hope you find these tips helpful for getting rid of weeds without hurting our friendly local pollinators!
For more information on these weeding methods or for help with organic gardening ideas, my website at [www.creativegreenliving.com](http://www.creativegreenliving.com) has lots of free gardening resources!


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**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**

**Wildfires Can Happen Here — Take Steps Now to Reduce Risks**

It’s important for property owners to take steps to help protect your home and land from potential wildfires this summer.
During a wildfire, time is crucial and resources are limited. What you’ve done before a fire strikes may determine whether firefighters are able to save your home and other structures on your property.
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has taken deliberate steps in the past 20 years to ensure a quick and effective response to wildfire, including investing in specialized wildland vehicles and equipment. Firefighters also participate in hands-on training.
This is the perfect time to create a 30-foot defensible space or safety zone around your home that may help firefighters safely protect your home from an encroaching fire.
To create this space, homeowners are encouraged to take the following steps:
- De-limb trees at least 10 feet up from the ground and cut back tree limbs hanging over your roof.
- Trim branches that are within 10 feet of a chimney.
- Consider replacing wood shakes or shingles on the roof with non-combustible or fire-resistant materials.
- Remove leaves, brush, and other debris from your gutters, rooftop, and underneath decks and crawlspaces.
- Regularly mow and water lawns and other green belts on your property. Keep your landscaping well pruned and watered.
- Plant low-growing, fire-resistant plants such as groundcover, perennials, and annuals near your home. Plant individual shrubs and hardwood trees at least 10 feet from your home and other structures.
- Store firewood and other combustibles at least 100 feet from your home.

Ensure firefighters can quickly find your home by posting your address at the beginning of a long driveway. Make sure your street is named or numbered and a sign is posted at each street intersection of your driveway or road. If you need a rural address sign, call 503-697-9418.
Access to your property is also crucial. To ensure crews can safely respond, cut back low-hanging tree limbs and clear dense vegetation and debris from the road or driveway. Driveways should be 20 feet wide and have a minimum clearance of 15 feet overhead.
For more information about wildfire safety tips and additional preventative measures, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).
2020 Summer Reading starts now! Imagine Your Story this summer with the North Plains Public Library. Join us at Jessie Mays Saturday, July 11th from 1-5 p.m. for a free book drive-thru for ages 0-18! (Date subject to change due to guidelines from health authorities). Please check for updates at https://www.northplains.org/calendar or call 503-647-5051. Visit wccls.org/srp for more fun resources.

**SUMMER READING 2020**
**SCAVENGER HUNT**

Celebrate Summer Reading with this fun list of things to find in your neighborhood!

Remember to follow rules for physical distancing! Keep 6 ft. or 2 golden retrievers, between you and people who don’t live in your house.

- A pinwheel
- A tree in bloom
- Two flags
- Something Purple
- A dog
- Something orange
- A spiderweb
- A blue car
- A birdhouse

We have reimagined our Summer Reading Program this year! While we won’t be able to gather this summer, we will be doing safe giveaways of brand new books and take & makes (craft kits to make at home) on select Wednesdays and Saturdays! Check our website for details or call us at 503-647-5051.

**Weekly Themes:**
- Week of July 6th *Friends & Neighbors*
- Week of July 13th *Nature*
- Week of July 20th *Home Sweet Home*
- Week of July 27th *Music & Movement*
- Week of August 3rd *Who I Am*
- Week of August 10th *Silly Fun*
- August 15th - *Summer Reading Ending Celebration Surprise*
**Teen Scavenger Hunt**

Celebrate Summer Reading and have fun while practicing physical distancing with this scavenger hunt just for teens!

- A house with a bench outside
- 5 different flags
- Wind chimes
- A humorous bumper sticker
- A ball
- A face on a building
- A bird lawn ornament
- A push lawnmower
- A bear in a window
- Something shiny or glittery

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**Summer Reading 2020 Adult Scavenger Hunt**

Summer Reading is for everyone! Have a blast with this scavenger hunt especially designed for adults. Easy to do while practicing physical distancing in your car or on a walk!

- White pickup truck
- Bar-b-que
- Red door
- Welcome sign
- Porch swing
- Bird’s nest
- Six different flags
- Riding lawnmower
- Squirrel
- Cat in a window
- Dog on a walk
- Bicyclist

Follow us on social media for themed activities and info all summer!
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/NorthPlainsPublicLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/NorthPlainsPublicLibrary/)
Instagram: #northplainslibrary
For Immediate Release: May 15, 2020

All Summer Events Cancelled in North Plains

Governor’s orders impact mass gatherings

The City of North Plains – along with its partners the North Plains Events Association and North Plains Chamber of Commerce – made the difficult decision this week to cancel or postpone all summer events. After carefully monitoring the situation for several weeks and using our best judgement to put the health and well-being of our community first, we must comply with Governor Brown’s recent orders restricting mass gatherings until September. Given the unprecedented nature of this virus and its unknown trajectory, these small sacrifices now will hopefully slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus virus.

The following events have been cancelled or postponed:

Volunteer Recognition Night & Spaghetti Feed
Citywide Garage Sale Day
Citywide Clean-up Day
Ice Cream Social
Strawberry Shortcake Feast
4th of July Fireworks and Parade
National Night Out
Elephant Garlic Festival
Concerts in the Park

We would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and guests that have generously supported our events over these many years. We will do our best to bring back some of these events in the fall if the situation allows, in some form or fashion. Until we can see you again, stay safe, take care of yourself and your neighbors, and we look forward to fun times ahead!

NORTH PLAINS

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REDUCE YOUR WATER BILL AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS!

Shop at these participating businesses to earn a credit on your water bill.

Abbey Creek Winery - Wine, stemware, apparel
Claey’s Catering - Ready-made dinners
Hits the Spot Cafe - Breakfast, coffee, sandwiches, burgers
Hobson Fitness - Gift cards for memberships
Oregon Coffee Roaster - Ground/Whole bean coffee, tea
Robinsons LTD - Fresh floral arrangements
Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery - Burgers, sandwiches, growler fills
Teninty’s Pizza & Subs - Pizza, sandwiches

Visit www.northplains.org for more Information