Many of us know that Independence Day is a very important day in the history of our country. We reflect on the efforts and the tremendous sacrifices of the leaders back in 1776; they rose to the occasion to liberate and declare independence as a free nation for the United States of America.

So far this year, our lives have been greatly affected by a virus and violence against humanity both of which have taken so many lives around the globe. Our entire country is on edge with uncertainty. No one can deny that the recent events in our country are causing great hardships for our families, friends and businesses. These events have created pause for many to self-reflect about their attitudes toward their fellow citizens. Also, most of us are learning a new normal to carry on about our daily lives. Some feel like they are missing out, while others have found a new purpose. Whatever you have experienced in the last several months, one thing is certain, we live in the greatest country on earth and our resiliency will get us through pandemics and protests.

Fourth of July is a great day for our country and I salute the men and women for their sacrifices for all of our freedoms. To name a few, Freedom of Speech, Freedom to worship God in his/her own way, or the Freedom to be counted as an Equal.

I cannot imagine living anywhere else, but more importantly, I can imagine a more peaceful and cohesive nation. Many blessings of freedom and independence to you and your families.

I’m going to end with a quote by President Abraham Lincoln, "Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable - a most sacred right - a right, which we hope and believe, is to liberate the world."

I am hopeful for our future and I promise I am listening.
Mayor Teri

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**Library News**

**Reopening Update**

Great news! You may place your own holds in the online catalog again! If the item you request is not available at the North Plains Library, expect shipping delays as WCCLS libraries are all at different stages of handling holds. We are committed to getting your holds to you as soon as we can under current constraints. North Plains Library staff will
notify you either by phone or email when your holds are ready and arrange a time for pickup. See the catalog at wccls.bibliocommons.com.

North Plains Library offers curbside materials pick-up Tuesday-Saturday. Tue/Thu/Sat 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Wed/Fri 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. We are accepting returns Monday-Saturday either in the exterior bookdrop or in bins alongside curbside pickup at the rear of the building. Returned items are quarantined for 72 hours before check-in.

We do not yet have a target date for allowing patrons into the library building. This will depend on our county’s COVID-19 case count, county phase of reopening, and recommendations from health officials. Things are evolving rapidly during this time so please continue to check our website for the latest updates at www.northplains.org/library.

**Summer Reading**

This year’s summer reading program, *Imagine Your Story* is underway! We hope you enjoyed our self-guided storybook walk and scavenger hunt in June. This month we add book giveaways and free take & make kits. One of our first giveaways is brand-new books! This year, we aim to get books in everyone’s hands, not wait to give them away as a “completion prize”. Because we are unable to gather for summer events as in years past, we are bringing the programming to you by giving away activities and projects in take & make kits each week for each age level (child, teen, adult). The take & make kits follow a weekly theme so family members of different ages have their own fun project around the same theme. Here is what to look forward to:

**Take & Make / Origami Class Combo:**
The North Plains Library will give away take & make kits with origami paper on **Wednesday, July 1st from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.** in front of the library for both of the following classes:

Yuki Martin, author and origami instructor will present two classes via Zoom on **July 8th**.

**Family Origami Toys** class from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to make clever children’s toys out of paper.

**Origami Gift Giving** for adults from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to make flowers, butterflies, and gift boxes. *Since these classes are limited to 25 attendees, the classes will be recorded, and links sent to those on the waiting list.* Register at https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events

**Note:** If participants would like to make origami gifts for our Meals on Wheels Outreach please email Carol Aldrich at carola@wccls.org so we can put extra origami paper in your take & make kit and arrange for pickup of your creations to deliver to our North Plains Meals On Wheels recipients. Please join us in spreading some library joy during this unprecedented time of isolation especially for our honored citizens. Thank you!

**Youth Book Giveaway**

Join us at the Jessie Mays parking lot on **July 11th from 1-5 p.m.** for a drive-thru style book giveaway for ages 0-18. These are equivalent to the book giveaways happening across the county. They contain a brand-new book, an art supply, an Imagine Your Story pencil, and a handout. If you cannot make this date, there will be opportunities on the following Wednesdays this summer to claim your book!

**Win-A-Book Wednesday**

In July and August we will have a weekly adult book giveaway on the North Plains Library Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NorthPlainsPublicLibrary. A different bestselling book will be posted each week and patrons can enter to win by commenting on the Facebook post. Also, adults may sign up for the county-wide online adult summer reading program at https://www.wccls.org/srp/adults2020.

**Themed Take & Make Giveaways**

Visit the front of the library on **Wednesdays from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.** for a themed take & make giveaway each week July 15th – August 12th. There is a new theme and activity each week for all ages! Themes are Nature, Home Sweet Home, Music & Movement, Who I Am, and Silly Fun.

**Summer Storytimes**

Enjoy songs, stories, wiggles, and bubbles! Email Mrs. Em at emilyw@wccls.org for the Zoom link. Preschool Storytime on Zoom – every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**Kindergarten Readiness Classes**

*New* Level 2 each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. June-August: Continue to empower your child with more lifelong learning skills! In reading, we will explore long vowel sounds, digraphs, multi-syllabic words, and reading comprehension! In math, we will explore problem-solving skills using sequencing, measuring, organizing, and computing.

**Level 1 each Thursday at 1:00 p.m. June-August:** Our level one course encourages children to learn to read and understand basic math concepts through music, hands-on activities, and games. Children will learn to identify and sound out all letters of the alphabet and establish a love of reading and mathematics. *Register*
online at [https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/](https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/)

**Master Gardener Culinary Herbs Class**

*Culinary Herbs: More than just Leaves: Fresh herbs bring out the best in our dishes, but did you know that for many herbs more than the leaves are edible? Many produce edible flowers and seeds. Join OSU Extension Service Master Gardener, Sandy Japely who will share information that will have you growing and harvesting culinary herbs. Please join us Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. for this virtual program. There will be a 15-minute Q & A at the end of the presentation. Register at [https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events](https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events) or email Carol Aldrich at carola@wccls.org.*

**CelloBop Performance**

North Plains Public Library is excited to host Gideon Freudmann a.k.a. CelloBop via a virtual performance for all ages on Zoom, Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 pm. The Boston Globe said of him, “Taking a modern artist’s approach to the four-stringed instrument, Gideon Freudmann has brought the cello to a new realm.” Find directions to receive the Zoom link at [https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events](https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events).

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**City Manager COVID-19 Update**

Washington County has been in the Phase I Coronavirus Reopening plan since June 1, and will submit plans to the Governor to enter Phase II once it is allowed to do so. There are many health and safety metrics to meet before entering the second phase, but the chief priority of public health officials is to avoid a spike in COVID-19 cases as things slowly reopen.

North Plains City Hall opened to the public on June 15 for limited business hours while Washington County remains in Phase I. Initially, the public may interact with staff in-person on Monday/Wednesday from 10 AM – 2 PM for routine business matters such as utility account questions, permits, etc.

Staff will require that longer in-person meetings are arranged by appointment only; no walk-ins. The front door will remain locked - including during the in-person business hours noted above - except for pre-arranged business meetings. Only one person/family will be allowed in the front lobby area. All visitors are expected to follow CDC public guidelines such as social distancing, and the use of face masks is recommended. This policy will be reviewed in two weeks.

Residents and businesses are still encouraged to do their business over the phone or online when possible. Payments may be made by using the dropbox located on the front of the building on Commercial Street.

All other City buildings and playgrounds remain closed to the general public until further notice. We ask residents to respect those closures.

We recognize that these are unorthodox hours but City leadership has taken a very cautious approach to keep our workers and community safe. Like everyone else, we would like to "open up" as soon as possible, but we will continue to adhere to public health recommendations as we do. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe and healthy.

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**NPPD & WCSO Joint Message**

Your North Plains Police Department, in partnership with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, shares the following message from Sheriff Garrett.

“I acknowledge that events of the past several weeks bring enormous stress to our law enforcement family and our communities of color. There’s no more important time than now to reflect and support our profession and the honor and dignity it demands, and there’s no more important time than now to reflect and support our communities of color and the honor and dignity they deserve. We must do both.

In response, our obligation is clear to redouble our efforts to serve our diverse, vibrant communities in a manner that builds trust by being clear-headed about continuously improving our systems and protocols and living out our core values to do our best, do the right thing, and treat others the way we want to be treated, all through an equity lens. We stand together as law enforcement professionals in the Metropolitan area to condemn the abhorrent actions demonstrated by officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
The incident in Minneapolis is horrific, instills significant and understandable fear in our community, and does not reflect our value of the sanctity of life or the code of ethics we have sworn to uphold. We remain committed to strengthen the trust of our communities who grant us the privilege to serve them. We are eager to partner with county commissioners in their commitment to listen to and work with Black community leaders and community organizing groups who are led by those most directly affected by these practices. We are glad to collaborate with Oregon law makers on reform bills, best practices and evidence-based initiatives, whether through workgroups or other means.

As a nation and community, we must stop denying racism and bias exist and start listening and responding. One immediate way our agency will listen and engage in critical dialogue with our Black community is through the Rising Leaders program by Word is Bond this summer. We look forward to engaging with the many wonderful communities represented in Washington County. Please let us know if you have any opportunities for us to begin, rebuild or start new partnerships.

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**July Calendar**

All items on this calendar are taking place virtually. Please visit [www.northplains.org/calendar](http://www.northplains.org/calendar) for information on how to join in.

- **07/01**: Economic Development Committee 6 p.m.
- **07/03**: City Offices Closed
- **07/04**: 4th of July Parade 10 a.m.
- **07/06**: City Council 7 p.m. with work session at 6 p.m.
- **07/08**: Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- **07/13**: Parks and Recreation Board 6 p.m.
- **07/20**: City Council 7 p.m.

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**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**

**Celebrate the Fourth of July Safely**

As we prepare to commemorate our country’s independence on July 4, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue offers firework 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 firework 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.
- Store fireworks, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children.

**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).
Are you interested in volunteering for your community? The Parks & Recreation Board has a vacancy!

The Parks & Recreation Board meets once a month, on the 2nd Monday at 6 p.m. Members of the board oversee park development, park maintenance, and make recommendations regarding projects and fees.

Please visit www.northplains.org if you would like to apply. Applications can be emailed to our City Recorder, Lori Lesmeister at lori.lesmeister@northplains.org or turned into City Hall.
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

SALUTE OUR AMERICAN HEROES - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

This is a no-contact parade through North Plains’ neighborhoods.

Saturdays, July 4, 2020
Leave Assembly Area at 10:00 am

Parades are synonymous with the 4th of July. Since all other events in the City have been cancelled through 2020, the Chamber and the Events Association want to honor our heroes – from a distance.

Past: All Veterans
Present: First Responders, Healthcare Workers and essential workers who supported all of us during the shutdown
Future: All 2020 Elementary, High School and College Graduates

This will be a fun, family parade and anyone may participate. The parade route is about 7 miles through many neighborhoods and should take about an hour. You may also participate by decorating your front porch or yard.

As a no-contact parade:

Parade Viewers: stand in your own driveway or front yard as the parade passes down your street. Stretch out the viewing area so everyone can enjoy. Please do not step up to any vehicle as the parade passes by.

Parade Participants: absolutely no physical contact is permitted in the Assembly Area before or after the parade begins, or with parade spectators during the parade. All parade vehicles must be decorated around the Parade Theme: “Salute Our American Heroes.” Decorations must be secure enough to withstand 30 miles per hour on West Union Road. NOTHING MAY BE HANDED OUT OR THROWN IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA OR ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. NO SQUIRT GUNS.

There are no entry fees and there will be no contests. There are no restrooms available in the Assembly Area or along the Parade Route.

Parade participants will be required to complete the Participant Registration form and return it before parade day.

The Route Map and Participant Registration Form are located at www.northplainschamber.org.

June 22, 2020
NORTH PLAINS
BUY LOCAL CLUB

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
Respond to the 2020 Census today to help your community for the next 10 years.

It’s easy to respond online, by phone, or by mail. When everyone is counted, our communities have the opportunity to get the funding they need for things like health care, education, emergency services, and more.

For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS.GOV

Llena el Censo del 2020 hoy y ayuda a tu comunidad durante los próximos 10 años.

Responder es fácil y lo puedes hacer por internet, por teléfono o por correo. Cuando todas las personas son contadas, nuestras comunidades tienen la oportunidad de recibir los fondos que necesitan para cosas como servicios de salud, educación, servicios de emergencia y más.

Para más información visita: 2020CENSUS.GOV/es