Hello fellow North Plains residents! Well the dog days of summer are upon us and I’m sure many families welcome the reprieve of the daily online school schedules. We know there are many more hurdles to overcome in the coming weeks, but for now, I hope you and your families can find some peace and relaxation and time to enjoy each other’s company.

North Plains 4th of July no-contact parade hit the mark for our community by celebrating community and our country’s Independence Day. It was a hit! A huge thank you to the volunteers and 23 entries who helped spread a little patriotism in our community. I appreciate everyone for practicing social distancing and wearing their masks.

Due to COVID-19, we are learning how to live our lives in different ways. As the number of COVID-19 case counts across Oregon continue to rise, I cannot stress enough the importance of following the state guidelines to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. On July 15th, Oregon’s face requirement was expanded to apply to outdoor public spaces when six feet of distance cannot be maintained.

In addition, indoor social gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. The virus is real and we need to do our part because we are literally all in this together.

As you may know, the beloved Elephant Garlic Festival is cancelled for 2020. However, I wanted to let you know that the North Plains Events Association is planning a special event called ‘Community Garlic Hunt’ on August 8–9. Be on the lookout for more stinkin’ information.

I want to give a personal shout out to Carol Aldrich. You might ask, who is she? Well, Carol has been an employee of the NP Library for years and she is such a positive force of nature. She has been instrumental in bringing classes and events to the NP residents for years and during the shutdown, she continues to champion for online classes in Yoga, Origami and Storytelling. She maintains weekly communication and activities via email for all of us. She can be reached at carola@wccls.org. She is one of the most amazing women I know.

Enjoy the Summer! Family and friends need to be with each other. Kids need to have fun. These are hard times but we are creative and resilient folks. Find a family project, help an elderly neighbor (practice social distancing) with a project, learn a new skill or enjoy nature by watching the comet across the NW sky. Whatever you choose, know that you are not alone. North Plain’rs are here for each other. Enjoy your summer!

Mayor Teri

City Hall is open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday.

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Join our email list to get timely news and updates delivered to your inbox.
**Library News**

**Mind Your Yoga**
Meena leads yoga sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please email Carol at carola@wccls.org to receive a link for the classes.

**Introducing Story Time Yoga!**
With Tara reading *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth* on **Wednesday, August 12th at 10:30 am via Zoom.** Story Time Yoga combines learning through storytelling and physical movement for an engaging and interactive lesson. Join Tara as she reads the story while teaching different yoga poses that relate to the characters. This timeless story and practice is best for 4-8-year-old children and is open to all.

**Teen Council**
Do you want to connect with other teens? Are you a teen that wants to make a difference in our community? Do you have some ideas on how the North Plains Public Library could better serve teens? We want **YOU** to join! Email briannas@wccls.org for more information. Or simply come to a teen council meeting, all teens are welcome!

**Next Meeting:** **Friday, August 21st at 4:30p.m.** We will be playing Broken Picturephone. **Register online for a Zoom invite**

**Storytime Break**
Preschool Storytime will be on a break from August 18th – September 1st, resuming September 8th. Please visit wccls.bibliocommons.com/events to see the county-wide calendar and find other virtual storytimes and STEM programs to try during Mrs. Em’s break!

On July 11th in the Jessie Mays parking lot, **we gave away 244 books to youth ages 0-18**! Those who missed out, may claim their free book by calling the library or stopping by the library entrance every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. through August 12th.

*This year’s summer reading program is funded by the library’s programming budget, The Friends of the North Plains Public Library, and individual donors.*

**Take & Make Giveaways**
Since we cannot gather this summer, we have summer fun for you to enjoy safely at home or outdoors. Every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. in front of the library, come grab a giveaway bag with a craft or activity around our summer reading themes. If you miss the Wednesday timeslot, our staff is happy to arrange curbside pickup for you!

**Super Summer Session for Elementary Kids**
Mrs. Em hosts a weekly online class exploring our library's weekly summer themes with educational videos, articles, and "Take and Make" activities! **LIVE ON ZOOM Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. through August 11th.** This series is supported in part by the Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

**Adult Summer Reading**
Adult take & make kits a.k.a. Adventure Packs are given away at the library every **Wednesday through August 12th from 2-6 p.m.** outside the library front entrance. Gently used adult books are given away at the food pantry, through Meals on Wheels, and provided to the Senior Plaza.

**Director’s Pick**
My pick for this month is **The Book of Lost Friends** by Lisa Wingate, a new historical novel from the author of *Before We Were Yours*. It is set in dual time periods in the United States: the late 1980’s and the post-Civil War 1870’s. This captivating, leisurely-paced drama uncovers stories of newly freed slaves searching for loved ones in the war torn South when a teacher finds a hidden book of letters.
See our Win-A-Book Wednesday details below to win a free copy of this book!

Win-A-Book Wednesday
A different adult bestselling book title is posted each Thursday on the NPPL Facebook page. The following Wednesday, we draw four winners from those who comment on the post.

https://www.facebook.com/NorthPlainsPublicLibrary/

This summer’s adult giveaways are partly funded by a donation from Recology, The Friends of the North Plains Public Library, and individual donors.

End of Summer Reading Surprise!
To celebrate the conclusion to a different, yet fun and creative summer reading program, please drive through the Jessie Mays parking lot from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, August 15th for an ice cream treat in individual cups served safely at your car window. Walk-ups also welcome with physical distancing. Thank you for joining us this summer in our effort to bring an exceptional summer reading experience to the community of North Plains!

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Enjoy the health benefits of swimming—It’s never too late to learn
Swimming offers many health and fitness benefits. It works your entire body, enhances your cardiovascular conditioning, builds muscle strength and endurance, and improves your posture and flexibility. It’s also a low-impact exercise that protects your joints from stress and strain, making it an activity that can be enjoyed at any age.

It’s never too late to learn how to swim, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages parents to ensure their children learn this life skill and how to stay safe in and around water.

Both adults and children can enroll in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors.

This summer, as people head to area pools and local waterways to cool off and enjoy the outdoors, TVF&R advises you to plan ahead for possible risks, learn about water safety, and know how to respond to a water emergency.

A drowning or near-drowning can happen in a matter of seconds. It typically occurs when a child is left unattended or during a brief lapse in supervision. Some may be surprised to learn that drowning is silent — there can be very little splashing, waving, or swimming to alert parents and bystanders to a swimmer in distress.

Make safety a priority when in or around water by following these tips:

- Always supervise children, giving them your undivided attention. Keep young kids within arm’s reach of an adult and make sure older children swim with a partner.
- Use the buddy system — even adults should never swim alone, especially in open water such as lakes, rivers, and streams.

August Calendar

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

- 08/03 City Council 7 p.m. with work session at 6 p.m.
- 08/05 Economic Development Committee 6 p.m.
- 08/10 Parks and Recreation Board 6 p.m.
- 08/12 Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- 08/17 City Council 7 p.m.
• Know your swimming limits, and keep an eye on weaker swimmers.
• Watch for the dangerous “toos.” Take frequent breaks if you are feeling too tired, too cold, too far from safety, exposed to too much sun, or experience too much strenuous activity.
• Don’t dive in shallow water or unfamiliar areas. The American Red Cross recommends 9 feet as a minimum depth for diving.
• Young children should always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in or around open water. Weak or non-swimmers should also wear a life jacket in pools.
• Do not use air-filled swimming aids in place of life jackets or life preservers with children. “Water wings” can give parents and kids a false sense of security. These air-filled aids are toys that are not designed to be personal-flotation devices.
• Adults should have or wear a personal-flotation device when boating or fishing in open water.

• Avoid alcohol and drugs.
• Have a charged cellphone nearby in the event of an emergency.
• Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills.

TVF&R also reminds you that swimming in a natural body of water is different than a pool. More skills and energy are needed, along with an eye for potential hazards. Those heading to swim outdoors in open water need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow, and changing weather. For more safety tips, visit www.tvfr.com

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**Saving Mother Earth**

Saving Mother Earth project expects to resume in August. If you are interested in sewing mesh produce bags, donating funds or materials, please email Mayor Lenahan at teri.lenahan@northplains.org and she will get you in touch with Fely Magallanes.
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CITY OF NORTH PLAINS
NOTICE OF DESIGN REVIEW & REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on an application requesting annexation of the property at 11009 NW Shadybrook Rd (PGE Site) into the City of North Plains. The property zoning will be changed from Washington County FD-10 (Future Development) to North Plains IPU (Institutional and Public Use).

APPLICATION: Annexation and Comprehensive Plan Zoning Map Amendment.

FILE: 20-026

TLID: 1N301AD06100

LOCATION: 11009 NW Shadybrook Rd.

ZONING:
Current: FD-10 (Future Development)
Proposed: IPU (Institutional and Public Use)

APPLICANT: Portland General Electric (PGE)

APPLICABLE ZONING CODE CRITERIA:
16.060 (IPU Zoning)
16.200 (Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Amendments)
16.205 (Annexations)

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: July 9, 2020

The City Manager will be available to answer questions and discuss the proposal on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 2 PM via Zoom Virtual Meetings. Information to join the Zoom meeting can be found below. If you cannot join on Zoom at this time, you may direct questions and comments to Andy Varner at andy.varner@northplains.org.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83527007561?pwd=OUR4S0hEdFUzM05xTVo5NmhhL3J4UT09

Meeting ID: 835 2700 7561
Password: 326239
Call in (no internet): 1-253-215-8782
THE BUY LOCAL CLUB IS TAKING A BREAK

July will be the last month for the Buy Local Club in its current form. Stay tuned for ideas to promote our small businesses in North Plains!

We encourage all our residents to continue shopping local and supporting North Plains businesses while the BLC club is on hiatus.

Check www.northplains.org for updates on the BLC
The North Plains Reservoir and Pump Station No. 2 project will provide a 2-million-gallon reservoir storage tank and adjacent pump station building that will increase drinking water storage in town, bring water service to new subdivisions, businesses, and will provide adequate fire flow during emergencies.

Construction of the project started in January 2020 and will continue through Spring 2021. The site is located on NW West Union Road, about ½ mile East of the intersection with NW Glencoe Road.

The City’s e-newsletter will provide the community with the progress that is being made by the contractor, Stellar J, as well as what we can expect going forward for this exciting project.
JANUARY 2020

- Site preparation, clearing.
- Construction entrance, driveway, laydown areas and work trailers.
- Development of the privacy berm.

Erosion control along the railroad tracks prior to site grading.

Placement of rock for temporary driveway and laydown areas.

FEBRUARY 2020

- Start of deep soil mixing (DSM), to provide a stable foundation.
- Installation of the sewer line.
- Further development of the privacy berm.

DSM drilling rig and temporary concrete batch plant.

Sewer excavation and installation.
**MARCH 2020**

- Continued DSM drilling work.
- Excavation and installation of storm drain pipe.
- Further development of the privacy berm.

**APRIL 2020**

- Excavation and laying of 12” ductile iron water pipe to connect to the town’s water system.
- Further Development of the privacy berm.
- Excavation of the stormwater pond.
- Completion of DSM drilling operations.
MAY 2020

- Completion of Stormwater detention pond.
- Reservoir excavation for structural fill.
- Structural fill and compaction of the reservoir foundation.
- Further Development of the privacy berm.

Nearly completed stormwater detention pond with overflow pipe and gravel.

Excavation below the reservoir tank. The cross hatched pattern is the DSM-amended soil.

JUNE 2020

- Excavation of pump station foundation.
- Placement of piping beneath the pump station foundation.
- Placement of rebar and formwork for the reservoir foundation concrete slab.
- Connection of piping from the reservoir to the pump station.

Rebar and formwork for the reservoir foundation concrete slab. White pipes are the tank inlet and outlets.

Excavation of pump station, showing vertical pump cans and underground piping.
JULY 2020

- Formwork, rebar and concrete pouring for the pump cans.
- Concrete pouring for pipe encasement under the pump station.
- Connection of utility plumbing to pump station.

Rebar and formwork to encase the pipes under the pump station in concrete.

Freshly poured concrete for pipe encasement under the pump station.

UPCOMING WORK

- Concrete pour for the reservoir foundation.
- Pump station foundation and building slab.
- Tie in of the electrical, stormwater and sewer to the mains located on NW West Union Road.
- Installation of the 12" Ductile Iron water pipe. This will require a temporary road closure along NW West Union Road. Residents will be notified in advance of closure date.
- Construction of pump station building and reservoir tank.
- Interior improvements to pump station, including mechanical, plumbing and electrical work.