October is one of my favorite months because of the crisp mornings and the changing colors of the leaves. The cooler weather provides a backdrop to many of my favorite things like homemade soup, football games, the night stars in the sky and Halloween. As I prepare my garden for the winter, I reflect on the last six months and think about how resilient we have become during these unprecedented times.

Staying optimistic during a pandemic has been a challenge. Whether you are homeschooling the kids, working from home while homeschooling kids or are on the front lines, one thing is for sure, we are all on the front lines in one way or another. No denying this, but we are all in this together.

I wish to express my gratitude to the first responders and healthcare professionals for their hard work and contributions to their communities. Your jobs are beyond tough and I appreciate you in so many ways. Thank you. To parents, teachers and administrators, thank you for keeping the momentum moving forward! Our kids need you.

The City Council and staff will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic and make adjustments to City operations in response to local and state guidelines. Your safety is our priority. Yet, City business such as the construction of the Veterans Park and the water line for the water reservoir continue to move forward. Many of you have said to me that you look forward to 2020 to be in the history pages. It will one day, yet for now, we must stay the course in our commitment to get through this together.

While you enjoy your favorite October moments, please continue to do your part to stop the spread of the virus, wear your masks, listen to science-based research and practice social distancing. I am encouraged by your strength, resilience and community support for each other.

Please keep yourself and your families safe.
Peace always,
Mayor Teri
City staff and engineers are creating a proposed surface transportation program with projects that the proposed fuel tax, if the measure passes, would help fund either directly or through contributing to a larger bond package.

For more information, contact City Manager Andy Varner at andy.varner@northplains.org, or contact City Council by visiting its webpage. The City will continue to provide more detailed information on the proposed fuel tax. Stay tuned for more information.

Library News

Library Survey
We thank the 80 respondents to our recent library survey. Results show that curbside check-out of library materials and downloadable books and audiobooks are the library services you use most. The number one requests for both online and physical services were student support and enrichment for this challenging school year. As you read below, you will see how our fall lineup of programming and services respond to community feedback. Thank you!

Additional Curbside Service!
As of September 21, the library now offers curbside pick-up of library materials 6 days per week. Mon-Fri 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. We accept returns Monday-Saturday either in the exterior bookdrop or in bins alongside curbside pickup. Returned items are now quarantined for 120 hours (5 days) before check-in due to county requirements. We now offer Print from anywhere during curbside hours. Library users can place their own holds online and will receive automatic notifications when holds are available to pick-up. All WCCLS libraries are filling holds.

North Plains Summer Reading 2020 Final Report
🌟 615 Brand-new books with art supply given to youth ages 0-18
🌟 155 New and gently used bestselling books given to adults
🌟 1,500 Take & Make packs given to youth

New Distance Learning Resources Page from WCCLS https://www.wccls.org/distance-learning-resources
Organized by grade level, this is a handy place to find all the online resources WCCLS has to offer students including writing labs, live tutoring, research sources, downloadable books, and how to get a library card online for immediate access.

Super Sessions for Elementary Kids, Fall Edition
Mrs. Em hosts a monthly online get-together exploring the month’s themes with educational videos, articles, and activities! LIVE ON ZOOM Tuesday Sept. 29th at 3:30 p.m. October’s theme is “Mental Balance and Resiliency”

Interactive Virtual Storytime
Mrs. Em brings community children storytime from her home. Enjoy songs, stories, wiggles, and bubbles! Join Preschool Storytime on Zoom – every Tuesday at 11 a.m.
Register online for youth classes and events at https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/

Homework Help
Community members can access free live tutoring and homework help through BrainFuse with their library cards at this site https://www.wccls.org/distance-learning-resources.

Teen Council
The super-fun Teen Council meets once per month on Zoom for games and social time. Next meeting is Friday, October 2nd at 4:30 p.m. All teens are welcome! Email Brianna at briannas@wccls.org for the Zoom link and more details!
Community Connections – Monthly Topics
*October Theme – Mental Balance and Resiliency*
*November Theme – Financial Wellness*

View an online presentation or article at your convenience and join others for a facilitated recap and community Q&A over Zoom. Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 9th – Dec. 16th. A link to the presentations will be posted the week before.

Mind Your Yoga
Meena and Tara lead yoga sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. via Zoom. Please register online at https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events/

New Veterans Park

**Opening November 2020**
Mark your calendar! The dedication of the North Plains Veterans Park off of 313th Avenue and Highland Court is scheduled for November 11th, 2020. This park will feature a 100-foot flagpole as the centerpiece, commemorative plaques honoring our Veterans and POW’s for their service and sacrifice, benches, EV charging stations, an American Legion flag disposal box, and more. We now have bricks for sale to honor the Veterans in our lives. We are excited for our community to have a place to celebrate our nation’s heroes, as well as relax and enjoy our lovely town. We hope to see you at the new Veteran’s Park on November 11th. Visit the city’s webpage for more information on the project.

October Calendar

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

- **10/05** City Council 7 p.m. with work session at 6 p.m.
- **10/07** Economic Development Committee 6 p.m.
- **10/12** Parks and Recreation Board 6 p.m.
- **10/14** Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- **10/19** City Council 7 p.m.
- **10/21** Library Board 4 p.m.

Police Department

**Internet Safety for Kids**
With increasing online access for kids, it’s important for parents to monitor their use and set guidelines to avoid certain online dangers; such as exposure to inappropriate material, cyber bullying, contact with strangers, public access to personal information, and online predators.

Take extra precautions, be vigilant, and review the following online dangers with kids:

- Be careful who you talk to online; people you don’t know should NOT be contacting you!
- People can be dishonest online and are not always who they say they are
- Kids should NEVER make plans to meet in person with someone they have only met online
- Think before you post; personal information should NEVER be put online
- Remember, the golden rule still applies in the cyber world – treat others the way you want to be treated
- Be aware of applications or sites that share your location
- Monitor any application or site that has a chat or messaging feature (including video games)
- Teach kids what type of behavior is inappropriate online:
  - Offers to send gifts (i.e. cell phone, bus tickets, money)
  - Requests for inappropriate pictures
  - Others sending inappropriate pictures
  - Requests for personal information
ANYTHING that makes them feel uncomfortable

What to do if kids encounter inappropriate contact online:
• Talk to an adult immediately
• Save messages if applicable
• Block the origin of the content
• Report it to the CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.org
• Report to local Law Enforcement through non-emergency, 503-629-0111

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Fire Department

TVF&R Seeks Chief Examiner for Civil Service Commission

Have you been looking for an opportunity to give back to your community in a valuable way? What about using your expertise in human resources to serve Oregon’s largest fire district?

Beginning October 1, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will be accepting applications from qualified candidates interested in contracting with the district to serve as the chief examiner for its Civil Service Commission.

The chief examiner reviews and approves all entrance and promotional exam plans, certifies lists of eligible candidates, and approves the removal of names from the eligible list; acts as the decision-making authority for rule interpretation, exceptions, temporary appointments, appointment extensions, inquiries, and appeals; and serves as the investigator for examination appeals in accordance with the adopted Civil Service Rules. The chief examiner also consults with District leaders in areas of civil service laws, rules, and processes.

Qualifications of an ideal candidate for this role include:
• Preferably reside or own property within TVF&R’s service area.
• Professional expertise in Oregon civil service laws, merit principles, and personnel administration.
• Professional experience in the field of human resources with a working knowledge of conducting workplace investigations, preferably in a public service agency.

Applications will be accepted through November 15 at www.tvfr.com. The tentative start date for this role is January 12, 2021.

Click HERE for more information, including compensation, scope of work, and frequency of consulting activities.

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Financial Hardship? You are Not Alone. We are Here to Help.
Get help today with your water utility bill

- Eligible customers can receive assistance for water, sewer and stormwater residential charges March 1 - December 30, 2020.
- Request an application:
  - Online at caowash.org, 24 hours every day
  - By phone at 503.615.0771, Monday-Thursday 9 am - noon
- Call your local water utility for additional assistance.

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