Mayor’s Corner

Remembering and honoring our Veterans
November 11th is Veterans Day. It is a day to recognize all men and women who are part of the great brotherhood and sisterhood we call the U.S. military. We hold you in the highest regard for your service to this great nation. Honor and courage. Loyalty and commitment. Those are words that I think of when I think about the men and women who served and continue to serve our nation today.

I have had several members of my family honor our family by serving in the military. My grandpa served in the Army during WWII. He was lost in the Black Forest and eventually found by a family who nursed him back to health, where he then returned to the United States. He suffered from frostbite and lost some fingers and toes. He never talked much about that time. When we would ask about his missing appendages, he shrugged it off and told a story about battling a giant. Years later, we learned the truth from my uncle who served in the Army in Vietnam (he flew a chopper in and out of some bad places in Vietnam). I have an uncle who served in the Marines, two brothers in the Army, my husband in the National Guard and now a step-son in the Army. I am proud of these men for their service to our country.

On November 11, 2020, North Plains will have the opportunity to honor the proud men and women who served our country. We will remember them in a dedication to the new Veterans Memorial Park on Highland Court. This new park will be a lasting tribute to the brothers and sisters who served our country.

For all that YOU have done and continue to do, WE SALUTE YOU.

Mayor Teri

Brick Dedication

Mark your Calendars for November 11th
As the Mayor noted, Veteran’s Day is approaching, and so is the grand opening of our Veteran’s Park! Join us at 11 am and help us celebrate our nation’s heroes. Dedication bricks are available for purchase if you’d like to eternally honor a veteran in your life. Visit our website www.northplains.org to fill out a request form and for more information. There are also sponsorship opportunities for businesses and families that would like to contribute to the park’s creation.

Library News

The library outdoor bookdrop is now open 24/7!

Curbside Inside!
Holds pick-up of library materials has moved inside the library entryway/vestibule. Holds pick-up is 6 days per week, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.
– 6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Returned items are quarantined for at least 24 hrs. (1 day). We offer Print from Anywhere, and Book Bundles (staff-selected materials) during holds pick-up 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 and courier runs Monday-Friday.

**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 the last Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. November’s theme is “Financial Wellness.”

**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/

**Teen Council**
The super-fun Teen Council meets once per month on Zoom for games and social time. Next meeting is
**Friday, November 6th at 4:30 p.m.** All teens are welcome! Email Brianna at briannas@wccls.org for the Zoom link and more details

**Community Connections**

**November Theme – Financial Wellness**
Discuss topics such as Family Budgeting, Saving for Retirement, and Getting a Loan. View an online presentation or article at your convenience and join others for a facilitated 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. November sessions are the 4th and 18th.

**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/

**Library Board**
The library board meets on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss the library, its goals, and objectives. The next meeting will be held on November 18th at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

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**Leaf Pick-up**

**Curbside Street Tree Leaf Pick-up**
The City of North Plains will be performing our curbside street tree leaf pick-up program again this fall. The focus of the street tree leaf pick up program is to help collect leaves that would fall and plug storm catch basins. To help us better serve you, please place loose street tree leaves curbside by the first day of the scheduled pick-up for your zone. Loose leaves shall be raked into a windrow 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain along the gutter. Keep leaf windrows less than 3 feet high. Please do not park vehicles, or place refuse bins or any other obstacles near the leaf windrows. Leaves in driveways, grass, rocks or bark dust will not be picked up. Leaves must be in the street on an asphalt surface. Please remember leaves and branches from trees other than street trees need to either be placed in your yard debris bins or taken to Recology Organics.

Public Works will be picking up leaves by routes. The city has been divided into 4 zones. The areas off NW West Union Rd are left off of this year’s map since the foliage on the street trees are so minimal, they can be collected and disposed of in household yard recycle bins.

ZONE #1- Oct 26th-30th
ZONE #2- Nov 2nd - 6th
ZONE #3- Nov 9th - 13th
ZONE #4- Nov 16th- 20th
Please keep in mind that emergencies, severe weather, and light/heavy leaf fall may cause delays in the schedule. We will keep you posted of any changes on the City’s website at www.northplains.org.

Please continue to use your yard debris bins provided by Garbarino’s for the leaves from your backyard.

This year, for those who cannot wait until their designated zone pick up date, or who have missed the scheduled date for their zone, a drop off site is available at Jessie Mays. These dates when the dump site will be open are Oct 24th - 25th and Nov 21st – 22nd. As always Recology Organics located on NW 307th accepts yard debris year round and is free for anyone with a North Plains address.

Items other than leaves will not be picked-up.

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**November Calendar**

City meetings are now a mix of in-person and virtual. Please visit [www.northplains.org/calendar](http://www.northplains.org/calendar) for information on how to join in.

- **11/02 City Council** 7 p.m. with work session at 6 p.m.
- **11/04 Economic Development Committee** 6 p.m.
- **11/09 Parks and Recreation Board** 6 p.m.
- **11/12 Planning Commission** 7 p.m.
- **11/16 City Council** 7 p.m.
- **11/18 Library Board** 4 p.m.
- **11/26-11/27 City Offices Closed**

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**Police Department**

**Chief’s Corner**

Do you know when to contact the police? Do you know the best phone number to use? For most of us, it can be obvious when to call 9-1-1 – you see a seriously injured person, there is an immediate threat of danger, or you have just observed a terrible accident. But, what about if you just get a funny feeling, see an abandoned vehicle, or notice something out of place? I want you to know; not only are those all perfectly good times to contact the police but we encourage you to call the non-emergency phone number.

We value our community reaching out to us and communicating what is happening in their neighborhoods. Our best resource is you, and we want to hear from you so we can best meet the needs of North Plains. By reporting what you observe, we can begin to watch for trends in activities, adjust patrols as needed, offer education, and continue to provide you with the high level of service you deserve. As a reminder, social media may be a great place to connect to your neighbors – but it really is not the appropriate place to report crimes or issues. Our deputies are busy out on the roads and are not able to monitor reports via social media. We really need everyone to call to report anything they may be concerned about. If you need to file a report and do not need a deputy to respond, another convenient resource is our new online reporting tool - [bit.ly/WCSO_Reporting](http://bit.ly/WCSO_Reporting)

I look forward to connecting with you monthly through our new “Chief’s Corner” as we provide crime prevention tips, share success stories and continue to connect in order to best serve our community. We are always just a phone call away!
Updated City Website
City website has new look and improved functionality
If you haven’t seen it yet, head on over to www.NorthPlains.org to take a look at the City’s newly redesigned website.

The goals of the site update were to improve the look and functionality to make it a more effective and user-friendly central hub for 24/7 city and community information. Specific improvements include:

- A design that better reflects the North Plains community.
- More user-friendly navigation that provides easier access to information and services.
- Improved calendar and news layouts and functionality.
- Improved accessibility including an efficient, mobile-friendly layout and Google translate to enable visitors to translate the site into 150+ languages at the click of a button.

This project is part of the City's recent efforts to improve communications and engagement with the community. In addition to the newly improved website, a new monthly E-Connect e-newsletter was launched in early October (sign up to receive it in your inbox on the City's website newsletter page), and a MyNorthPlains mobile app is coming soon.

Parks Foundation
The North Plains Parks Foundation (NPPF) is seeking enthusiastic board members to join this recently formed non-profit organization. The NPPF advocates and fundraises for the parks, trails, and recreational programs of North Plains to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations. If interested please email parks@northplains.org!

Fire Department
Put a Lid on Cooking Fires
Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries. Last year, approximately one-third of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to, began in a kitchen. TVF&R crews encourage you to minimize your risk of a fire by organizing a safe kitchen and practicing these safe cooking tips:

- Keep a watchful eye on what you are cooking — never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking area clean, including the stovetop, oven, and exhaust fan.
- Keep dish towels and pot holders away from the burners on your stove.

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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- Watch your sleeves to prevent them from catching fire or getting caught on pan handles.
- Cooking oil can ignite quickly. Heat oil slowly and watch it closely.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Store it in an easy-to-reach location and know how to use it. The discharge of a portable fire extinguisher only lasts between eight and 10 seconds.

Put a lid on it.
The easiest way to extinguish a small pan fire is with a pan lid. Turn off the burner and carefully slide a pan lid over the pan from the side. The lid will “smother” the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan is cool. If you do not have a pan lid, you may also use a baking sheet or pizza pan. Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a countertop, cabinets, or curtains.

Grease and water do not mix.
Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned. If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor’s house. For additional safety tips, visit www.tvfr.com.

**Small Business Grants**

City Awards Five COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Grants
The City of North Plains has awarded $32,000 in Small Business Assistance grants to five local businesses that were adversely affected by economic conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic between March and June 2020. The grant recipients are:

- Claey’s Catering, Inc. ($8,000)
- Fog & Forge, LLC ($5,000)
- Hits the Spot Cafe/The Messiah, LLC ($10,000)
- Taqueria Carmelitas, LLC ($4,000)
- Tender Care Dental/Andrew Lee Thompson DMD PC & Assoc. ($5,000)

The grant program is funded by the federal CARES Act in cooperation with Washington County. Grant applications were accepted from August 5 through 31 for individual grants from $1,000 up to a maximum of $10,000.

Businesses had to meet specific eligibility requirements including being located in North Plains, either having been closed by the Governor’s “Stay Home, Save Lives” Executive Orders or have lost at least 30% of revenue in any month between March and June 2020 compared to the previous month or compared to the same month in 2019, and having no more than 10 employees.

The program had a total of $85,000 in grant funds available for North Plains businesses. A second round of grants for the remaining $53,000 of the CARES Act funds will be announced soon, with revised eligibility requirements to enable additional local businesses to apply.