Mayor’s Corner

This month, I want to recognize not only my dad but all father figures including grandfathers, big brothers, and any other male guardian who may have provided guidance, love and direction in your life. Whether you are witty, hardworking, stern or protective, you represent a kind of cool that is hard to replace.

A father may be described in various ways. He is a provider, a protector, a teacher and/or a friend. Some dads like handmade cards on their special day, while others like home cooked meals and power tools. To me, spending time with my dad and talking about life was way more important than anything on the planet.

When tragedy struck, my dad was a young man (age 30) when he suffered a paralyzing stroke, and he learned just how quickly his whole world could change and how frightening and short life could be.

Life had its challenges, but Bud never let his paralysis hold him back. He taught me how to ride a bike, gut and clean a fish and change the oil in my car. He encouraged me to take risks and be adventurous. He raised me and my siblings, loved us and taught us what’s right and decent in the world.

Today, I am remembering my dad and the fond memories we shared. He was a tough old goat and one of a kind. So, whatever ‘Superhero Power’ your dad portrays, I hope you find time to talk and laugh and honor your father in whatever ways you can.

Happy Father’s Day to all of the men out there. May the month of June be dedicated to giving appreciation and care back to you!

-Mayor Teri

Water Deposits

With changing times, the City is constantly evaluating and updating processes and policies to stay modern and efficient. That’s why we have opted to stop collecting water deposits for residential water accounts! Not only is this going to make setting up an account easier for our customers, it will save the City staff time for processing refund checks that are often for very small amounts.

What this means for existing customers: your deposit will be credited to your account by the July 1st billing, so pay attention to your next statement. When your account is closed out, a final bill will be sent to your new forwarding address.
Chief's Corner

**Bicycle Safety**

As we embrace the beautiful weather and the start of summer, many are dusting off bikes for commuting, exercise, or just for fun.

Regardless of the intent, following proper bicycle safety is of utmost importance. The North Plains Police Department encourages all bicyclists to ride responsibly and heed the following safety information.

- Always wear a properly fitted bike helmet. Oregon law requires those under 16 to wear a helmet, but everyone is susceptible to head injury. Protect yourself and set a good example by always donning a helmet. Find out more on proper fitting from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at [https://bit.ly/3wffy6K](https://bit.ly/3wffy6K)
- Ensure your bike is in good working condition; even the most experienced riders are in danger if the brakes don’t work.
- Maintain visibility; wear bright clothing during the day or reflective gear at night and when visibility is poor.
- Ride a bike that fits you; it is harder to maintain control when the bike is too big.
- Always maintain one rider per seat.
- Use both hands on the handlebar unless signaling a turn.
- Free yourself from distractions that take your eyes, ears, or mind off the road, such as texting or listening to music.
- Tie shoelaces, tuck pant legs, and secure anything that may get caught in your bike chain. Carry all items in a backpack or securely strapped to the back of your bike.
- When riding on the road:
  - Plan your route; when possible, choose directions with less traffic, slower speeds, and available bike lanes.
  - Ride in the same direction as traffic.
  - Follow all street signs, signals, and road markings.
  - Ride in the same direction as traffic and in a single file to share the road with others.

Motorists can also help promote safety by leaving space for bicyclists and only passing when prudent to do so – never on sharp corners. Roads are a shared responsibility, and we can all work together to enjoy the upcoming summer safely!

**TVF&R News**

**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/395 for “Ready, Set, Go!” wildfire resources.

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**Ice Cream Social**

Come and join your neighbors at the Annual North Plains Ice Cream Social on **Thursday, June 3rd from 6-7:00pm in front of the North Plains Senior Center**.

This is a free community event; just show up and have a good time! It is the perfect way to start your summer. Ice cream bars will be handed out to everyone in a drive up/ drive by / walk up type of event this year.

This year’s event is presented by the City of North Plains and the North Plains Events Association (NPEA).
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Picnic Bingo
Bring your own picnic, play free BINGO for prizes!
July 21 at Jessie Mays Field, 11:30am - 1pm
August 11, Circle Park at Sunset Ridge, 5:30-7pm

Book Giveaway!
July 10, 12:30-3:00pm
Jessie Mays Park

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August 11 @ 5pm

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**Strawberry Shortcake Feast**

Come enjoy fresh homemade strawberry shortcake! Saturday, June 19th. Hours are 11:00am-2:00pm. We only use the freshest ingredients to make our Strawberry Shortcake. You will find it is the "Best in the West".

This is a drive up dining experience only. No reservations needed but you do need to purchase your tickets online starting June 1st on the North Plains Events Association website: [www.northplainsevents.com](http://www.northplainsevents.com)

Shortcake Sizes:
- Small $6.00 feeds 1
- Large $18.00 feeds 4-5

This event will be at the North Plains Senior Center on Commercial St.

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**June 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.

- **06/02** Economic Development Committee 6 p.m.
- **06/03** Ice Cream Social 6 p.m.
- **06/07** City Council 7 p.m.
- **06/09** Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- **06/14** Parks and Recreation Board 6 p.m.
- **06/16** Library Board 4 p.m.
- **06/19** Strawberry Shortcake Feast 11 a.m.
- **06/21** City Council 7 p.m.

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**Project Never Again**

*Providing “Dignity through Duffels” for children in Foster Care.*

To learn how you can help, visit: [www.neveragainnpo.org](http://www.neveragainnpo.org)

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