Mayor’s Corner

Summertime in the Pacific Northwest is one of the most enjoyable times of the year and after the last 14 months, it’s nice to see the trust and confidence return from our residents as more people are getting vaccinated and restrictions are being lifted. I see more people walking around town and it’s so refreshing to see more kids playing in our parks. There is light at the end of the tunnel as we are all eager to get back to some sense of normalcy.

The city is anticipating getting back to its normal routines with a variety of activities and events. In June, the City Council went back to in-person meetings with a virtual option. We will continue to offer a Zoom link to all city meetings so you can stay home, stay safe and stay connected. The North Plains Events Association, the Parks and Rec Committee and the Library are supporting events with an emphasis on continuing our local traditions this summer while building on our great community spirit. We will continue to follow health regulations, protocols and guidelines.

On a different note, I would ask that you continue to support our local businesses whenever you can. They mean a great deal to our community and many have barely kept the lights on this past year. They need us more now than ever.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July. Hope to see you at the Parade and at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course for food, art, music and FIREWORKS! Enjoy your summer North Plains.

-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.
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

★ Parade- 11am
Starting at Sunset Ridge

★ Party at Pumpkin Ridge-
4pm until Fireworks Show

Food trucks, live music & much more!
Bring chairs and blankets
No pets, outside alcohol, or coolers
Parking is limited, please carpool

★ Fireworks Show- 10pm

Visit northplains.org/july4th for more information

Brought to you by the City of North Plains,
North Plains Events Association &
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club
Urban Growth Boundary

North Plains Exploring Urban Growth Boundary Expansion

It’s no secret that the North Plains community is growing, but did you know that the City is expected to add more than 2,500 people by 2037? While this growth in the Portland Metro area is inevitable, the City of North Plains is committed to responsible and well-planned growth for the benefit of the community.

Each of Oregon’s cities and metropolitan areas have established an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) around their city limits as a land use planning line to control urban expansion and ensure a 20-year supply of residential and employment lands for community livability. Communities are required by state law to have a 20-year supply of land for future residential development and economic growth inside the boundary.

Annexations of the City’s north and east UGB outside of city limits in recent years have enabled hundreds of houses and a new elementary school to be added. Those rooftops can hopefully contribute to more services in the community, such as a grocery store. With the continued projected growth, North Plains will need to expand the UGB by another 400 acres in order to accommodate new homes and jobs needed over the next 15 years.

A multi-year North Plains UGB Expansion Project was initiated in fall 2020 to carefully and responsibly study, consider, and plan for this growth. In Phase 1, the City is establishing a study area of approximately 1,700 acres to consider for UGB expansion. The preliminary study area is in green on the map shown here. This year, the City will begin phase 2 to assess the ability of each sub area to meet the City’s needs and eventually determine which 400 acres will be added to the UGB.

The North Plains UGB Expansion Project will be guided by a Project Advisory Committee (PAC). All PAC meetings are open to the public. The PAC met in November 2020, February 2021, and May 2021. A public meeting to discuss and get feedback on the project and expansion study areas was also held on May 17.

For more information, visit our Urban Growth Boundary Expansion project webpage.

Chief’s Corner

Firework Safety

As we approach our Independence holiday, many are excitedly preparing for firework celebrations. The North Plains Police Department encourages these festive displays but urges community members to stay within the legal parameters for everyone’s safety. Setting off illegal fireworks not only poses serious fire dangers and safety risks, but it can also be upsetting to our neighbors with pets, farm animals, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Oregon law forbids the possession, sale, or use of fireworks that fly, explode or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches in the air. Bottle rockets, roman candles, and firecrackers are all illegal in Oregon. However, the City of North Plains takes necessary precautions to offer community members a safe and family fun larger fireworks display at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/NorthPlains_July4

The 4th of July is one of law enforcement’s busiest nights of the year, and we commit to doing everything possible to ensure our community celebrates Independence Day safely. To report illegal fireworks
Learn more about Oregon’s legal firework parameters: bit.ly/ORS_480-120
In the case of lost or found pets, visit Bonnie L. Hayes Animal Shelter: bit.ly/BLHAS_LF

Have a fun (and safe) 4th of July, neighbors!

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**TVF&R News**

**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.

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**Parks & Recreation Board**

Are you interested in the parks and trails of North Plains and overseeing their development, maintenance, and projects? Join the Parks and Recreation Board as either a youth advisor (between the ages of 15-17), or a Parks Board member!

The Parks & Recreation Board meets once a month, on the 1st Monday at 6 p.m.
For more information, please visit [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org). Applications can be emailed to our City Recorder Lori Lesmeister at lori.lesmeister@northplains.org.

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**July 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.

- **07/04** Independence Day Celebration
- **07/14** Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- **07/19** City Council 7 p.m.
- **07/21** Library Board 7 p.m.

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**Where Does My Water Go?**

*Down the Drain: Where Does Your Used Water Go?*

Earlier this year, we shared this “Where does my water come from?” article describing North Plains’ water sources, water quality, and the city’s local water system. Now let’s go on a journey to see what happens to your used water after it drains from your sinks, showers, washing machine, dishwasher, or toilet. Similarly, you may wonder what becomes of the stormwater run-off around town. These sanitary sewer and stormwater services are very much behind the scenes but they are essential to our health and quality of life.

**Sanitary Sewer Services**

All homes and businesses in North Plains are connected to a sanitary sewer system operated by Clean Water Services (CWS), a regional water resources management utility that serves more than 600,000 residents in urban Washington County, and small portions of Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.

Through this system, your wastewater flows from your home and travels through a series of underground pipes using both a pump system and then gravity to arrive at the Clean Water Services Rock Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant on River Road in Hillsboro. There it is processed and treated to near drinking water quality standards before being released into the Tualatin River. Read more about the Clean Water Services treatment process and innovative ways they recover specific resources here: [www.cleanwaterservices.org/about-us/one-water/the-process/](http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/about-us/one-water/the-process/).

**Stormwater Services**

The City of North Plains also partners with Clean Water Services to operate a Stormwater Management Program ([www.cleanwaterservices.org/about-us/one-water/stormwater/](http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/about-us/one-water/stormwater/)) within the city that helps to prevent flooding and damage to property and protects the health of local waterways that stormwater flows into. CWS provides the overall framework for the public drainage system to comply with DEQ regulations and protect health. They also monitor water quality in the watershed, respond to flooding and water pollution issues, and provide street sweeping in North Plains.

The City’s Public Works Department provides various stormwater maintenance tasks such as cleaning storm drains, inlets, outfalls, drainage basin areas, and catch basins. Public Works also offers an annual leaf pick up program for residents to help prevent leaves from clogging storm drains.

**Additional Resources**

- **Proper disposal of household hazardous waste, wipes (NEVER down the toilet!), unused or expired prescription drugs, RV waste, leaves, and grass clippings are vital to protecting our environment.** Learn how you can help: [www.cleanwaterservices.org/for-residents/how-to-dispose/](http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/for-residents/how-to-dispose/).
- **Your Clean Water Services bill includes sanitary sewer & surface water management (SWM) charges that pay for sewer pipes, maintenance and construction, and operation of the wastewater treatment plants as well as for the costs associated with support of the public stormwater drainage system.** Learn more details about Clean Water Services billing: [www.cleanwaterservices.org/for-residents/utility-billing](http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/for-residents/utility-billing).
Reading Colors Your World!

**ADVENTURE AWAITS!**

**JULY ADULT EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

1st -ADVENTURE PACKS available at library!

10th -BOOK WANDERERS, 10 am via Zoom, "The Geography of Bliss"

10th -POWER OF THE FLOWER, 10 am, via Zoom, register to receive the link

17th -LEARN NATURAL DYE TO COLOR YOUR WORLD, 11 am- 3pm @ Jessie Mays Field. Registration required

21st -FAMILY PICNIC BINGO, 11:30 am - 1 pm @ Jessie Mays Field

28th -LIBRARY BOOK CLUB discusses "The Night Watchman" 7 pm via Zoom

**AUGUST ADULT EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

1st -ADVENTURE PACKS available at library!

10th - WHAT IS LITERACY? 6:30 pm via Zoom. Registration is required.

11th -FAMILY PICNIC BINGO, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm @ Circle Park, Sunset Ridge

14th -BOOK WANDERERS, 10 am via Zoom, "Travels with Charley"

16th -COLORS, QUOTES, COLLAGE & DOODLES, Session One, 10 am, via Zoom. Registration required

23rd -COLORS, QUOTES, COLLAGE & DOODLES, Session Two, 10 am via Zoom. Registration required

25th - LIBRARY BOOK CLUB discusses "The Wonder Boy Of Whistle Stop", 7 pm via Zoom

For Adult Book Giveaways, enter Win-A-Book Wednesdays on our Facebook page starting mid-July!! https://www.facebook.com/NorthPlainsPublicLibrary

Check out our website for more details! https://www.northplains.org/library
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