Summer is here. Though the pandemic is not completely behind us, there is some good news.

North Plains enjoyed a quaint Fourth of July parade and a spectacular fireworks display at Pumpkin Ridge, the largest local event since pandemic restrictions lifted. The turnout at the fireworks was amazing. It was so awesome to see children playing and friends sharing food and conversation with each other. Thank you to the First Responders for being on-site and all the volunteers who put the day together. The day was about community and you did not disappoint.

As we get back to living close to normal lives, the City of North Plains is taking steps to open up our beloved community activities that we regularly celebrate throughout the year. We hope you will come out and take advantage of these opportunities by either volunteering to help plan the events or just come and participate in the fun. We are thrilled to have the Elephant Garlic Festival this month. Thank you to the North Plains Events Association and the many volunteers who make this such a successful community event.

We recognize the impact this past year has had on so many people. It is imperative to add some normalcy back into our lives. We are excited to bring back some of our past traditions, as well as creating some new ones. We also recognize the importance of maintaining safeguards and precautions in certain circumstances. It is our hope that with these events, we can start to add some joy in our lives.

I wish you a wonderful summer. Thank you for being symbols of strength and resilience. Please be safe, be well and be kind to each other.

-Mayor Teri
August 16th & 23rd 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. via Zoom - Color, Quotes, Collage & Doodles. Beauty for the Soul “Treasure Hunt” Workshop for adults. Register at https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events.

Comment on the North Plains Public Library’s Facebook or Instagram Win-A-Book-Wednesday posts to be entered to win a popular new title such as Nadiya Bakes. Weekly through August 18th.

Summer Book Babies – Saturday mornings at 8:30 at Circle Park July 17th - August 28th. Just drop-in.

Summer Weekly Storytime – Tuesday mornings at 11 on Zoom through 8/10. Live & Interactive. Upcoming theme is Kindness. Register for a link.

Letters, Sounds & Math, Summer Edition – Level 1 on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Level 2 on Thursdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom. Live & Interactive Kindergarten-readiness. Weekly through 8/12. Register for a link.

Elementary Super Summer Session - “The Historic Journey of Dumplings!” - Wed. July 28th at 5 p.m. on Zoom. Register for a link.

Teen Meet-up live in the library! Friday, August 13th at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy treats, play board games and brainstorm for fall! All teens are welcome.

Bookwanderers – A Travel-themed Bookclub
Enjoy friendly discussion on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.
August 14 – The Lost Vintage by Ann Mah
September 11 - Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights by Sorin, Gretchen Sullivan

North Plains Public Library Bookclub
Hosted by the Friends of the North Plains Public Library, all are welcome to our monthly bookclub on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the library.
August 25 – The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flag
September 29 - News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Register online at https://wccls.bibliocommons.com/events or by calling the library at 503 647-5051.

Chief's Corner

Traffic Safety and Right-of-Way Laws
Traffic laws exist for both motorists and pedestrians to ensure safety for everyone on the road. Under Oregon law (ORS 811.028), a driver must always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk, marked or otherwise. Laws also require pedestrians to obey traffic signals, yield to vehicles when crossing at any point other than a crosswalk, and never move suddenly into the path of a vehicle.

Deputies may issue citations carrying hefty fines for any driver or pedestrian who fails to comply with traffic regulations. North Plains Police Department reminds drivers to follow these vital traffic safety rules:

- Whether marked or not, crosswalk rules apply at every intersection unless noted otherwise.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk; they may be waiting for a crossing pedestrian.
- Never block a crosswalk forcing someone to dangerously walk around your vehicle.
- On a multi-lane road, always stop a full car length before the crosswalk; this allows more visibility for the driver in the second lane.
- When turning at a traffic signal, remain stopped until pedestrians clear at least six feet past the lane in which you are turning.
Be extra cautious when exiting driveways and backing out of parking spaces, ensuring you are clear of all pedestrians, including small children.

**TVF&R News**

**FEMA Grant-Funded Safety Gear Deployed to Firefighters**

In July, 235 new Scott 3X Pro self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and 700 air cylinders were deployed on all Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue frontline fire apparatus, thanks to a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The grant application was submitted on behalf of all Washington County fire agencies by Forest Grove Fire & Rescue. Awarded grant funds were allocated to TVF&R, Forest Grove Fire & Rescue, Forest Grove Rural Fire Protection District, Cornelius Fire Department, Cornelius Rural Fire Protection District, Gaston Rural Fire District, Banks Fire District, and Hillsboro Fire & Rescue to replace their current air pack equipment that was nearing and/or had reached their end of service life.

Extensive testing of multiple brands of SCBAs was performed before picking an option that included technological innovations and universal features that greatly improve firefighter performance and safety when battling fires.

Advancements include enhanced communication and amplification, which is critical to ensuring efficient and effective firefighting efforts and overall safety for responders. The selected air pack is also more ergonomic and lighter weight, allowing for a wider range of motion and reduced risk of injury.

"Replacing our air packs to the Scott 3X Pro model will be a game changer when it comes to firefighter performance and safety," said TVF&R Respiratory Protection Program Coordinator John Lee, who led the deployment effort on July 12.

“The new SCBAs have technologically advanced capabilities that far surpass our existing, aged equipment,” he added. “We are grateful for the coordinated effort by our Washington County fire agency partners, who helped secure the grant, making this SCBA replacement come to fruition.”

The FEMA grant awarded to the Washington County fire agencies will cover 90 percent of overall costs for the regional SCBA replacement, with each agency contributing to the remaining 10 percent of the cost. By coordinating regionally, this also standardized equipment with all fire agencies, who often respond mutually on larger fires.

**Something for Everyone**

**The Library has Something for Everyone**

Libraries have long been at the heart of the communities they serve, and the North Plains Public Library is no exception. Since establishing operations in a small janitor’s closed at the Jessie Mays Community Center in 2000, the library’s services have evolved right along with the changing times and the growing community.

"Today's small town library is a gathering place where the community can find favorite books, make copies, use free Wi-Fi, take workshops and classes, and explore new interests," said Library Director Robin Doughty.

With a mission “to connect people with information, resources, and experiences for personal enrichment and enjoyment, and to engage and strengthen the community,” our Library is so many things to so many people. It’s an educational resource offering a multitude of books, classes, and programs for all ages. It’s a free connection to the digital world for those needing internet access, to use a computer, or to
print important documents. It’s an early literacy resource in more than just the English language. It’s also a lifeline and a place to come and cool off in extreme heat or warm up in extreme cold.

If you haven’t visited us, the library is a small but mighty 2,500 square foot facility adjacent to City Hall offering over 16,000 items in various formats from print to electronic to downloadable online. As a member of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services, the library also has access to many other materials for patrons through a daily courier service.

The library building is owned by the non-profit Friends of the North Plains Public Library while the contents, staff, and operations are managed by the City of North Plains. The Friends contribute to the annual budget for acquiring new materials.

The library is and always will be a warm, welcoming, enlightening, community-focused space to find information and connect, to broaden perspective, and, yes, of course find a fun book to read! Learn more about the library on our website: www.NorthPlains.org/Library.

**August 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.

- 08/02 City Council 7 p.m.
- 08/04 Economic Development Committee 6 p.m.
- 08/05 National Night Out 6 p.m.
- 08/08 Parks and Recreation Board 6 p.m.
- 08/11 Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- 8/13-15 Elephant Garlic Festival
- 08/16 City Council 7 p.m.
- 08/18 Library Board 7 p.m.

---

**The service operates Monday to Friday and it’s free.**
AUGUST 5TH, 6-8PM
JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY CENTER
FREE SNACKS - KIDS ACTIVITIES - BIKE HELMETS
PUBLIC SAFETY DISPLAYS
23rd Annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
AUGUST 13th, 14th & 15th 2021
LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF GARLIC
JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY CENTER, NORTH PLAINS
HWY 26 WEST TO EXIT 57 GLENCOE RD - TURN RIGHT & FOLLOW YOUR NOSE!