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Community News



City of North Plains, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133 www.northplains.org



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West Union Road To Be Closed

Clean Water Services has contracted with K&E Excavating, Inc. to construct the \$2.5 million North Plains East Trunk Extension Project to install a sanitary sewer trunk line serving the eastern portion of the City of North Plains. Located on West Union Road west of Jackson School Rd, the project will construct approximately 716 feet of 27-inch sanitary sewer pipe

by microtunnel-ing, and 4,545 feet of pipeline ranging in size from 8- to 27-inches in diameter using open trench construction. Twelve manholes, 470 feet of 14-inch water line, and 2,682 square yards of 2-inch asphalt overlay are included in the project which will be completed by October 1, 2013.

West Union Road, will be closed for several weeks in

October or November while a deep sewer trunk is installed in the middle of the road. Washington County maintains West Union Road and is overseeing the closure process.

Residents can contact Clean Water services at (503) 631-3800 and Project Manager Duke Tran (503) 681-3636.

The City will provide updates regarding the closure on its website as specific dates for closure are known.

Annual Chili Cookoff on October 18

It is time to register for the annual North Plains Chili Cookoff on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street

Free Chili Dinner

Anyone can participate in this free event that was attended by hundreds of people last year. In addition to chili, corn bread and hot dogs are available.

Free Registration

To register as a chili chef please go to northplains.org and follow the link to register online.

Trophies and at least a year of bragging rights are awarded to best chili makers for:

- Best Traditional Chili
- Best Traditional Chili (with beans)
- Hottest Chili
- Best Non-traditional Chili

- People's Choice Chili and

- Kid's Favorite Chili

Kids Activities

We will have free activities too.



Library News

October Quilt Display. At the beginning of each month, a handmade quilt is displayed above the checkout desk. "Halloween" is the theme of this month's quilt made by Barbara Turner.

Banned Books Week. This annual event celebrates our freedom to read. From **October 1-6**, the North Plains Public Library will highlight the value of free and open access to information and the harms of censorship. This year marks the 30th anniversary of this special week by the American Library Association. Come see a special display of once-banned books and pick up a free bookmark.

Storytimes. Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. In honor of Oregon Days of Culture, celebrating the role of the arts, humanities, and heritage in our everyday lives, a special Oregon Pioneer Life Storytime with Miss Marion will be held on **October 3**. Children's Librarian Jackie will host Storytime on **October 10, 24, and 31**. On **October 17**, join our Special Guest reader - City Manager Martha DeBry - for stories about Pirates!

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, **October 4** at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

First Friday Flick. Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. at the Library. The PG-rated movie to be shown on **October 5** features an animated adventure-comedy about a pirate captain trying to outdo his rivals in his quest for the Pirate of the Year award. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, **October 8** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome.

Super Saturday. Learn how to draw comics! Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to come to the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **October 13** at 1 p.m. for a free Graphic Novel Workshop.

Teen Read Week. "It Came from the Library!" This year's Teen Read Week (October 14-20) theme celebrates reading for fun and encourages teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms — books and magazines, e-books, audiobooks, and more — and to become regular library users. To celebrate this week, on Friday, **October 19** at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, teens (those entering 6th through 12th grades) are invited to a free Henna tattoo party. Teens will learn all about the history of henna and how to apply their own Henna tattoos, and the first 30 participants will receive a non-permanent tattoo.

One Book One Community Book Distribution and Art Exhibit Opening. This preview of the month-long reading event in February will be launched with distribution of the book, Mink River, by Portland author Brian Doyle and by an exhibit opening at the Library featuring artistic interpretations of the book. This free event will take place on Thursday, **October 25** from 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Halloween Favors for Kids. Children dressed in costume who come to the Library any time on Wednesday, **October 31** will receive a treat, a special eraser, and a bookmark.

Library Book Club. On Wednesday, **October 31** at 7:30 p.m. at the Library, Book Club participants will discuss 1491 by Charles C. Mann. This non-fiction work takes the reader on a journey of scientific exploration in which it is revealed that the Indian development of

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modern corn was one of the most complex feats of genetic engineering ever performed, that the Great Plains are a third smaller today than they were in 1700 because the Indians who maintained them by burning died, and that the Amazon rain forest may be largely a human artifact. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Library hours are Monday – Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at www.nplibrary.org for more information. You can also find us on Facebook!



Farmers Market

*North Plains Farmers' Market
is open every Saturday from
June 16 – September 29
from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
at NW 314th Avenue
between Commercial and Kaybern.*

The Farmers' Market accepts the following types of payments: SNAP - Oregon Trail Cards - WIC - Senior Vouchers.

New Seasons Market provides matching funds for Oregon Trail cards up to \$10.00 / week / person.

Volunteer - The Farmers' Market continues to seek board members, volunteers, and vendors for the market. For information go to: www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org or Email northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com



Digital Drive Campaign.

The North Plains Public Library has grown to be an indispensable asset in our community. One service — providing public access to computers and the Internet — is in especially heavy demand, with over 10,000 logins and 6,000 hours of use annually.

Technology to better serve these needs is available, but we must now upgrade our 6-year old equipment to take advantage of it.

Our Digital Drive Campaign is raising funds to upgrade all computers to the latest Windows operating system, to add a self-checkout station for patrons to quickly checkout materials themselves, and to install security gates at the front entrance.

We are already off to a great start with a \$13,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust and a \$9,700 subsidy from WCCLS for the security gates.

The Friends of the Library just need to raise the remaining balance of \$10,000 to achieve our Digital Drive goals.

If you have not already contributed, please help with a tax-deductible donation. You can do this online at www.nplibrary.org, by dropping off a check (made payable to Friends of the North Plains Public Library) at the Library, or by mailing your check to:

*Friends of the North Plains Public Library
PO Box 525
North Plains OR 97133*

Thank you for your support!



City Council Takes Stance on Odor Issue

The North Plains City Council considered the impact Nature's Needs compost facility is having on the community at its September 4, 2012 meeting. Council heard from Recology the operator of Nature's Needs as well as local residents and business owners.

Council decided to send a letter to the Washington County Board of Commissioners requesting the franchise amendment to accept food waste not be granted and the test period be extended for another 9 months. (Food waste is also called Type 3 feedstock.)

Recology has been processing food waste together with other organic materials at the Nature's Needs facility since November 2010. (Prior to that, Recology and its predecessors could only process green waste such as grass clippings and wood waste, known as Type 1 feedstock.)

In December 2011, the Board of Commissioners reviewed the application of Recology to amend its franchise to accept food waste as a part of its permanent operations.

Because of a prolonged odor event in early December 2011, many residents and the City spoke in opposition to granting the acceptance of food waste.

During the test period prior to its deliberations, the County only received 43 complaints about odor. The County determined only two malodor events occurred during that timeframe.

In December 2011 the County received more than 70 odor complaints associated, most of which were associated with an event where the Nature's Needs odor was noticeable for several days in a row.

What changed? The City of Portland implemented a curbside food waste recycling program in November 2011. Recology was not prepared for the volume of materials it received and could not properly compost the waste. The

byproduct of this process gone wrong was strong putrid odors that could be smelled for miles.

The Board of Commissioners extended Recology's test period for an additional year. During that time the City streamlined the process for receiving complaints and worked directly with Recology, the County, Metro and Department of Environmental Quality to address the odor issues. The City has received more than 800 odor complaints since last December. September 2012 is likely to generate the most complaints in one month.

During the past year, Recology has invested millions in equipment and physical improvements on the property. Some of these improvements have been completed at the instruction of DEQ subsequent to a letter of warning and correction. Washington County also imposed a restriction of 900 tons per week.

Because construction is ongoing, Council believes it is not possible to definitively say the improvements either work or don't work, and is requesting the Board of Commissioners extend the test period for another 9 months.

In Council's letter to the Board of Commissioners, the City's position is clearly laid out:

If the improvements work and the composting operations no longer have a substantial negative effect on the quality of life in our community, the City will support the acceptance of food waste in September 2013.

If the improvements do not work, the City will oppose the acceptance of food waste in 2013 and the renewal of the County franchise that allows the operation of the Nature's Needs facility. The franchise is set to expire in July 2015.

A copy of the letter is on the City's website www.northplains.org

Senior Center News

North Plains Senior Center's calendar is chock-a-block full with fall events and activities to enrich and enhance the lives of senior citizens in North Plains and the surrounding communities.

The Center not only provides for the needs of the seniors in our area, but serves as a Community Center with activities and programs for people of all ages.

Programs/Classes

Walk With Ease—presented by the Arthritis Foundation begins **October 1**. Meet at the Senior Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday for six weeks and walk approximately 1 mile along the North Plains Walking Trail. A certified instructor will accompany the group, and participants will receive a book to journal their progress. No matter if you need relief from arthritis pain or just want to be active, Walk With Ease offers support, information and is designed for people with arthritis and other chronic conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease and hypertension. Based on research and tested programs in exercise science, behavior change and arthritis management, Walk With Ease is shown to reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis; increase balance, strength and walking pace; build confidence in your ability to be physically active; and improve overall health.

55+ALIVE safe driving class presented by AARP. Tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road; learn defensive driving techniques; save money on your automobile insurance. The class will be in two sessions, **October 10th & 17th** from 1:00 to 4:00. The cost will be \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Sign up today!

EECP (external counterpulsation) free seminar conducted by Heart Centers of America Clinic at Good Samaritan Hospital in NW Portland. **November 7**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. EECP therapy has proven to be a safe and effective angina treatment to help restore blood flow to the heart. This noninvasive treatment is done on an outpatient basis; has little or no risk; is comfortable for most patients; and is covered by Medicare. More than 80% of EECP patients report a significant improvement in angina symptoms, increased activity level and decreased nitroglycerin use.

Events

Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie/Dinner Roll sale kicks off **October 1** for presale. Pies will be \$10 each; rolls \$6/dozen; pick-up dates will be November 19, 20 and 21. A small amount will be available for day sale.



Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale. Get your Christmas shopping done early and easily and contribute to a good cause. Saturday, **October 27** from 9:00 to 3:00. Coffee, hot chocolate, cider and cookies as well as homemade soup will be served. For vendors interested in selling items, the table cost will be \$10; each vendor will be asked to provide a door prize. Reserve your table now. *Any baked goods must be wrapped, contain a list of ingredients and be labeled as "Not Baked In A Licensed Kitchen."*

Halloween BBQ, October 31 5:00 p.m.—donation basis. hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda/coffee/water and popcorn will be available.

Hitting the Road

October 9 day trip to Chinook Winds Casino and the Outlet Mall in Lincoln City. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Limited to 14; open to all. Leave North Plains at 8:30 and board the bus for return at 4:00. *Shoppers or casino fans Sign up today at the Senior Center Front Desk.*

A wine tour, visit to the Maritime Museum in Astoria, the Christmas Lights and other trips of interest are being researched. Let the Senior Center know if you have any other ideas about trips or excursions.

For information about activities or events or other questions about the Center, please call 503-447-5666.



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Council Agenda

Issues that will be coming before City Council in October include:

- Revision of municipal code sections related to public works standards, sewer services and repealing sections concerning road construction
- Donation to food pantry
- Use of golf carts on city streets
- Acceptance of Design Guidelines for commercial zones

City Council has regular meetings scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas are published on the City's website the week before the meeting.

NP Urban Renewal Agency Agenda

NPURA agenda items this month will include

- Review of finance options for Kaybern Street lot
- Use of 31311 NW Commercial Street

Dates to Remember

Walk With Ease program begins; Starts October 1, M,W,F for 6 weeks; NP Senior Center

NPSC Presale of Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pies and Dinner Rolls begins October 1

Senior Center Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale; October 27 9:00 to 3:00

City Council – October 3 and 17 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce –October 9 at the Fire Station at Noon

NPSC Day trip to Chinook Winds and Outlet Mall in Lincoln City October 9

North Plains Garden Club – October 10 at Jessie Mays at 9 a.m.

AARP 55+ ALIVE Safe Driving Class Part 1: October 10, 1:00 to 4:00; Senior Center
Planning Commission – October 10 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.

AARP 55+ ALIVE Safe Driving Class Part 2: October 17 1:00 to 4:00; Senior Center
Chili Cook Off – October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Parks Advisory Board – October 24 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.

Halloween BBQ 5:00 p.m.at the Senior Center October 31

Blue Star Memorial Dedication

November 10 2012
1:00 PM

at the North Plains Fire Station.

A Blue Star Memorial honors all veterans.

Everyone is invited to attend this special dedication hosted by the North Plains Community Garden Club.

Did you know Water Service Payments can be made with:

- Direct Deposit Deductions

Forms are available at northplains.org. There is no fee for this service.

- Credit Cards

Look for the "Pay Online" link on the left hand side of the web page. There is a small fee for this service that is available 24/7.

Need Help? Dial 2-1-1

This free service can connect you with social service agencies in Washington County. Among the services provided are emergency energy bill assistance, eldercare referrals, emergency housing and food assistance, and drug addiction counseling.