

# Community News



City of North Plains, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133

**School starts September 5**  
**Please watch for children walking and biking to school.**

## NPPD Community Policing

Since July, Police Chief Bill Snyder has been walking the streets of North Plains in an effort to contact every household in our community. While he has not been able to meet every resident, he believes this venture has provided him with more insights into how police services can be improved.



Police Chief Bill Snyder

North Plains is a small community where officers like the Chief often greet residents by name, and strong efforts are made to address chronic crime issues in a holistic manner. Daily, the NPPD is working on investigations to minimize drug abuse in our town, follow up on reports of thefts or other crimes, and enforce speed controls on residential

streets to ensure pedestrian safety, particularly near the school and parks.

### More Active in the Community

NPPD has made great strides in the past year to spend more time patrolling neighborhoods. A past emphasis on traffic enforcement on Highway 26 has given way to expanding community policing.



Police Officer Tim Thurber providing fingerprint cards at National Night Out Event

### Reserve Officers Improve Police Presence

This year, the North Plains Reserve Officer Program has been expanded from 4 to 7 officers. These officers receive the same level of professional training as other peace officers and are allowed to patrol on their own.



Reserve Officer Jessie Baker at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

This means more officers are available to patrol, even at odd hours of the night. Every Reserve Officer volunteers a minimum of 16 hours per month. For some scheduled assignments Reserve Officers are paid a stipend.



Reserve Officer Tim Ward

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# Library News

## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

**Library Card Sign-up Month.** Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. It is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

The North Plains Public Library will celebrate this event with a Lucky Barcode Number Contest. Each week, beginning on September 4, patrons may participate by coming into the library to view a posted list of numbers to see if the last three digits on their library barcodes match numbers on the list. If so, they may choose either a Fannie May candy bar or a small bag of apples as a prize. The list of numbers will change weekly, and the program will last through September.

### Quilt Raffle Winner.

*Congratulations to Alex Knotts of Hillsboro, whose winning ticket was drawn on August 12 at the Elephant Garlic Festival. The year-long raffle earned \$565 for the Library. Many thanks to the Westside Quilters Guild for donating the beautiful quilt!*

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

### *New Library Hours!*

#### *Beginning*

*Tuesday, September 4,  
the Library will be open one half  
hour longer each day.*

#### *Regular hours will be:*

*Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.*

*Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

*The Library is closed on Sundays.*

**Holiday Closure.** The Library will be closed on Monday, **September 3** for Labor Day.

**Storytimes.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. Join Children's Librarian Jackie for Storytime on **September 5, 12, and 26**. On **September 19**, meet Bee Man Jerry and learn all about how honey is made.

**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 **September 7** features an animated adaptation of Dr. Seuss' classic tale of *The Lorax*. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.



*North Plains Public Library is expanding its open hours as of September 4, 2012, providing more evening services*

### Annual Chili Cookoff on October 18

It is time to register for the annual North Plains Chili Cookoff. [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org)

Residents are encouraged to participate in this free event at Jessie Mays Community Hall that was attended by hundreds of residents last year.

Trophies and a year of bragging rights are awarded to best chili makers.



*T-shirts and tank tops from this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration may still be purchased at City Hall for \$14 each. Many sizes are available.*

*Funds raised from sales will be used for community events like Concerts in the Park and next year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.*

## Library News continued...

**Super Saturday.** On **September 8** at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, Oregon's sixth and current Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen will present a free workshop and reading for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Read more about Paulann at [www.paulann.net](http://www.paulann.net)

**Friends of the Library Meeting.** There will be an informal meeting of the Friends on Monday, **September 10** at the The Corner Bistro in North Plains on Glencoe Road from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

**Library Book Club.** On Wednesday, **September 26** at 7:30 p.m. at the Library, Book Club participants will discuss the book, The Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell.



*Malcolm Gladwell*

Published in 2008, this non-fiction work examines the factors that contribute to success in life. Gladwell reviews how cultural differences, intelligence, and the 10,000 hour rule of practice make a difference in one's success, whether it be financial, musical, athletic, or otherwise. New

members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Craft Night.** Bring your own handicraft projects to the Library on Thursday, **September 27** from 6:30-8 p.m. Meet new friends and enjoy the camaraderie.

*The Library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at [www.nplibrary.org](http://www.nplibrary.org) for more information. You can also find us on Facebook!*



## City Council Elections

On November 6, 2012 elections will be held for local, State and Federal offices.

To date, four candidates have filed for the Mayor and Councilor positions, including current Mayor David Hatcher, current Councilors Teri Lenahan and Robert "Butch" Kindel, and former Councilor Charlynn Newton.

Persons elected in November will assume office in January 2013.

## North Plains Urban Renewal Agency Acquires Property on Commercial Street

The North Plains Urban Renewal Agency (NPURA) recently acquired the property at 31311 NW Commercial Street.

The single-family home is zoned for commercial use and is located immediately across from the Library and City Hall.

The NPURA Board will be considering potential uses for the property in September.

Among the short-term options are renting the property as a single-family home or converting the property into one or more commercial uses. The NPURA can offer incentives to potential leases to encourage economic development.

Long-term, the NPURA Board can consider projects such as creating a new commercial building, a public park or plaza, a new City Hall, or selling the property.

The NPURA was established in 2006 to implement projects that generally improve the economic climate in North Plains and enhance access, safety, and connectivity of transportation.

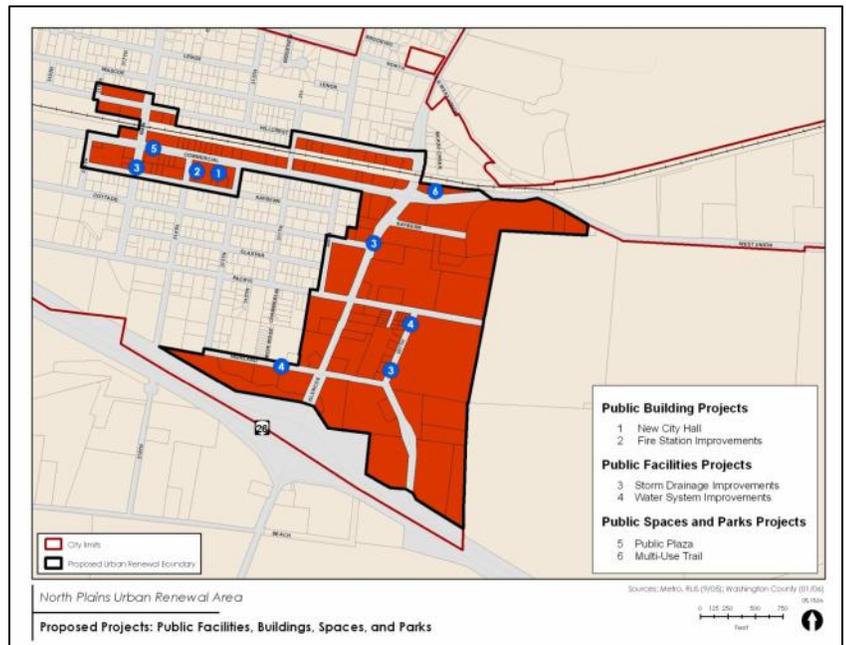
Agency boundaries include most properties on Commercial Street, Glencoe, and Highland Court (see map.)

A portion of the property taxes paid within the NPURA area provides funding for the Agency. City Council sits as the Board of the NPURA, and meetings are usually conducted on the same dates as Council meetings.

Projects previously completed by the NPURA include the widening of Main Street, 314<sup>th</sup> Avenue redirection, and the Glencoe Road Gateway spires on which banners are placed. The Agency also acquired a lot on Kaybern Street at Main Street for future use.

Residents who have comments on potential uses of the property or suggestions for Urban Renewal projects are welcome to send information to the Board through [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org)

Likewise, if you have an interest in leasing property from the NPURA, please contact city staff at [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org) or 503-647-5555.



Darker color is NPURA Area

***How To Complain About Odor:***  
*Please contact the City, County, DEQ and Recology when you believe the odor is unacceptable by sending an email to [odor@northplains.org](mailto:odor@northplains.org) or calling 503.647.2003*



## Reduce Junk Mail

Catalog Choice is a mail preference program that allows residents to eliminate unwanted phone books, catalogs, coupons and credit card solicitations at the source. Did you know Americans receive more than 85 billion pieces of unsolicited mail each year; approximately 100 pounds for every household.

Simply set up a free account at <https://OregonMetro.CatalogChoice.org> and begin selecting the way you'd like to receive (or not) catalogs, phone books, credit card solicitations and more! This free online service, designed by Catalog Choice, will help shed thousands of pounds of paper waste—one mailbox at a time.

In Washington County, Catalog Choice has already connected nearly 5,000 residents to more than 4,200 direct-mail companies to process over 63,000 suppression requests.

*Join others in your community managing their mailbox clutter!*

## Farmers Market

*North Plains Farmers' Market  
is open every Saturday from  
June 16 – September 29  
from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
at NW 314<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Market Sprouts** - Sign up for the "Market Sprouts" growing healthy kids program at the Farmers' Market Information booth. This program is for children ages 4-12 years old. See the Market Sprouts raised bed in the Community Garden that was planted June 16th. The vegetables will be harvested for the children to take home through the month of September. Join in the Washington County Farmers' Markets "Amazing Market Race



Scavenger Hunt" at your local Washington County farmers' markets. For more information, go to [www.beavertonfarmersmarket.com/AMR/race.html](http://www.beavertonfarmersmarket.com/AMR/race.html).

**Volunteer** - The Farmers' Market continues to seek board members, volunteers, and vendors for the market. For information go to: [www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org) or Email [northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com)



## It's Curtains for Jessie Mays

The City needs assistance from a crafty person or people who can volunteer to sew curtains for the stage at Jessie Mays Community Hall.

The stage has an existing wiring system that can support curtains.

The purpose of the curtains would be to create a better presentation for performances and to reduce visual clutter.

If you have the skills and can volunteer some time, the City can supply materials for the project. Please contact us at [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org) or 503-647-5555.

## City of North Plains

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See us at:

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## Council Agenda

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

- Proclamation for Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Revision of municipal code sections proposed for coming months
- Lease of police vehicle
- Discussion of odor issues related to operation of Nature's Needs/Recology
- Approval of incentives for Highland Court Subdivision (This 24 unit subdivision extends Curtis Street from its terminus to Highland Court, and builds on lots on 307<sup>th</sup> Street between Highland and Pacific.)
- City Manager Review (Executive Session)
- Approval of rental waiver for First LEGO League

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

### Planning Commission Agenda

This month the commission will consider:

- Amendments to Highland Court subdivision
- Discuss R5 code changes

## Dates to Remember

**City Council** – Tuesday, September 4 and Monday, September 17 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.  
**Chamber of Commerce** –September 5 at the Fire Station at Noon  
**North Plains Garden Club** - September 12 at Jessie Mays at 9 a.m.  
**Planning Commission** - September 12 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.

### Downtown Walking Trail Loop

Have you noticed the City has a Downtown Walking Trail, and we are beginning to put down icons around town?

This is the first of several Walking Trails in the works. Since we are in the early stages of this project, we would appreciate community feedback. Please email [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org) with your comments.

### Reduced Rental Rates at Jessie Mays

Earlier this year, City Council reduced many of the fees associated with renting the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Fees for instructional classes are nominal and can be waived for free instruction. The City's fee schedule is available online at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org)



## 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.