

November, 2012

# Community News



City of North Plains, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133 [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org)

## 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

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## Requesting Police Services

***If you need the police  
where do you call?***

*For emergencies  
always call 9-1-1.*

*For non-emergencies  
please call  
(503) 629-0111  
which will connect you  
to Washington County  
Consolidated  
Communications  
Authority (WCCCA)*

WCCCA tracks the  
location and availability  
of all emergency re-

sponse resources in  
North Plains and  
greater Washington  
County. Dispatchers  
can quickly determine  
which on-duty officer is  
closest to your location  
(sometimes that may  
be a sheriff's deputy or  
a state trooper.)

Additionally WCCCA's  
trained personnel will  
prioritize the call in the  
context of all emergen-  
cies occurring at that  
time. Dispatchers will  
automatically request  
back up units to ensure

officer safety and  
send ambulances and  
fire units if needed.

When you need  
immediate assistance  
North Plains Police  
discourages leaving a  
message on the City's  
main phone line or an  
officer's personal cell  
phone as it may result  
in a significantly  
delayed response.

Calling WCCCA  
directly will ensure the  
most prompt  
response for you.

## Holiday Bazaars

**December 1st** the  
North Plains Holiday  
Bazaar will be held at  
Jessie Mays  
Community Hall  
across the street from  
St. Edwards Holiday  
Bazaar. Anyone can  
attend these free  
events.

If you are interested  
in being a vendor at  
the North Plains  
Bazaar please visit  
[www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org)  
for an application.

## Neighborhood Watch



North Plains Police  
Dept. is recruiting  
residents to partici-  
pate in the Neigh-  
borhood Watch program.

Adults can participate  
in this program to  
educate neighbors,  
host block parties to  
encourage more  
interaction between  
home- owners and  
conduct citizen  
patrols.

Interested persons  
should contact Police  
Chief Bill Snyder  
[bills@northplains.org](mailto:bills@northplains.org)  
or call 503-647-2604.

## Library News

**WWII Book Display.** To honor our Veterans, a special display of popular books and movies on the Second World War will be available for checkout in early November. Free bookmarks listing these titles will also be available. Look for this exhibit near the Library entryway.

**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 animated-comedy movie by DreamWorks to be shown on **November 2** is the third in a series and features four animal characters making their way through Europe and back to New York with a traveling circus. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

**Storytimes.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. Storytime with Miss Marion on **November 7** will feature Squirrels. Youth Librarian Jackie will host Storytime on **November 14 and 28**. On **November 21**, join our Special Guest, Police Officer Scott Brennan, and his K9 partner, Rikko.

**Super Saturday.** Join us on Saturday, **November 10** at 1 p.m. the Jessie Mays Community Hall for a free presentation of "Alice in Mathland." Alice unexpectedly journeys from her school math lesson through a strange world where numbers don't quite add up in the usual fashion. She encounters many colorful and numerically confused characters along the way. Will the Prince of Square's dark secret keep Alice in Mathland forever? Is "ice cream" ever a correct answer to a math problem? Follow Alice as she confronts these and other perplexing problems in this mathematical musical adventure.

**Holiday Closures.** The Library will be closed on Monday, November 12 in honor of Veterans' Day. The Library will close early, at 5:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21 and will remain closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on

Thursday, November 22 and on Friday, November 23. The Library will resume regular hours and be open on Saturday, November 24 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Library Book Club.** Come to the Library on Wednesday, **November 28** at 7:30 p.m. for a lively discussion of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by author Rebecca Skloot. This book documents the story of how scientists took cells from an unsuspecting descendant of freed slaves and created a human cell line that has been kept alive indefinitely, enabling discoveries in such areas as cancer research, in vitro fertilization, and gene mapping. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Craft Night.** Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other personal craft projects to the Library on Thursday, **November 29** from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of camaraderie and dedicated handiwork time.

**November Quilt Display.** This month's quilt has been donated to the Library by the Westside Quilters Guild for a year-long raffle. Tickets to win this gorgeous work of art will be sold at the checkout desk - \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held next August during the Elephant Garlic Festival.

*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](http://www.nplibrary.org) for more information. You can also find us on Facebook!*





## 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](http://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!



This year's Chili Cook off was another success. Several hundred people attended the free evening event on October 18.

Residents had the chance to taste 19 different home-made chilis, in addition to chili, corn bread and hotdogs served by the North Plains Senior Center and Knights of Pythias.

### **Winners of this year's event include:**

#### **Best Traditional Chili**

Evey, Corner Bistro

#### **Best Traditional Chili with Beans**

Ann King

#### **Best Hot Chili**

Owen Vandehey

#### **Best Non Traditional Chili**

Skip Alton  
Cuban pulled pork chili

#### **Kid's Choice**

Tracy Baslington

#### **People's Choice**

Rachel and Charlynn Newton

*The City thanks all of the participants who cooked and tasted the chilis, and we hope to see you next year!*



## The Jingle

The Jingle is a special North Plains tradition to celebrate the holidays. Each year residents drive in decorated vehicles to view homes with holiday lights. The procession lasts about half hour and terminates at Jessie Mays Community Hall, where hot chocolate, coffee and cider and cookies are served. This is a free event.

The Jingle will be on December 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. beginning at Jessie Mays Community Hall.

You do not have to register in advance to drive in the Jingle. Just show up on the evening of the event. Vehicles will be lined up in the parking lot and along Hillcrest. All types decorated vehicles are welcome. (Many residents rent golf carts from J&S Golf Carts on main street 503-647-1984. Sizes vary from 2-6 persons.) Additionally several community organizations bring trailers with hay bales for the ride.

*A prize is awarded for the Best Parade Entry.*

### ***How does my house join the Jingle parade route?***

If you would like the Jingle to pass by your decorated house or decorated street please register at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org) or call City Hall 503-647-5555 to add your address. Registration is free and only takes a couple minutes.

Prizes awarded for decorated homes include

***Best Holiday Spirit***

***Best Lighted House***

***New: Best Street Spirit***

***New: Most Likely to be Seen from Space***

***New: People's Choice: Best House Decorations***

Houses will be judged by December 4th, except for the *People's Choice: Best House* which will be selected by parade participants the day of the event.



## Olympian Visits North Plains

Students from West Union and North Plains Elementary Schools attended an assembly on Monday, October 22, featuring "The World's Greatest Athlete" Ashton Eaton. Ashton won the gold medal and set a world record in the Decathlon at the 2012 London Olympics. He spoke to students about the importance of school, finding a passion for something you love, and persevering to find a way to pursue it, whether it is art, science, sports, or music.

Ashton spoke to the students about character, listening to their teachers and mentors, and even participated with students in three different mock events. Once the competition was over, Ashton awarded the students with gold medallions. The students asked Ashton some great questions, including: What is your favorite food to eat before you compete? "Macaroni & cheese"; How many coaches do you have? "One, who specializes in all ten events"; Will you compete in the next Olympics? "I will be 28 in 2016 when the Olympics are held in Brazil and, yes, I'm working daily to prepare to go."

## Senior Center News

### LAST WATERIN' HOLE FIRST IN OUR BOOK!!

With gratitude, North Plains Senior Center thanks The Last Waterin' Hole Tavern & owner Lyn Davis for their second annual "Hoedown" fundraiser to support the meals program at the Senior Center. The event, held in late September, raised \$3,232 for the seniors and featured a motorcycle poker run, silent auction, live music, dancing, barbecue and lots of fun! We are very fortunate to have such good neighbors here in North Plains who provide encouragement and support. Thanks again Waterin' Hole!

### WALK, DRIVE, BREATHE

The **Walk With Ease** participants kicked off their 6-week program in early October and are enjoying their walks each Mon, Wed and Fri, weather permitting. The group, which averages about 8, meets at the Senior Center at 10:30 and walks for about a mile along the North Plains Walking Trail. The Walk With Ease program, in partnership with Meals on Wheels, The Oregon Health Authority and the Arthritis Foundation, 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. A certified instructor accompanies the group. It's not too late to join! Call 503-647-5666 to sign up!

**Twenty-two safety-minded seniors completed the AARP Safe Driving Program** where they tuned up their driving skills and updated your knowledge of the rules of the road. Defensive driving techniques were discussed and "stories" were shared and participants are now eligible to save some money on their auto insurance. Another class, perhaps after the first of the year, is being planned.

**Don't forget the EECF (external counterpulsation) free information seminar from 6:30-7:30 Wednesday, November 7, at the Senior Center** and conducted by Heart Centers of America. EECF 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. Call 503-647-5666 to sign up.

### THE HOLIDAZE ARE UPON US

*Yum-m-m-m-m-m!!* **Order your homemade Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pies and homemade Dinner Rolls now** and take some of the work out of your meal preparation. Pies are \$10 each; rolls \$6/dozen; pick-up date is November 21. A small amount will be available for day sale.



*Double yum-m-m-m!!* **One-pound boxes of homemade chocolate & walnut fudge** will be sold for Christmas as a Center fundraiser. Cost will be \$10/box. Call to order yours today.

### ON THE ROAD AGAIN?

A little birdie told this reporter that a trip to Lochlolly Farm to visit the reindeer is being planned. Date and time TBA.

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

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Your North Plains Senior Center is anxious to serve you. We are a community center as well and would like to provide programs and events for the wider North Plains community.

For information about activities or events, other questions about the Center, or suggestions for what would be of interest to you, please call Margaret or Karen at 503-647-5666.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org)



## Council Agenda

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

- Revision of municipal code sections related to public works standards, sewer services and repealing sections concerning road construction
- Acceptance of Design Guidelines for commercial zones
- Approval of agreement with Netassets regarding lien information
- Consideration of rental fee waivers for Jingle, Crab feed and Garlic Festival
- Review of Jessie Mays rental fees
- Review of community events for 2013

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** M,W,F through November 2-9; NP Senior Center

**City Council** – November 5 and 19 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.

**Chamber of Commerce** –November 13 at the Fire Station at Noon

**North Plains Garden Club** – November 13 at Jessie Mays at 9 a.m.

**Planning Commission** – November 14 at Jessie Mays at 7 p.m.

**Parks Advisory Board** – November 21 at Jessie Mays at 6 p.m.

**Library Board** – November 21, 7 p.m., Library  
**Jingle** – December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Jessie Mays

### Buy Local North Plains businesses are a great place to buy holiday gifts!

Recently several new retail businesses have joined our community.

Please visit local retail businesses when looking for holiday gifts.

**Abbey Creek Winery** is open on Saturdays and offers a selection of locally grown red and white wines.

**Treasure Chest** offers a variety of antiques and collectables.

**A&T Resale** sells a variety of items including toys, collectables and tools for handyman and campers.

**Robinson's Floral Ltd** has flowers and gifts.

**Heritage Arts Studio** features a wide range of gifts including wood carvings.

Gift cards and certificates are also available from local businesses for dining and services like hair styling, and messages.

## Please vote on November 6

In addition to national and state races, three North Plains city councilor and the mayor positions are on the ballot.