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## North Plains Junior National Baseball Team Takes State

*Reprinted from Oregon Live*

North Plains Junior National Baseball team won the state championship this year!

After winning all but one of their 14 regular season games, the North Plains Junior Baseball team took on the best 11 of Oregon's 72 Junior National teams and walked away State Champions, beating rivals in Newberg 6-2. North Plains Junior Baseball teams have taken home championship titles six times since 1987. In 2012, the team made it to state, but lost in the early rounds, so this year's win was especially gratifying for the team which is led by head coach Bill Kiaunis.

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## Planning the Future of the City

The City of North Plains is beginning the process of updating its *Comprehensive Plan* (Chapter 15 of the Municipal Code), which is the guiding document for the City's future growth.

The 2005 *Comprehensive Plan* projects that the City will grow to a population of 4,000 by 2021, and to accommodate that many residents, the community will need 1,600 dwelling units. The City established Urban Growth Boundaries to determine the directions in which the City may grow through an annexation process, based on the *Comprehensive Plan* projection for 1,600 dwelling units.

Today, the City has a little over 800 dwelling units, and a population of 1,970.

Currently, two subdivisions are under construction, and two more subdivisions are expected to break ground in 2014. One is for 108 new houses in the area of Jackson School Road and West Union Road. If house sales are brisk, another 325 residents will join our ranks by 2015 (about 17% growth from today).

A *Comprehensive Plan* should be updated periodically to reflect real growth patterns. House construction slowed dramatically during the Great

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## Comprehensive Plan continued...

Recession, and houses that were built tended to be in higher density neighborhoods than anticipated in the *Plan*. This means that the City may exceed its goal of 1,600 dwelling units.

Recent discussions between the City Council and the Planning Commission have identified concerns about the majority of new single family homes being located on smaller 2,500 square foot lots.

The City's residential zones are divided into four broad categories:

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Density</i>	<i>Dwelling Units Per Net Acre</i>	<i>Minimum Lot Size (square feet)</i>
<i>R7.5</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<i>R5</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>R2.5</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>2,500</i>
<i>NC</i>	<i>Mixed</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>2,500-6,500</i>

R7.5/Low Density is typical of homes near North Avenue and accounts for roughly 27% of existing dwelling units. The R7.5 zone is built out except for a handful of lots.

R5/Medium Density is the most common kind of home in the older areas of the City and comprises about 55% of existing housing. The zone is also built out except for a couple dozen possible lots.

R2.5/High Density accounts for 27% of existing dwelling units. Most R2.5 land is underdeveloped in the area near McKay Creek and Gordon Road. In theory, about 380 dwelling units could be placed on existing R2.5 zoned lands.

NC is the designation for a mixture of homes to be built in the "east" expansion at Jackson School Road and West Union Roads, and in the "north" expansion area located off North Avenue. It is estimated the east and north expansion areas will result in almost 580 dwelling units, and more than half of those will be on small lots of 2,500 square feet.

Technically, if all properties were built out to their full density potential, North Plains will have closer to 1,800 homes rather than the 1,600 originally conceived when the Urban Growth Boundaries were set.

The *Comprehensive Plan* does not provide much guidance on the planning of the City once the population threshold of 4,000 is met other than maintaining the 8.4 dwelling units per net acre.

Because we need to develop a community vision that can be practically implemented with State of Oregon

approval, the review process is starting. The key components of the review are:

- a. Review and revise the Comprehensive Plan, which requires extensive public outreach
- b. Review and revise zoning codes to implement the Comprehensive Plan

City staff is also working to identify options for other issues such as creating a transition zone to allow for an expansion of the downtown commercial area in the long-term.

The *Comprehensive Plan* and related maps can be found online under the "City Documents" tab at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org), and residents are always welcome to send comments to [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org) or City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133.

This will be a long process with many opportunities for the public to comment on the *Comprehensive Plan*. We hope to engage as many residents as possible in the process. As in the past, the City will welcome comments from persons in the immediate vicinity of North Plains who will also be affected by the City's growth.

## State Champs continued...

Joe Collins, 12, pitches and plays short stop for the team. "We were able to have a rematch against the only team we lost to in regular season (Newberg), and we beat them for the State Championship!" Collins, of Evergreen Middle School, said. "Our team was one of the lowest seeds heading into the tournament, and we were able to win the whole thing."

Collins' mother, Vici, who also serves on North Plains Junior Baseball's executive committee, said that, "most of the guys have played together for five or six years. They've developed a chemistry that makes them really fun to watch. They work hard, have fun, and are respectful and disciplined."

She said the town's small population means that everyone who signs up, plays. "So this is really a huge achievement for our entire organization, and great testimony to how hard these boys have worked."

**--Connie Baron, Community Writer, Oregonlive.com**

***The Champs are coming to the September 16 City Council meeting at the Senior Center to receive special recognition for their achievement.***



North Plains Community Garden Club receives proclamation thanking them for many projects including the hanging baskets and community garden. The Club members meet at 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Jessie Mays Community Hall and invite anyone with an interest in gardening to join them.

## Lucky to Serve

### A North Plains Non-Profit Assists Families

Like the man this organization memorializes, *Lucky to Serve* is dedicated to improving the lives of needy children and their families in the North Plains area. Ronald “Lucky” Bottema’s family founded the 501(c)3 non-profit a year after his death in 2008. Since then, they have used 100% of their donations to provide kids with:

- School Supplies
- Christmas Gifts
- Winter Clothing

*Lucky to Serve* is run by local educators including North Plains’ Brenda Bottema, who recently appeared before the City Council to introduce the organization. The group is dedicated to providing children the best opportunities for success and to make a child’s life more memorable.

If you or a family you know in North Plains could use assistance, please pick up an application at City Hall and submit it by November 15 to *Lucky to Serve*.

Participation is free and confidential.



## Building Your Business (BYB) Grow Your Business with Email and Social Media

If you are growing your business or just looking to build skills, join the Building Your Business education series offered by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 to 1 p.m. These presentations cover a variety of topics that may help you reach a new level of success with your business. Cost is \$5 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$10 for non-members.

On September 18, Anthony Veliz of IZO Public Relations & Marketing will present on the topic of growing your business with email and social media. Throughout the session you will be given opportunities to capture your own ideas and build out the framework of your own “next great campaign.” Anthony will help make sense of the noise so you can build a plan that will help you grow your organization by eliciting the responses you want from your customers and supporters. This session is suitable for all experience levels, and all information provided can be applied regardless of the system or service you are using for email marketing.

The Hillsboro Chamber is offering their Member price of \$5.00 to North Plains Chamber Members. Register at [www.Hillchamber.org](http://www.Hillchamber.org) or contact Jill Hult at: (503) 726-2142 or [jillh@hillchamber.org](mailto:jillh@hillchamber.org).

## Concert in the Park



Sambafeat performed Latin rhythms on August 16. Concerts are sponsored by:



Give the Gift that Grows.





## Library News

### 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. Back by popular demand at the North Plains Public Library is the Lucky Barcode Number Contest. Each week, beginning on September 3, a poster inside the Library will feature a random list of the last three digits of patron barcodes. Patrons who come in during the week and show that their cards have the matching last three numbers may choose to receive a prize of either a Fannie May candy bar (assorted flavors available) or a small bag of apples (donated by Mark Susbauer of Mason Hill Orchards) as a prize. The list of numbers will change weekly, and the program will last through September.

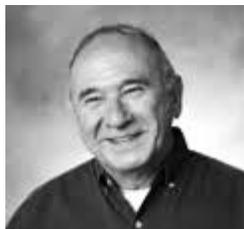
**The Library will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.**

**Story times** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library.

**September 4** Story time with Miss Marion: *Animal Homes*

**September 11** Story time with Children's Librarian Kay: *Families*

**September 18** Special Guest Story time: *State Representative Joe Gallegos*



Representative Gallegos

**September 25** Story time with Youth Librarian Jackie: *Cows*

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join.

**First Friday Flick.** The G-rated film from Walt Disney to be shown on September 6 at 6 p.m. features the adventures of five amazing puppies. An ordinary day at the farm turns extraordinary when the five discover mysterious rings that grant them each a unique super power. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

**Friends of the Library Meeting.** There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, September 9 at the Library at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Library Book Club.** *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin will be discussed on Thursday, September 19. At the turn of the twentieth century, in the foothills of the rural Pacific Northwest, reclusive orchardist William Talmadge tends to his apples and apricots. One day, two teenaged girls, one pregnant, steal his fruit. They later return, settling on Talmadge's land, protected until trouble comes in the form of men with guns. This is an astonishing debut novel about a man who disrupts the harmony of his ordered life by opening his heart and letting in the world. This meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Library Board Meeting.** The September meeting of the Library Board has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at the North Plains Public Library. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner shared with members of the Banks City Library Board. The informational meeting to follow will feature an orientation to WCCLS by Director Eva Calcagno.

**Craft Night.** The Craft Guild will resume meeting after a summer break on Thursday, September 26 at the Library. Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other personal craft projects from 6-7:30 p.m. for an evening of camaraderie and dedicated handiwork time.

**Lucas Duyck Drawings on Exhibit.** Local teen artist, Lucas Duyck, will be exhibiting his work at the Library through the month of September. He is a self-taught artist, who has been honing his skills at Glencoe High School. Much of his hand-drawn and computer-enhanced artwork is characterized by colorful graphics, lively characters, and imaginative themes inspired by his favorite anime and manga characters. Lucas is a volunteer at the North Plains Public Library and a staff member of the upcoming 2013 Kumoricon, an anime convention held in Vancouver, WA over the Labor Day weekend. He also enjoys reading, gaming, whittling, fishing, and hunting.

**Quilt Display.** The September quilt on display over the checkout desk is titled, "And the Flag Was Still There." This is a patriotic quilt designed and made by Paula DiNovo in recognition of rescue and recovery

efforts and the resilience of Americans after the 9/11 attacks.

**Raffle/Auction Winners.** The raffle drawing for the showpiece quilt donated by The Westside Quilters Guild was held on Sunday, August 11 at the Jessie



## Garlic Out West = Success!

Thousands participated in this regional celebration of the “stinking rose.”

Mays Community Hall during Summer Fest & Garlic Out West. The winner was Hillsboro resident Ken Crocker. The Ducky Basket raffle concluded on Thursday, August 15. Items for this basket were donated by Patti Claska. The winner was Jonas Rodemack.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center will be serving a full breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug 27 & 29, Sept 3 & 5. Menu is eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, French toast & coffee. Cost is \$5. *Everybody is welcome!*

**FLU SHOT CLINIC at Senior Center on September 14, 2013 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (Everyone is welcome!) Rite Aid is offering the service and will accept cash payments of \$29.99 or bill your insurance.



**Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Meals on Wheels Program, and we depend on caring people every day to help prepare food at the Senior Center and to deliver Meals on Wheels.** The volunteer with the friendly smile and hot meal is often the only person some of our homebound seniors will see on an average day.

**Our current volunteer needs include:**

**Drivers** - Drivers deliver meals during a 2-4 hour shift on weekdays. Even if you can only work one day a month, that will help. Must have a valid license and clean DMV record.

**Janitor** - The Senior Center needs assistance with sweeping and cleaning floors on a daily basis. Volunteers who can work a few hours a week would be welcomed.

**Walking With Ease Leaders** - If you can commit to a 6-week program leading seniors on walks around town, we have the perfect job for you!

**Reception Desk** - Volunteers greet seniors, accept donations, and answer phone calls. Shifts can be a couple of hours to all day, depending on your schedule.

**Cook** - We can always use some extra help in the kitchen.

If you'd like to make a *tax-deductible* donation, send it to: North Plains Senior Center, PO Box 167, North Plains, OR 97133. Thank you!

# North Plains Farmers' Market Open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. through September 28th



Market Sprouts Double your Bucks through August program was a huge success! We had over 90 children from the North Plains community participating!

**September 14.** The Tualatin Valley Water District will be on hand at the market.

**September 21. Tuality Community Hospital performs health screenings.**

**Tuality Mammography Van at market!**

**September 28.** We will have an old-time cider press, and OSU Extension Food Preservation volunteers will be on hand for your canning and preserving questions!

Thanks to a generous market grant from New Seasons Market, we will match SNAP/Oregon Trail Card purchases up to \$5.00 per person, per market day. The Market Sprouts Kids' Club is funded by a collaborative grant from New Seasons Market for Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove and North Plains Farmers' Markets. The market accepts WIC/Senior vouchers.

The 2013 Farmers' Market handbook and vendor application are available online at [www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org) and at City Hall.

The North Plains Farmers' Market board continues to seek board members and volunteers for the Farmers' Market



National Night Out (NNO) fingerprinting with Officer Thurber



Bike Rodeo and splash zone provided lots of fun at NNO



## Annual Chili Cook-off October 17

It is time to register for the 2013 annual North Plains Chili Cook-off at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org).

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

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



# Volunteering at Schools

Volunteers can really make a big difference in the educational experience for our students. From helping out in the classroom, to providing career planning assistance, to running after-school clubs, volunteers are welcome and appreciated at all of our schools. And whether you're interested in a one-time, one-hour project or an ongoing opportunity, Hillsboro School District can find something for you! For more information, contact Hillsboro School District volunteer coordinators - Coleen Garrett [garrettc@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:garrettc@hsd.k12.or.us) for Middle or High Schools, and Katie Russell-Willis [russellk@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:russellk@hsd.k12.or.us) for Elementary Schools, or phone 503-844-1700.

**Requirements:** The District encourages and appreciates the involvement of community members and parents who volunteer in our schools. As the safety of students is of primary importance, the following procedures are required for processing volunteer requests.

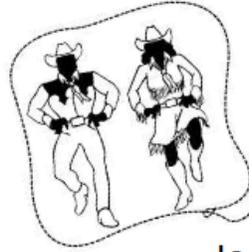
**- Classroom/School Volunteers:**

1) Complete a volunteer application and submit it to the school administrator; and 2) You will be required to complete the volunteer criminal history verification process and receive final approval from the HSD Human Resources Department.

**- Volunteer Coaches/Activity Advisors:**

- 1) Submit an electronic application through the District website at: <https://volunteer.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteerapp/Pages/application.aspx>.
- 2) You will be required to complete the volunteer criminal history verification process and fingerprint check and receive final approval from the HSD Human Resources Department.
- 3) You must provide three references.

Please remember to pick up after dog when visiting the parks, school or other properties



The sun has set,  
and the chores are done,  
round up the family  
and let's have some fun!

Come on up to

Jessie Mays Community Hall  
Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

## Benefit Dance and Country Music Show

for the North Plains Food Pantry

Suggested donation of \$5 a person.

Canned food donation will gladly be accepted.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

We will be selling snacks, sodas and water.

Please help support the North Plains Food Pantry.

They are helping a lot of good people in our community.

Event is sponsored by  
City of North Plains



## LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

The City is accepting applications for a vacancy on the Library Board to complete a term through June 2014. The Library Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. Board member responsibilities are to set policies and goals and objectives for the operation of the Library. Candidates for this vacancy must reside within the City limits of North Plains. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled. Applications may be found at: [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org). Please print, complete, and submit your application to City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains 97133.

# Calendar

- 9/3 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 9/4 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street
- 9/6 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 9/7 **North Plains Farmers' Market** 9 am–1 pm at 314<sup>th</sup> and NW Commercial Streets
- 9/9 **Friends of the Library Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 9/11 **North Plains Garden Club** 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 9/11 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 9/11 **Chamber of Commerce** 12 noon at the Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street
- 9/11 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 9/12 **NP Food Pantry Open** 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 9/14 **North Plains Farmers' Market** 9 am–1 pm at 314<sup>th</sup> and NW Commercial Streets
- 9/16 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 9/18 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 9/18 **Recology Stake-Holders Meeting** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 9/19 **Back-to-School Night and Family Picnic** 5 - 8 p.m. at North Plains Elementary School, 32030 NW North Avenue
- 9/21 **North Plains Farmers' Market** 9 am–1 pm at 314<sup>th</sup> and Commercial Streets
- 9/21 **Country Dance to benefit NP Food Pantry** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 9/25 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 9/25 **Parks Board** 6:30 p.m. at NP Senior Center
- 9/26 **Craft Night** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 9/27 **NP Food Pantry Open** 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street

9/28 **North Plains Farmers Market** 9 am–1 pm at 314<sup>th</sup> and Commercial Streets

## Do you want to add something to this monthly newsletter?

Please send your pictures, ideas, comments, articles or fliers to [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org). Please submit items by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior. Community groups are welcome to advertise their local events in the newsletter.

## Back to School Calendar at HSD

Time to go back to school!

Grade	Date	Day
1-6	9/3	Tuesday
7 <sup>th</sup>	9/3	Tuesday
9 <sup>th</sup>	9/3	Tuesday
8 <sup>th</sup>	9/4	Wednesday
10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	9/4	Wednesday
Kindergarten	9/5	Thursday

## Council Agenda

September agenda items will include discussions of: Street fee in lieu, draft city policies and employee handbook, changes to City Newsletter, signs in the rights-of-way, proclamation for NP Junior National baseball, URA finances. Agendas may be found on the city's website: [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org).



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