

August 2012

Community News



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

Dates to Remember:

- National Night Out 8/7
- Garlic Festival 8/10-8/12
- Senior Center Pancake Breakfast 8/10
- Park Planning Meeting 8/14
- Free Concert at Jessie Mays 8/24
- Farmers Market Blood Drive 8/25
- Campfire 8/30

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NORTH PLAINS FARMERS' MARKET



Market is held every Saturday morning on 314th at Commercial

Free Concert and Campfire

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
at 6:30 p.m.

LUX will entertain residents with an acoustic variety of music on the lawn at Jessie Mays Park.

We hope residents will enjoy the music while socializing with

friends and neighbors. Everyone is encouraged to bring chairs and picnics.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
at 6:30 p.m.

A campfire will be held for everyone to

attend. There will be lots of songs and marshmallows for roasting (and maybe even s'mores). This event will also be at Jessie Mays Park.

If you would like to be a song leader, please contact the City at info@northplains.org

Join the Fun at National Night Out Celebration, August 7 at Jessie Mays

Please join the North Plains Police and others as we celebrate a united community opposed to crime and drug abuse.

In 2011, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out activities in 15,325 communities in all 50 states. This celebration is a positive way to support local law enforcement agencies.

As in years past, the City is hosting a free hot dog dinner at **Jessie Mays** on

August 7 at 6:30 p.m. There will be activities for kids including face painting, finger printing, bounce house, and coloring.

Residents who can not attend the event are encouraged to leave their porch lights on in support of the National Night Out message opposing crime and drug abuse.

Agencies participating in this year's event include the North Plains Police Department, WA County Sheriff's Department,

Hillsboro Police, WA County Fire District #2, Oregon State Police, and North Plains Public Works Dept.

Many local businesses are helping make this anti-crime community event possible by donating goods and services including North Plains Market, Valley Machine Service, DMI International, Recology, Chevron, Oregon Coffee Roasters, and Sunset Hearing Care.

Park Planning Meeting (Skate Spot consideration)



A "whipper" is one of many skate options under consideration.

August 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Hall

The City will be hosting a meeting to gather public comment on proposed public improvements near the Frank Wing Memorial Park (on Commercial Street) and the City water tank.

The Parks Advisory Committee has been evaluating options to provide opportunities

to improve pedestrian and skate board rider features.

All members of the community are invited to participate, and skaters are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Among the ideas under consideration are to add concrete paths between the park and 321st south to Cottage.

Interspersed within the area would be several skating

obstacles. Some of the skate features under consideration are:

- Bent penny
- Roll over whip
- Whipper, and
- a simple ramp.

The City has allocated \$25,000 for skate park improvements and hopes to leverage these funds with volunteers and donations to create a better park experience in the coming fall.

Jessie Mays Park Update

Have you taken a close look at Jessie Mays Park lately? Lots of changes are happening to update the City's largest and most used park.

We are updating the landscaping and thinning and removing over-grown plants. Old stumps will be ground and new hedges, plants, and trees added near the tennis court and playground.

A more formal entryway will be installed between Hillcrest and the

building, which will allow better pedestrian access.

The corners of the park on 309th Avenue have also been cleared of brush and will be opened to allow pedestrian access, eliminating the bollard and cable barriers.

A new picnic area will be added by the playground near Wascoe which can be reserved for parties.

Additional seating will be added throughout the park. Council will be

considering a bench-sponsorship program soon to allow organizations and families to purchase memorial plaques.

We are ordering new swings for older children and adventurous adults. Play equipment options for toddlers are also being explored.

The Parks Advisory Committee is currently engaged in a Master Plan process for Jessie Mays to plan long-term improvements like improving the hall and park expansion.



A new entry will be created on the south side of the park.

4th of July Celebration a Hit!

North Plains has started a new tradition with its first 4th of July Celebration last month, with several thousand visitors joining the fun.

The car show featured 88 cars and 10 motorcycles that lined Commercial Street and 314th Avenue.

A parade featured the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, City Council, the Garlic Queen, the Knights of Pythias, and lots of other community participants.

Kids played on the grounds of North Plains Christian Church, having their faces painted, blowing bubbles, jumping for fun, and enjoying games. All of this was provided to families for free.

More than 30 vendors presented crafts, food, and services.

Three bands kept everyone entertained throughout the afternoon into the early evening.

And then there were the fireworks. Recology, also known as Nature's Needs, sponsored an amazing fireworks show that was watched by residents and visitors alike. Lasting almost 30 minutes, the pyrotechnics lit up the sky spectacularly.

City Council truly appreciated all of the

community participation in the event, and is supporting the continuation of this new tradition into next year. If you would like to assist with planning next year's event please contact info@northplains.org.



Grand Marshal Irene Kay and Public Works Director Blake Boyles



People's Choice Car Winner



Crowds lined up on Commercial Street for the parade.

Photos provided by Sarah Baker



Pie Eating Contest Winner

Thank You 4th of July Celebration Organizers

Public Works Director Blake Boyles, residents Barb Crocker, Brenda Lyon, and Amber Ames, car enthusiast Willie Goff, and business owners Dan and Nikki Robinson and Lyn Davis. Thanks also to the many volunteers who created a memorable event.

Library News

Storytimes. Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. Special reader Miss Marion will return for a Summer Fun Storytime on **August 1**. Join Children's Librarian Jackie for Storytime on **August 8, 22, and 29**. On **August 15**, meet Emergency Medical Technicians from MetroWest Ambulance and learn how they work with police and firefighters to respond to 911 emergency calls and help sick and injured people.

Rockets!! All ages are welcome to attend this Summer Reading Program event at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Wednesday, **August 1** from 1-2:00 p.m. Learn all about rockets and make your own to take home.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, August 2 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 Friday, **August 3** is a 2007 Disney fairy tale musical in which animals talk and happy endings abound. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Smarty Pants!! You won't want to miss this Summer Reading Program event at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Wednesday, **August 8** from 1-2:00 p.m. The Oregon Children's Theater will present an interactive game show for all ages about making healthy choices. All ages are welcome to attend.

Garlic Festival Book and Craft Sale. The Friends of the Library will offer a wide variety of used books, and Library Volunteers will offer homemade craft items at this annual sale held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall and conducted as part of the three-day Elephant

Garlic Festival. Shop for bargains on Friday, **August 10** from 12 - 8 p.m., on Saturday, **August 11** from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Sunday, **August 12** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds help fund Library programs and materials.

Garlic Festival Parade. Watch for the Library parade entry on Saturday, **August 11** beginning at 10 a.m.



Garlic Festival Bingo. The Knights of Pythias will host bingo games on Saturday afternoon, **August 12**, in the Jessie Mays Community Hall as a benefit for the Library.

Garlic Festival Quilt Raffle. The winning ticket for the beautiful quilt donated to the Library by the Westside Quilters Guild will be drawn at the Garlic Festival on Sunday, **August 12** at noon. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds help fund Library programs and materials.

Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, **August 13** at the Library from 7 to 9 p.m. New members are welcome.

Imagineers!! Ever wonder what it would be like to be an Engineer? Come learn all about it at this fun, interactive Summer Reading Program event for sixth graders and up. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Wednesday, **August 15** from 1-2:00 p.m.

Reptile Man!!

Turtles, snakes, and frogs – oh my! You won't want to miss Richard Ritchey's fun, fact-filled, and slithery show! All ages are welcome to this End-of-Summer Reading Celebration on Wednesday, **August 22** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall.

Henna Tattoo Party!! Teens (those entering 6th through 12th grades) - join in the fun on Thursday, **August 23** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Roving Horse Henna will teach participants all about henna and its application. Everyone attending will be able to receive a non-permanent henna tattoo. This program marks the finale of the Teen Summer Reading Celebration.



Library Book Club. On Wednesday, **August 29** at 7 p.m. at the Library, Book Club participants will discuss the book, [The Girl Who Fell From the Sky](#) by Heidi Durrow. This debut novel won the Bellwether Prize for best fiction manuscript addressing issues of social justice. The daughter of a Danish immigrant

and a black G.I., Rachel survives a family tragedy only to face new challenges. Sent to live with her strict African-American grandmother in a racially divided northwest city, she must suppress her grief and reinvent herself in a mostly black community. A beauty with light brown skin and blue eyes, she attracts much attention in her new home. The world wants to see her as either black or white, but that's not how she sees herself. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Craft Night. Bring your handicraft projects to the Library on Thursday, **August 30** from 5:30-8 p.m. Meet new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy the camaraderie.

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

**Garlic Festival Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for the information booth, please call Patti Burns @ 503-647-2619 or email lochlolly1@aol.com.



Council Election Filing Period Open for November 6, 2012 Election

Persons interested in running for City Council or Mayor must file election papers prior to August 28, 2012.

You may qualify as a candidate if you are eligible to vote in the election and have been a resident of North Plains for the twelve month period immediately preceding the election.

The process for running is fairly simple:

1) You must complete 3 one-page forms:

- SEL 101 *Candidate Filing* form
- SEL 121 *Candidate Signature* sheet
- SEL 301 *Statement*

These forms may be downloaded

from www.oregonvotes.org, downloaded from www.northplains.org, or picked up at City Hall during business hours. There is no cost associated with filing forms with the City of North Plains.

2) You will need to meet with the City Manager, who serves as the elections officer, and obtain certification for your forms (particularly the signature form).

3) Gather 25 nominating signatures from registered voters who reside in North

Plains and return those forms to the City Manager prior to August 28. Ideally, signatures will be submitted before August 15.

If you have any questions, please email City Manager Martha DeBry at martha@northplains.org.



The City's elections webpage has forms and more information

North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival Events 2012

North Plains Library Book Sale
inside Jessie Mays,
Fri. 12 noon – 8 pm
Sat. 10 am-8 pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm

Friday, August 10th

12:00 noon Festival Gates Opens

12:00 noon Beer Garden, Food
Vendors and Arts & Crafts
Vendors Open

2:00 pm Food Vendor Food
Judging contest

3 pm -5:00 pm

Rogue Bluegrass Band

5:30-8:00 pm

Wade Daughtry Band

8:30-11:00 pm

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Festival closes at 11:00 PM



www.funstinks.org

Saturday, August 11th

10:00 am Festival Gates Opens

8:00 am 10K Run,
starts at Jessie Mays

8:00 am-3:00 pm Vintage Car Show

8:00 am Pancake Breakfast
at the Senior Center

9:00 am Farmers Market Opens
downtown North Plains

10:00 am Food, Arts & Crafts
Vendors, Beer Garden Opens. Parade
downtown North Plains

2:00 pm -5:00 pm Bingo inside the
Jessie Mays Community Center

12:00 noon -2:30 pm **Twangshifters**

3:00 pm -5:00 pm **23 Windows**

5:30 pm- 8:00 pm **Responsible Party**

8:30 pm -11:00 pm **Concrete
Cowboys**

Festival closes at 11:00 pm



Sunday, August 12th

10:00 am Festival Gates Opens

10:00 am Beer Garden, Food and
Arts & Crafts Vendors Open

10:00 am -11:30 North Plains
Christian Church

12 noon -1:30 pm **Rob Richter &
Jessica Hitchborn**

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm **LUX**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Norman Sylvester

6:00 pm Festival Closes for 2012

Notes from North Plains Senior Center

The North Plains Senior Center operates a Meals on Wheels program, and we have meals available. If you need home delivery of a noon meal, call the Center at 503-647-5666 to sign up.



Volunteers are still needed to drive and deliver meals. Contact the Senior Center if you can help.



SENIORS DISH IT UP!

The Garlic Festival is fast approaching, and the North Plains Senior Center will once again be part of the action. First up is a sausage and pancake fund-raising breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 11. It's just \$5.00 for the *all-you-can-eat* meal.



Then, from 11:00 a.m. on, we'll fire up the BBQ and offer hamburgers, hot dogs and various other delights. Funds raised from food sales will

provide services and activities for the seniors in our community, so come join us! And bring a friend!



LOOKING AHEAD

The new Senior Center Board of Directors is putting together a list of services, classes, etc. to offer to the community. They're currently working to find someone who will provide free legal aid. Also being talked about is a Driver Safety Course for Seniors which will, with many companies, reduce the cost of automobile insurance. Any ideas are welcome. Contact Board Secretary Judy Dreis.



AND SPEAKING OF BOARDS

The North Plains Senior Center is happy to announce its Board of Directors for fiscal years 2012-2014. New officers are

- Margaret Wold, Center Manager
- Patti Burns, Vice-Chairman
- Judy Dreis,

Secretary

- Karen Jackey, Treasurer, and
- Directors at Large: Orvalle Lengele
Vernon Epling
Chuck Wilson

The Senior Center looks forward to their contributions to the Board and their efforts to increase membership and community awareness and participation.



JOIN THE FUN

The NPSC fiscal year began July 1, so now is the time to become a member of the Senior Center. Many don't realize that although Loaves & Fishes provides the food and Meals on Wheels lunches, members provide many social, physical exercise, and educational programs.

*North Plains Senior Center is located at
31450 NW
Commercial Street
503.647.5666*



North Plains Senior Center

What is this?



It is a Quick Response code (QR code) for a website. When viewed by a scanner on a smart phone this image will take you straight to a website (above is www.northplains.org) QR codes can be generated for any website for free, if you search for a "QR code generator" online. Many businesses use these images to provide quick contact information.

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Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to assist the City with light office work, landscape design or planting, or organizing community events, please

contact us at

503-647-5555 or at

info@northplains.org

Calendar

Farmers' Market – every Saturday, 9 am. to 1 p.m., August 4, 11, 18, and 25 on 314th at Commercial Street

City Council – 7 p.m. on August 6 at Jessie Mays (Second meeting cancelled.)

National Night Out – 6:30 p.m. on August 7 at Jessie Mays

North Plains Garden Club – 9 a.m. on August 8 at Jessie Mays

Planning Commission – 7 p.m. on August 8 at Jessie Mays

Garlic Festival – August 10-12 at Jessie Mays

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast and BBQ – Starting at 8 a.m., August 11 at the Senior Center

Garlic Festival Car Show – Saturday, August 11

Chamber of Commerce – Noon on August 14 at the Fire Station

Concert in the Park – 6:30 p.m. on August 24 at Jessie Mays

Blood Drive – August 25 at the Farmers Market

Campfire in the Park – 6:30 p.m. August 30 at Jessie Mays

Council Agenda

City Council will be giving consideration to the following items in August:

- Ordinance amendment to R2.5 Zoning code adjusting set backs and minimum lot sizes
- Bench sponsorship program
- Street closure, Kaybern
- Parks Advisory Committee role

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

This agenda includes consideration of the purchase of a property on Commercial Street and the related loan approval.

Newsletter

We recognize that the community of North Plains goes far beyond its borders. So, the City of North Plains is reaching out to the outlining area to help build a stronger Community.

Every month, a North Plains Newsletter goes out in the Water Bills to those who live inside the city. We also offer the newsletter to everyone who lives outside of the City in the 97133 zip area. If you know of anyone in the 97133 area who would like to receive the North Plains Newsletter, please have them send a request by email to: info@northplains.org.

The strength of North Plains is in its community. A lot has been done to build a strong community, and I see this as one more spoke in the wheel towards that end.

Please pass this on to those who might be interested.

David Hatcher
Mayor

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.