

April 2013

# Community News



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## Volunteer Recognition Night on April 11

Everyone is invited to this free event.

The 12th Annual North Plains Volunteer Recognition Night and Spaghetti Feed is scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this annual event honoring the town's many dedicated volunteers with a free spaghetti dinner. This year's event is sponsored by the City of North Plains, North Plains Senior Center, and North Plains Events Association. It will follow a new format to recognize the many organizations and people that make this community a great place to live.

Community organizations are encouraged to call ahead to reserve tables for their groups. Contact Pam at 503.647.5555 or [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org).

### Free Children's Acting Classes

"Acting With Mo" starts an 8-week session on Mondays from 3:30-5 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall.

Please contact Mo for more information: 503 447-1263

## Dance at Jessie Mays on April 27

A dance to benefit the North Plains Senior Center, which provides Meals on Wheels for local seniors, will be held April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for evening of good country music and dancing. The band will be D&T Country, which was featured at our first event in January. Food and drinks will be available for sale.

Everyone is welcome including kids. Suggested donation is \$5 per adult.

## May Madness!

May 4 events:

- City-Wide Garage Sale presented by North Plains Events Association and the City.
- North Plains Community Garden Club Plant Sale at Jessie Mays. Lots of vegetables, fruits and other ornamental plants.
- Compost Giveaway at Community Garden on Commercial Street across from Fire Station and next to Robinson's LTD Florists.
- Library Bake Sale between City Hall and the Library.

May 11 events:

- Clean up day at Jessie Mays

## 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. Story reader Miss Marion will be our guest on **April 3**, and the story theme will be Tricky Tales. The Special Guest Storytime on **April 17** will feature Farmer Clark's Goats. Learn how goats live on the farm and listen to stories about other barnyard animals. Youth Librarian Jackie will host Storytime on **April 10** and **April 24**.

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, **April 4** at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome to join.

**First Friday Flick.** Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Library. The PG-rated, 2012 computer-animated comedy film to be shown on **April 5** features a "bad guy" arcade-game character who is tired of being overshadowed by the "good guy," so he sets out to prove he's got what it takes to be a hero. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

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

**Travel Author Chantal Kelly.** Discover Italy's charming Amalfi coast through the eyes of tour guide and travel writer Chantal Kelly on Thursday, **April 11** beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library. Born and raised in Brussels, Belgium, Kelly developed an early love of travel as she vacationed with her family throughout Europe. She gained fluency in five languages (French, Dutch, English, Spanish, and Italian), worked for an Italian travel agency, and ultimately formed her own boutique agency, guiding small groups throughout France, Italy, and other European destinations.



Part travelogue and part history, Kelly's book, *Gelato Sisterhood on the Amalfi Shore*, will fascinate anyone who's ever wanted to indulge in travel to Italy. The book also offers a number of mouth-watering recipes. The author will have her book for sale and for signing after her presentation.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the North Plains Public Library.

Chantal Kelly now lives with her husband in Portland, Oregon. For more information about the author, visit <http://www.chantalkelly.com>.

**Super Saturday – The Portland Ballet.** K-6<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy this mini-performance and sample ballet lessons from dancers in the ballet troupe beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, **April 13** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall.



**National Storyteller Kim Weitkamp, performing "A Girl Named Kimmy,"** will be on stage at the North Plains Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, **April 18**. This free program is designed for adults

and children ages 6 and up. Kim's appearance in North Plains is part of the Art of the Story Festival organized by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) and is hosted by the North Plains Public Library.

Nationally known as a humorist, speaker, storyteller, singer, and author, Kim Weitkamp has taken home an armload of awards and recognitions. She travels the continent full time performing in theaters and at festivals. Kim has made numerous television appearances, hosted a successful morning show, and has keynoted for Forbes-listed companies and high-level non-profits. For more information, visit her website at [www.kimweitkamp.com](http://www.kimweitkamp.com).

The Art of the Story Festival occurs during National Library Week, April 13-20. This year marks the 9<sup>th</sup> annual WCCLS Storytelling Festival. Five professional storytellers, including Kim Weitkamp, will perform throughout the week at libraries within the county. For more

information, visit the WCCLS website at <http://www.wccls.org/festival>

**Library Book Club.** On Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m., the book for discussion will be The Oath by Jeffrey Toobin. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and President Barack Obama are both brilliant and charismatic men, determined to change the course of the nation. However, Roberts is liberal, and Obama is conservative, which puts them at odds at every turn. With four new justices on the Court in five years, this is a dramatically different Supreme Court, playing for high stakes. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Craft Night.** Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other personal craft projects to the Library on Thursday, **April 25** from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of camaraderie and dedicated handiwork time.



**BAKE SALE Saturday, May 4 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in front of the Library.

The sale features coffee, and yummy homemade baked goods (not made in commercial kitchens) such as muffins, cupcakes,

cookies, coffee cake, whole pies, lemon and other kinds of bars, breads, brownies, and cinnamon rolls.

Also available are Raffle tickets for the Library quilt (winning ticket to be drawn at *Summer Fest & Garlic Out West!*); tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 Selected Friends of the Library books for sale on the red cart, Fannie Mae candy bars, \$1 each and Handmade greeting cards.

And new this year: **100 FREE children's comic books** in celebration of Free Comic Book Day 2013 and provided by Diamond Comic Distributors

**Annual Library Plant Sale**, on three successive Saturdays, May 11, 18, and 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Library on Commercial Street. The selection will include vegetables and flowers.



## Annual Spring Plant Sale North Plains Community Garden Club coming on May 4

NPCGC will be selling plants at their annual sale on Saturday, May 4, from 8a.m. to 4p.m. Look for the tents at Jessie Mays Community Center, two blocks west of Glencoe at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, North Plains, OR.

Thousands of healthy plants, selected and grown for this area, will be available at prices pleasing to the pocketbook, including: herbs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, succulents, and house plants. Purchase planted pots, hanging baskets, or garden art for the perfect Mother's Day gift. Funds raised from the sale support NPCGC gardening and charity projects in North Plains and Washington County. Help us support our community by making your world more beautiful.



## City-Wide Garage Sale May 4

### *Are you ready to do some spring cleaning?*

The North Plains annual Garage Sale will be held on May 4 this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this free event either as a buyer, a seller, or both.

There is no cost to you to participate as a seller, and free garage sale signs are provided to participants.

If you would like to participate in this year's event, please call City Hall at 503-647-5555 or send an email to [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org).

This year's event is sponsored by North Plains Events Association and the City of North Plains.

## Free Compost Giveaways April 20 and May 4

Recology will provide free compost to North Plains residents at the Community Garden, 31374 NW Commercial Street (across from the Fire Station and next to Robinson's Floral.)

Please bring your own shovels and containers. You can take as much as you can carry away.

## North Plains Farmers' Market

The North Plains Farmers' Market will be open Saturdays, June 15-September 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The market will be accepting SNAP/Oregon Trail Cards, WIC, and Senior vouchers. The market will match SNAP card purchases up to \$5.00 per person, per market thanks to a grant from New Seasons Market. The North Plains Farmers' Market 2013 Vendor Handbook and application are available on line at [www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org). The North Plains Farmers' Market continues to seek applicants for the market board. The application can be found on our web site. You may also find us on Facebook and Twitter.



## Clean Up Day on May 12

Please join us for the annual Clean-Up Day on May 11 at Jessie Mays from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

You could recycle some of your old treasures or dispose of unwanted items in dumpsters. Charitable organizations will be available to accept donations of clothes, shoes, toys, and household goods as well.

Nominal charges for waste help cover the cost of this event.

## Playdate- April 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Parents should plan on attending the event with little ones. Activities will include bounce house jumping and games. No advance registration needed. Just show up ready to have fun. Everyone is welcome.

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## websiterevamped:

*Have you looked at the City's website lately?* It has new look. NorthPlains.org still has lots of information about City services, online payment links, and online forms. It has links to many community services like Ride Connection and the NP Elementary School.

A special section is devoted to business in our community. It provides guidance for new and established businesses, including information about regulations and how to get loans.

The City has a mobile site, too, that can be easily viewed on handheld devices. This new interface allows one touch access to departments, forms, and events.

If you have an android phone you can download the North Plains app for one touch access to our website. Follow this QR code.



## Note from Police Chief

It may sound too good to be true: *You have been selected to be a secret shopper. Just cash this check, deduct your service charges and start shopping...*



BEWARE! It is a scam to entice good people to cash bad checks. Recently several residents have shared an email stating that Western Union is looking for secret shoppers. Unfortunately there is little law enforcement can do to stop this spam because most of it comes from overseas. The best thing to do is tear it up and throw it away; then educate your family and friends about this kind of scam. Websites like Hoax Slayer [www.hoax-slayer.com](http://www.hoax-slayer.com) can alert you to the latest forms of internet scams.

PGE has also provided a message (reprinted below) about a phone scam currently active in our area. Please follow their advice and never give your credit information to someone calling you. A legitimate business will allow you to call them on a published phone number during business hours.

## PGE warns residential and business customers of phone scam

*Callers pretending to be utility company asking for payment*

Portland General Electric residential and business customers are being targeted by a telephone scam in which customers are being contacted via telephone by someone claiming to be with PGE and saying the customers are past due on their accounts, and they need to pay immediately or their power will be disconnected. Many of the targeted customers are not past due.

The customers are directed to purchase a pre-paid credit card and call the person back with the credit card number or the person calls back to get the number. PGE has received dozens of calls from residential and business customers

during the past several weeks and is working with authorities on the matter.

If customers believe they have been targeted by this scam, they should report this to PGE Customer Service at 503-228-6322 or 800-542-8818 and contact their local police department immediately. If PGE customers are past due on their electric bills, they will be notified by PGE in two ways before service is disconnected:

- A written notice on PGE letterhead 15 days and five days before disconnection with information on the different ways to pay the bill.
- Automated phone calls 15 days and up to five days before disconnection that connects them with an automated system that can take payment. All incoming calls are identified on caller ID as PGE customer service.

PGE residential customers never receive phone calls from a live person asking for payment. Rarely does PGE call its business customers directly. All telephone payments are completed through an automated service. If customers question the authenticity of calls asking for payment, PGE encourages them to hang up the phone and call Customer Service.

PGE customers can pay their bills at [PortlandGeneral.com/options](http://PortlandGeneral.com/options), by text via registered smart phone, through an automated phone system, through the mail, or by visiting one of the company's seven community offices. If customers are having trouble paying their electric bills, PGE urges them to contact Customer Service right away. PGE can arrange a payment plan or connect the customer with energy assistance programs.

## Free Gun Locks

North Plains Police Department is distributing hand-gun locks free of charge. You can pick up the locks at City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, during business hours.

## Dates to remember

- 4/1 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 4/3 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 4/4 **Writers' Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 4/5 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 4/8 **Friends of Library Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 4/9 **Chamber of Commerce** 12 noon at the Fire Station
- 4/10 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 4/10 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- North Plains Garden Club** 9a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 4/11 **Volunteer Recognition Dinner** 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- Travel Author Chantal Kelly** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 4/13 **Super Saturday Portland Ballet** 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 4/14-4/20 **Art of the Story Week**
- 4/15 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 4/15 – 4/19 **Scholastic Spring Book Fair at North Plains Elementary**, public welcome; there will be some great prizes.
- 4/17 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- Recology Stake-Holders Meeting** 6 p.m. at the Library
- Library Board Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Library
- 4/18 **Storyteller Kim Weitkamp** 7:30 at North Plains Elementary School
- 4/20 **Compost Giveaway** at the Community Garden
- 4/24 **Annual Fun'd Run at North Plains Elementary**. Kids will be running laps during their regular scheduled PE time, 100% of the profit will benefit our school.

4/24 **Parks Advisory Board** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays

## Notice of Proposed Water Rate Increase

City Council will consider a recommendation to increase water rates by 3% as of October 1, 2013. The increase would affect all bills after that date. Both the meter rates and consumption charges would be increased by 3%.

A report about the discussion of water rate increases can be found in the Council agenda packet for March 18, 2013 (which can be found at <http://www.northplains.org/index.php/boards-and-commissions/city-council/agendas-and-minutes>)

A public hearing will be scheduled for May 6 to review the proposed increase. Any member of the public may speak at the hearing.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposal may send written comments to [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org), or Water Rates, c/o City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133.

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