

February 2013

Community News



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Playdate

February 24 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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Tribute to Buddy Holly Sock Hop February 22



It's time to Rock 'n roll at Jessie Mays on February 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Attend this free "Tribute to Buddy Holly" concert featuring great oldies hits.

Thanks to Abbey Creek Winery, Chevron, Corner Bistro and Valley Machine for sponsoring the City's Music Show events.

WA County Decision on Nature's Needs

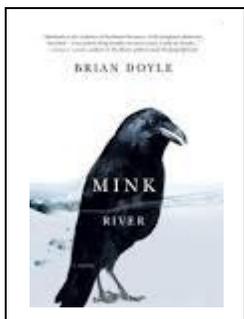
Washington County Commissioners held a public hearing on January 22, 2013 to discuss an amendment to the franchise held by Recology, allowing the acceptance of municipal waste at the Nature's Needs facility, located immediately to the east of the City near 307th Avenue. After hearing testimony from Mayor Hatcher, Councilors Lenahan, Kindel and Newton and dozens of residents from the City and neighboring areas, the Commissioners decided to approve an option that amends the franchise agreement to allow the acceptance of residentially-generated food wastes for the duration of the franchise (until July 2015). As conditions of approval Recology must agree to stop acceptance of commercial food waste by April 1, fund a consultant who will conduct odor monitoring, report and meet regularly with County and City staff and reduce plastic debris on site. Additionally, Recology must agree to a condition that the County can order Nature's Needs to stop accepting all food waste should the Board of Commissioners determine that odors are at an "unacceptable" level. In theory, if odors persist after June the Board can demand that Recology cease acceptance of all food waste. Commissioners expressed concern that denying the acceptance of all food waste could effectively shut down the Nature's Needs facility, and they wanted to ensure Recology had the opportunity to demonstrate that they can manage odor once the commercial food waste stream is removed.

Free Kids Acting Classes

Free acting classes are being offered to students (5th and 6th grade.)

Volunteers Maureen Hicks and Tracy Baslington will be sharing their many years of theater experience as they lead the classes. Classes are on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall. Kids will learn acting skills and play theater games. No prior experience is required. Call Maureen for more info or to enroll (503) 447-1263.

Sixth Annual **OneBOOK** North Plains Reads!
OneCOMMUNITY Mink River

**One Book One
 Community Kickoff
 Event with Author
 Brian Doyle
 February 2**

Friends of the Library members have selected award-winning *Mink River* by Lake Oswego author and *Portland Magazine* editor Brian Doyle as the featured book for their 6th annual community reading program. Doyle's work, set in the fictional Oregon coast village of Neawanaka, and its cast of fascinating characters, human and nonhuman, deals with the icons, spirits, and tales found in that community's fabric. Meet the author and enjoy refreshments at the opening event on Saturday, **February 2**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Library. The Friends of the North Plains Public Library are proud to have won a grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County to help with funding for the 2013 One Book One Community program.

February Art and Quilt Exhibits. Displayed in the computer/program room and above the checkout desk throughout the months of February and March will be Celtic quilts by Philomena Durcan. These are in recognition of the Celtic theme in the book *Mink River*.

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, Disney animated, comedy/horror film by creator Tim Burton to be shown on **February 1** features the story of a boy and the beloved pet dog that he brings back to

life. 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. Guest story reader Miss Marion will feature a Boxes theme on **February 6**. On **February 20**, come meet Firefighters from Washington County Fire District 2 as they tell about their jobs and read stories. Youth Librarian Jackie will host Storytime on **February 13 and 27**.

Writers' Group Workshop Led by Author Brian Doyle. On **February 7** at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, join us for a special writing workshop with *Mink River* author Brian Doyle. New members and visitors are welcome to attend this free event.

Super Saturday. At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, **February 9** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, watch and listen to master storyteller Will Hornyak as he regales young and old alike with tales from Native American and Irish Celtic legends. These two cultures have been specifically selected because they are featured in the book *Mink River* by Brian Doyle. All ages are welcome to attend this free event.

Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, **February 11** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome.

Innisfree Music Concert and Program. The musical duo of Brenda Searcy and Jim Lowenhertz will perform a variety of Irish Celtic songs and music, including jigs, reels, and ballads. Historical

background will be provided for each piece. This free concert will take place at the Library beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **February 14**. All ages are welcome to celebrate Valentine's Day by attending this very special performance.

Holiday Closure. The Library will be closed in honor of Presidents' Day on Monday, **February 18**.

Book Discussion. On Wednesday, **February 20**, there will be a special gathering of interested community members and visitors to discuss the book Mink River. This discussion will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Library and be led by Mike Spooner. Everyone is invited to participate in this free event.

Art Lecture. Come to hear Celtic quilt artist Philomena Durcan discuss "The Celts and Their Art" on Friday, **February 22**, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Library. She will explain the history of this design form and her artistic method of creating the quilts on display. Her four books are available for checkout from the Washington County Cooperative Library Services. This program is free of charge and open to everyone.

Craft Night. Join us on Thursday evening, **February 28**, at 6:00 p.m. for a two-hour class on how to weave Native American pine needle baskets taught by Jacque Hermens. This class is offered to highlight one of the themes of the book, Mink River. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. Call the Library at 503-647-5051 to reserve your place.

Classes and One-on-One Instruction. Let us know if you need instruction in downloading ebooks to your iPad/Nook/Kindle, if you need help with basic computer functions, or if you would like job search tips and information about career databases. North Plains Library staff will be compiling a list of people interested in these topics, and expert volunteers will be providing personal assistance this winter.

Read to the Dogs. Pet Partners (www.petpartners.org) is a non-profit human-services organization that brings individuals together who share a common passion - a love of animals and people. In libraries, certified dogs and their owners offer children the opportunity to practice reading skills in a non-judgmental environment – to a friendly dog. This program will begin at the North Plains Library this winter. Please call to let us know if you have a 1st-5th grade child who would be interested in participating.

Library open hours are Mon – Wed 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thurs – Sat 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at www.nplibrary.org for more information.

Reduced fees for New House Construction

City Council recently approved a temporary reduction in fees for the construction of new single family homes on vacant or partitioned lots. For a limited time the City will reduce System Development Charges (SDC's) and In-lieu Street Fee up to 75%. This can save a property owner \$10,000 or more on the construction of a new single family home.

To qualify for the incentive the builder must pledge to buy American products when available and follow Energy Star and Waterwise guidelines to ensure energy efficiency and water conservation best practices are used during construction. Additionally the general contractor must be or pledge to hire a North Plains subcontractor for at least 10% of the project value.

Council hopes these incentives will encourage property owners to develop vacant lots on existing streets. (The incentives are not available to subdivisions of 3 or more homes.)

Last year, Council also reduced fees for lot line adjustments and partitions. For less than \$350 it is possible to divide a lot into two parcels. No costly deposit is required as in the past.

The incentives will be reduced to 50% in 2014 and 25% in 2015. They expire in 2016.

♥ Bring your sweetheart out for a fun-filled ♥
night of BINGO at
North Plains Elementary School!
All members of the community are invited to attend!

Date: Friday, February 8th, 2013

Time: Food starting – 5:30 PM
Games start at 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

North Plains PTO will be serving slices of pizza for \$1.00, soda, water and candy too.

Enter the raffle for your chance to win a Kindle HD Fire!!

♥ Bingo games with great prizes. Please join the fun! ♥



The City of North Plains Presents
**Sock Hop Dance
with live music**



A Tribute to
The Day the Music Died

Jessie Mays Community Hall 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
February 22, 2013, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the music of the 50's and bring the kids!
Let them dance and sing along to the music you (or your parents) grew up listening to.

Special thanks to our sponsors

Valley Machine

Abbey Creek Winery, Corner Bistro and Chevron

(A little history: The Day the Music Died was an aviation accident that occurred on February 3, 1959, near Clear Lake, Iowa, killing legendary rock and roll musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.)



Senior Center News:

Steak and Oysters On the Way!

The North Plains Senior Center will be cooking up a **STEAK & OYSTER DINNER, Saturday February 23rd at 6:00**. Only 50 tickets will be sold for the event which will be held at the Center. The menu includes your choice of Steak or Oysters, salad, baked potato, dessert and a glass of wine. Tickets are \$30 and are available at the Senior Center. For reservations, come in or call 503-647-5666 by Feb. 20th.

There will also be a nice Door Prize for some lucky diner!

Get your tickets now and support our mission to *provide for the needs of the seniors in our area, and serve as a Community Center with activities and programs for people of all ages.*

5th Annual Crab Feast a Winner!

A thousand thanks to everyone who made our Crab Feast such a success. Jessie Mays Community Center was jam-packed with Crab and Steak lovers who feasted indeed! Our deepest appreciation to sponsors City of North Plains, Washington County Fire District 2, Loch Lolly Christmas Forest, Abbey Creek Winery and Reser's Fine Foods. Special thanks to Dick and Sherry Thompson and DT & Country for their terrific country music, and to those who contributed their time, talents, energy and raffle and auction items to make the evening so enjoyable.

Don't Be a Target

Do you have personal papers that need shredding? The Senior Center is here to help you with our secure recycling box. Bring in your papers and drop them in the box. It's a locked box and each Friday the shredding truck comes by to pick it up, unlock it and empty it into the shredder. No muss, no fuss, and NO ONE looks at your papers. Be safe, not sorry! Any resident can use this service.

Deep in the Heart of Taxes

It's that time again and once again the Senior Center is offering free tax preparation--through AARP--each Wednesday, now through April 10. ***You don't have to be a senior to take advantage of this service.*** Anyone can ask for assistance. Call 503-647-5666 or come in for an appointment.

Your North Plains Senior Center is here to serve you. For information about activities or events or other questions about the Center, please call 503-447-5666.

Looking for job?

North Plains Library offers free resources to help you find a job. We can assist you with drafting your resume on the computer, and searching for positions on the internet. We can even fax your resume to prospective employer for free.

Tax Forms

Copies of the most used tax forms are available at the Library.

Additionally the Library has a book of the less frequently used forms that can be copied for use.

Free Admission to Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum

You can check out a Cultural Pass at the Library that admits two people to the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum for free. Kids 4 and under are also admitted free.

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Dates to Remember

2/2 One Book One Community (OBOC) Kick Off event 6:30 P.M. at the Library



2/4 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays

2/7 OBOC Writer's Workshop with Brian Doyle author of Mink River 6:30 p.m. at Library

2/12 Chamber of Commerce 12 noon at Fire Station

2/13 North Plains Garden Club 9:00 a.m. at Jessie Mays

Planning Commission Meeting 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays

2/14 OBOC Irish Celtic Music by Innisfree 7 p.m. at Library

2/19 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays

2/20 OBOC Book Discussion 9:30 a.m. at Library

Recology Stake Holders Meeting 6 p.m. at Library

Library Board Meeting 7 p.m. at Library

2/22 Sock Hop Music Show - The Day the

Music Died 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays

OBOC Art Lecture by Celtic Quilt Artist Durcan 7:30 p.m. at the Library

2/24 Playdate 1:30-5 at Jessie Mays

2/27 Parks Advisory Board 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays

2/28 OBOC Craft Night- Pine Needle Basketmaking 6 p.m. at Library (preregistration required)

Council Agenda

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

- Supplemental budget
- Ordinances related to Procedural Rules of the Council, Zoning Code changes, Business Licenses, and Sanitary Sewers
- Discussion of in lieu street fee

City Council has regular meetings scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. Due to the holiday, this month's second meeting will be held on a Tuesday. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas are published on the City's website the week before the meeting.

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.

Recology's Stake Holder Meetings

Recology hosts meetings at the North Plains Library at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month to discuss issues related to the operations of Nature's Needs including odor complaints. February 20 is the next meeting. Please call Recology if you would like additional information or wish to provide comments (503) 647-9489

Jingle Winners

Best Lighted House:
31560 NW Kaybern St

Most Likely to be Seen from Space:
11185 NW 313th

Best Street Spirit:
Lenox Street (West of Main St)

Best Holiday Spirit:
31840 NW North Ave

Best Parade Entry:
Merry Elf, Johnson Cart #1