



North Plains Connected

A monthly newsletter from the City of North Plains - November 2022

City of North Plains

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Mayor's Corner: Homeless Resources



Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, homelessness took on a greater priority in communities across our nation. Local, state and federal governments stepped forward to provide resources for those in need and many local organizations continue to provide various levels of support for those experiencing homelessness.

The laws and landscape related to camping on public property have changed significantly, requiring cities to balance the constitutional rights of people experiencing homelessness with the health, safety, wellness and economic stability of residents and businesses. While North Plains has not been impacted by homelessness in comparison to other cities across Oregon, we want to be compassionate and proactively ready for any issues that might come our way. Last month, the City Council amended the North Plains Municipal Code 131.14 to comply with *Martin v. Boise*, *Blake v. Grants Pass* and HB 3115. The City Council took this step to ensure the safety for all our community members.

I am one of 25 mayors who formed a task force to develop a response to homelessness that would help all communities statewide, regardless of size or location. In truly collaborative style, the mayors partnered with the Oregon Mayors Association and the League of Oregon Cities to establish an initiative to present to the 2023 Oregon Legislature and Oregon's next governor. The task force's plan to humanely and timely address the homelessness crisis in Oregon involves a partnership between the state of Oregon and its 241 cities.

If you are at risk of becoming homeless, or know of someone who is, there is help out there! Community Connect at 503-640-3263 or email communityconnect@caowash.org has an extensive list of services. Other specific places are: Safe Place for Youth at 503-542-2389, 211 Info at 2-1-1 or 503-222-5555, The Salvation Army at 202-660-3984 and the Forest Grove Foundation at info@forestgrovefoundation.org. If you don't need these services but want to give back, most of these organizations have Wish Lists and/or accept donations. To end homelessness, housing and food insecurity, we must work together to find solutions that fit the need.

In thanks and service to you,

~ Mayor Teri

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News From Your Library

November is Picture Book Month!



Celebrate with the library by reading award-winning Caldecott Medal picture books during the month and don't forget to vote for your favorite!

Storytime at the Library!

Drop-in, no registration required. Wednesdays at 11 am in the children's area. Bookbabies at the Library on Fridays at 10 am in the children's area.

Virtual Storytime -Tuesdays at 11 am Mrs. Emily continues to offer Storytime LIVE on Zoom! To join her for live weekly interactive storytime sessions register online at <https://www.wccls.org/events>. No library card required to register.

Bilingual Hindi Storytime -Thursdays at 10 am from October 13-December Join Bakul for an interactive storytime on Zoom where kids will learn new Hindi words, and enjoy rhymes and stories.

Stories will be told in both Hindi and English. Register online at <https://www.wccls.org/events>. No library card required to register.



Kindergarten Readiness Classes on Zoom

North Plains Public Library is offering three levels of FREE academic enrichment classes! Get your child ready for success in Kindergarten and inspire a love of lifelong learning with Mrs. Emily & Miss Chris! Register online at <https://www.wccls.org/events>, no library card required to register.

- Level 1 - Thursdays at 1:00 pm
- Level 2 - Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
- Kindergarten Continuation - Wednesdays at 4 pm

Teen Council

Friday, November 18th at 4:30 pm. Do you want to connect with other teens? Are you a teen that wants to make a difference in our community? Do you have some ideas on how the North Plains Public Library could better serve teens? We want YOU to join! We meet every 3rd Friday of the month! Drop in, no registration required.

Teen Photo Contest - Nature

Open to teens in 6th-12th grade. Take a nature photo

and email it to briannas@wccls.org for a chance to win a \$15 gift card to Powell's Books. Entries will be share on the Library's Instagram and Facebook pages



Tai Chi & Qigong Class at the Senior Center

Tai Chi & Qigong Class Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in the Senior Center basement September 9th-October 28th. Learn and practice Tai Chi and Qigong exercises to increase energetic vitality, rejuvenate the mind, body, & soul, and improve agility and flexibility with Christina. Drop in, no registration required.

Yoga Class

Tuesdays at 8 am in the Senior Center Basement October 4th- November 29th. Let's explore the basics of Yoga using gentle, therapeutic movements to help strengthen your body with some breathing exercises to rejuvenate the mind. All ages welcome. No registration required. Please wear comfortable clothing.



Note: The North Plains Library will close at 5 pm Wednesday, November 23rd and will be closed on Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

November City Calendar

Public meetings and events below are taking place in-person and many offer virtual options (subject to change).

Visit www.northplains.org/calendar for more events and details.

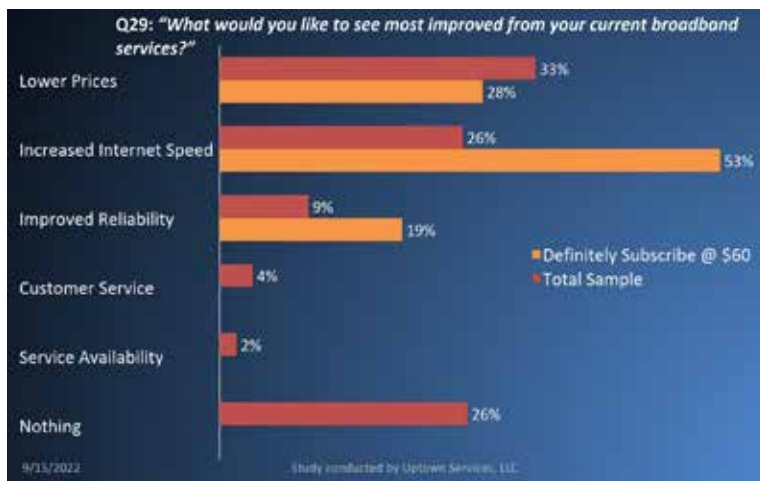


- 11/2 Economic Development Committee - 6 pm
- 11/7 City Council w/Work Session - 6 pm
- 11/9 Planning Commission - 7:00 pm
- 11/14 Parks & Recreation Board - 6 pm
- 11/16 Library Board - 7 pm
- 11/21 City Council - 7 pm
- 11/24 & 25 City offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Broadband Opportunities Survey Recap

The City of North Plains is studying the state of broadband in North Plains. Our goal is to identify and evaluate a range of options for the City to consider the availability, affordability, reliability, and capacity of broadband infrastructure for residents and businesses.

In the summer of 2022, we asked the community to take a survey to help us identify how broadband and data services are currently being used and if there are service gaps so we can evaluate options for City-enhanced local broadband. Thank you to all 419 households who took the time to take the survey and share feedback.



Here is a summary of what we heard:

- There are broadband services available throughout North Plains; however, they are greatly limited to one service provider.
- Survey respondents indicated that increased internet speed, price, and reliability are most important to them in broadband service (see chart).
- Respondents are generally not greatly satisfied with their current broadband service (including price, speed, and reliability).
- Respondents indicated they would utilize other broadband services, including City-supported broadband, at a more affordable price.

With this important feedback, we will continue to evaluate what is the most beneficial and cost-effective way for the City to actively enhance broadband for all in North Plains. This includes partnering with Washington County on extending new network fiber and new service choices to North Plains.



Garlic Festival Wins 2022 Hillsboro's Best Awards

After nearly 25,000 readers of Pamplin Media's Hillsboro News-Times and hillsboronewstimes.com cast their votes, the North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival is the top 2022 Best Festival (Gold)! It also won the bronze award for Best Cultural Event. 2022 was the 24th year of this community festival produced by the North Plains Events Association.



HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR

Come help the North Plains Events Association support the Student Holiday Gift Program!

Saturday, November 5, 11 am - 5 pm
Sunday, November 6, 11 am - 4 pm
Jessie Mays Community Center

All items are handmade and you'll be helping to benefit our own community.



Chief's Corner: Washington County Houseless Resources



Chief James Haxton

While houselessness does not always escalate to law enforcement action, the North Plains Police Department appropriately dedicates time and resources to this population to ensure safety for all our community members.

During the global pandemic, Washington County has followed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Oregon Health Authority, and County Public Health officials to allow people camping outdoors to remain where they are when safe to do so. The Supreme Court case *Martin v. Boise* impacts local governments by prohibiting enforcement action against people sleeping outside due to a lack of available shelter space in the community. Our goal is always to promote public safety and to support all our community members, so we ask anyone with information to report suspicious or criminal activity to non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111.

Washington County staff across several departments work

closely with city and community partners to address the urgent needs of individuals experiencing houselessness. Deputies work directly with community partners while on patrol to connect the unhoused community with available resources, conduct risk assessments, and engage with all community members to improve the livability of Washington County.

If you are at risk or are currently experiencing houselessness, or to help someone in need, contact Community Connect (<https://bit.ly/3VIO3p5>) at 503-640-3263. Community Connect is a coordinated entry system that supports people experiencing houselessness or at imminent risk of houselessness to find housing resources in Washington County. For a list of other resources, visit the County's Homeless Resources page (<https://bit.ly/3RUDiak>), and to learn about the Washington County Sheriff's Office Houseless Outreach Programs and Engagement (HOPE) Team, visit bit.ly/WCSO_HOPE.



Leaf Pick Up Scheduled for November 1 & 14

This year, Public Works will be picking up leaves city wide during two leaf pick up weeks. If you'd like your leaves picked up, please have them out in front of your curb by November 1 and November 14. The street tree leaf pick up program helps prevent flooding by collecting leaves that would fall and plug storm catch basins.



To help us better serve you, please place loose leaves curbside by the first day of the scheduled pick up.

Loose leaves must be raked into a windrow parallel and 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain along the gutter. Keep leaf windrows less than 3 feet high.

Other things to consider:

- Please do not park vehicles or place refuse bins or any other obstacles near the leaf windrows. Leaves in driveways, grass, rocks or bark dust will not be picked up.
- Please remember that leaves and branches from trees other than street trees need to be placed in your yard debris bin or taken to Recology. This includes leaves from trees in your back yard.
- Keep in mind that emergencies, severe weather, and light/heavy leaf fall may cause delays in the schedule. We will keep you posted of any changes on the City's website at www.northplains.org.

As a reminder, Recology accepts yard debris year-round and is free for anyone with a North Plains address. Recology is located on NW 307th Avenue. Visit their website at www.recology.com.

Putting a Lid on Cooking Fires



Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries. Last year, more than one-third of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to, began in a kitchen.

TVF&R encourages you to minimize your risk of fire by organizing a safe kitchen and practicing safe cooking tips:

- Keep a watchful eye on what you are cooking — never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking area clean, including the stovetop, oven, and exhaust fan.
- Keep dish towels and pot holders away from the burners on your stove.
- Watch your sleeves to prevent them from catching fire or getting caught on pan handles.
- Cooking oil can ignite quickly. Heat oil slowly and watch it closely.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Store it in an easy-to-reach location and know how to use it. The discharge of a portable fire extinguisher only lasts between eight and 10 seconds.

Put a lid on it.

The easiest way to extinguish a small pan fire is with a pan lid. Turn off the burner and carefully slide a pan lid over the pan from the side. The lid will “smother” the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan is cool. If you do not have a pan lid, you may also use a baking sheet or pizza pan.



Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a countertop, cabinets, or curtains.

Grease and water do not mix.

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned.

If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor's house. For additional safety tips, visit www.tvfr.com.

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November 11, 2022

VETERANS DAY

REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

11:00 AM

NORTH PLAINS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

31230 NW Highland Ct

North Plains, OR 97133

Color Guard and Rifle Salute by the
Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666

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