



# North Plains Connected

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

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## Mayor's Corner: Hearing From You

The North Plains City Council are your elected representatives and we are committed to transparency in our decision-making. Ahead of those decisions, we are committed to engaging with community members and hearing from many diverse perspectives. ***As our community grows, it is even more important that we connect and hear from you.***

Over the last couple of years, the City has provided our public meetings in a 'hybrid meeting' approach. You can choose to join us in-person or on your phone or computer via Zoom. Closed captioning is also available. All community members are invited to attend these meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 7 pm at the Jessie Mays Community Center, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street. This includes public comment time of up to five minutes per speaker. If we have a work session to discuss information about a specific topic without taking a formal vote, the work session begins at 6 pm. You can find our full City Council meeting agendas at [www.northplains.org/citycouncil](http://www.northplains.org/citycouncil) (along with all other city meetings) and if you want to contact any Councilor or myself, our email addresses are available there also. We archive all past meetings which you can find on our [City of North Plains YouTube Channel](#).

Your City Council wants to connect and keep you informed on important things happening in North Plains. We are very grateful when you engage and participate in the conversation. Please feel comfortable reaching out to any of us with your thoughts, suggestions and questions.

Below is a recent candid photo taken at our summer BBQ in August. In order, Alex & Trista Papen, Teri & Mike Lenahan, Butch Kindel, Andy & Kim Varner, James Fage, Cindy & Ricky Smith and Russ & Karen Sheldon. (Councilor Cameron Martinez and her husband Gabe were out of town and thank you to Councilor Fage's wife, Danielle, for taking this photo.)

~ Mayor Teri



# News From Your Library

## Creative Photography Ideas & Techniques

Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 pm at Jessie Mays Community Center. Do you use your phone for taking most of your photos? Perhaps you would like to have more control over the images you create. In this program, teaching artist Iris Tobah will show us how to use readily available tools with our Android phones or iPhones to artistically enhance our picture-taking. Register online at



<https://www.wccls.org/events>. No library card required to register! Note: The Jessie Mays Parking lot is closed due to park improvements, please park on the street around the perimeter of the park.

## Storytime at the Library!

Drop-in, no registration required.

Wednesdays at 11 am in the children's area.

Bookbabies at the Library - 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 pm
- Level 2 - Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
- Kindergarten Continuation - Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

## Teen Council

Friday, October 21st 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.

## OBOB Book Club 3rd-5th & 6th-8th grade

Thursday, October 26th at 4:30 pm at Jessie Mays Community Center. The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program. Join the North Plains OBOB Book Club! Create art, discuss the book, AND THEN BATTLE! Drop-in, no registration required.

## Tai Chi & Qigong Class at the Senior Center

Tai Chi & Qigong Class Fridays at 8 am 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.

## October 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](http://www.northplains.org/calendar) for more events and details.



- 10/3 City Council with Work Session - 6:00 pm
- 10/5 Economic Development Committee - 6 pm
- 10/10 Parks & Rec Board - 6 pm
- 10/12 Planning Commission - 7 pm
- 10/17 City Council - 7 pm
- 10/19 Library Board - 7 pm
- 10/20 North Plains Chili Cook-off - 6:30 pm

# Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Project Update

Consistent with state law, the City of North Plains is working on an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion to allow for an increase in land within the city limits to ensure a 20-year supply for housing and employment.

In 2021, North Plains established a study area for UGB expansion. With the help of experts and a Project Advisory Committee (PAC), the City has since been evaluating potential expansion areas with the goal of recommending an amendment to the North Plains UGB.

## Project Status

At the August 2022 Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting #6, the group reviewed and discussed UGB Expansion Subarea Analyses including transportation-related needs and utility improvements required to serve the proposed UGB expansion subareas, and discussed 40-year growth scenarios.



## Next Steps

The PAC meeting #7, originally planned for October, is now anticipated to take place in November due to ongoing conversations about the Economic Opportunities Analysis which helps project land needed to accommodate future employment growth..

At the PAC #7 meeting, a UGB expansion scenario will be presented for the committee's consideration and discussion. A final PAC meeting will take place early in 2023 to review the UGB Expansion Report and seek the PAC's recommendation before an adoption process moves forward.

## More Information

To learn more about the project, see a list of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members, and view meeting documents, visit: <https://www.northplains.org/planning/page/urban-growth-boundary-expansion>.

# 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 by November 1st and 14th. The focus of the street tree leaf pick up program is to 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. Please note that there is no City drop off site this year so please take them to Recology.



## Fire in the Bowl! Chili Cook-off is Oct 20!

***The Annual North Plains Chili Cook-off is October 20th at Jessie Mays Community Center starting at 6:30 pm.***

Those who wish to enter their best chili recipe must register by October 11 and will be allowed to make their chili entries at home and serve "samples" to people attending the event. The Senior Center will serve a main chili meal to include hot dogs (chili dogs) and corn bread. Desserts are provided also. This event is produced by the North Plains Events Association and is always FREE.

**For more info or to enter go to [www.northplainsevents.com](http://www.northplainsevents.com) and click on Chili Cook-off.**





## Chief's Corner: Halloween Safety



Chief James Haxton

How can I keep my trick-or-treater safe this Halloween?

As we prepare for the excitement of Halloween, we also want to remind the community about the potential dangers when trick-or-treating.

According to Safe Kids USA, children are more than twice as likely to be killed by a car while walking on Halloween than on any other day of the year. We encourage families to #BeSafeBeSeen by ensuring your little ghosts, goblins, and ghouls follow these safety tips:

- LIGHT UP your costume with reflective tape or carry a flashlight or glowstick.



- TRAVEL IN GROUPS and stay within familiar neighborhoods.
- STAY ON SIDEWALKS and be aware of surrounding vehicles.
- DRIVE SLOW and obey all traffic signs and signals.
- STAY ALERT on the road, especially when entering and exiting driveways and alleys.
- PUT THE PHONE AWAY and eliminate distractions behind the wheel and when walking.



Visit <https://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips> for more Halloween safety tips.

As always, call 9-1-1 for emergencies and non-emergency dispatch to report any suspicious activity: 503-629-0111.

We hope these tips keep everyone safe and happy this Halloween!

## Downtown Improvement Planning Continues

The North Plains Downtown Improvement Plan project is progressing. The goal of this plan is to strengthen and enhance downtown, expand business opportunities, and improve the livability of the North Plains community, while also preserving our small-town charm.

In April 2022, the City hosted an in-person open house and online survey to gather feedback from community members about initial concepts for downtown land use and transportation improvements. Building on that feedback, and on earlier project tasks, the City's team has been working on specific recommendations related to the design of Commercial Street (see image above), new street furnishings (lighting, benches, planters, etc), downtown business development, ideas for re-purposing

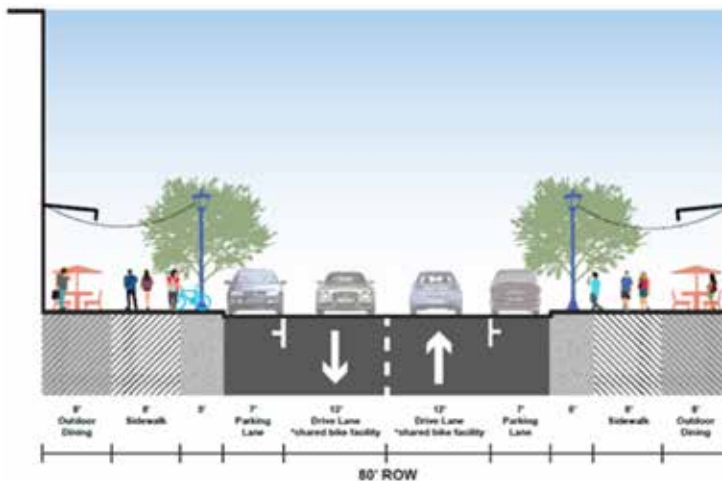
underused buildings, and amendments to the North Plains Development Code.

The Project Advisory Committee, which includes a variety of business and property owners and other downtown

stakeholders, reviewed these initial recommendations at its September 1 meeting. The committee recommended some refinements to the street designs and concepts. Next, the team will work on creating a final Downtown Improvement Plan, which will include specific actions and implementation steps for the recommendations. The City recently brought on an AmeriCorps RARE Volunteer, Doug Kean, to help implement

the plan recommendations.

Learn more about the project and sign up for our email list at [www.northplains.org/downtown](http://www.northplains.org/downtown).



# October is Fire Safety Month



October is Fire Prevention Month, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds you that “fire won’t wait — plan your escape.”

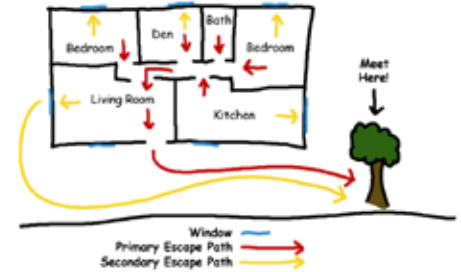
This year, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal campaign, “Plan, Practice, Be Prepared with a Home Fire Escape Plan,” focuses on the importance of knowing what to do in the event of a fire.

Fire is nothing like what you see on television or in the movies. It produces dark and toxic smoke that can fill your home in minutes and can confuse you to the point you never make it out. That is why every firefighter wears an air pack before entering a burning building and uses thermal imaging devices to search for anyone trapped inside a structure.

Working smoke alarms are designed to activate early to help ensure that you and your family have time to safely escape from your home. Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.

To create your escape plan, we recommend drawing a

map of your home with all members of your household and marking two exits from each room and a path to your designated meeting place outside that is a safe distance from your home. One of those exits could be a window.



Once you have an escape map, have a home fire drill and practice using different ways out. Remember to get low and go. We recommend closing doors behind you as you leave to help slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

It’s important to teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them. Families with infants, toddlers, and loved ones with mobility needs should make special plans to ensure everyone gets out safely.

Once outside, remain outside, and call 911. *Never go back inside a burning building for anything.*

For more fire prevention tips and tools to create a fire escape plan, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).



[npparksfoundation.org](http://npparksfoundation.org)

## HONOR A LOVED ONE THIS VETERANS DAY!

### ***Purchase a memorial brick at the North Plains Veteran’s Memorial Park***

On November 11, 2020, the City of North Plains dedicated the Veterans Memorial Park on Highland Ct & 313th Ave. The City has partnered with the North Plains Parks Foundation to sell memorial bricks at \$100/each that will be laid around the flagpole. Bricks are for those who have served or are serving and are a living or deceased veteran.

**ORDER BY OCTOBER 14, 2022, FOR  
INSTALL BEFORE VETERANS DAY!**

Go to <https://www.northplains.org/parksrec/page/veterans-memorial-park> and follow the directions to pay by cash, check, money order or credit/debit card.



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