



North Plains Connected

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

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Mayor's Corner: A New School Year



As summer comes to an end, many families are falling back into the routine of a new school year. As a kid, back to school meant fresh school supplies, new outfits, seeing your friends and new challenges. Plato said, "The beginning is the most important part of the work." The start of the new school year will be a great start to build upon.

Students, you matter to all of us and your willingness to learn will take you places that will amaze you. Parents and guardians, you know this is a team effort. It will be important to band together to support and encourage learning so our kids can stay inspired to achieve their goals and dreams.

Back to school can seem scary, but no matter what comes your way, it is important to remember that knowledge cannot be taken away from you. Dream big and dream often. Everything you do can and will make a difference in your lives.

It is my sincere hope that every student and family will have a healthy and safe learning experience this school year.

Good luck!

~Mayor Teri



Jessie Mays Park Update



You may have noticed some big equipment around Jessie Mays over the past couple of weeks. We are working to make this community park even better for recreation and community events!

Improvements include reconstructed sport courts, including pickleball striping, a covered shelter area, new fencing, improved lighting, a reconfigured play area with new equipment and turf surface, and more.

The community center, outdoor restrooms, and fields on the east end of the park will remain open. Work should be completed by the end of this year. **Note: the parking lot will be closed during construction.**

News From Your Library

Virtual Storytime

Tuesdays at 11 am on Zoom. Mrs. Em will continue to offer Storytime LIVE on Zoom! If you would like to join her for a live weekly interactive storytime session using Zoom, register online OR email emilyw@wccls.org your preferred email address and she will send out Zoom invites with the day and time for online live storytime! Parents and caregivers will learn meaningful techniques that will help you expand learning experiences at home with your child. No library card required to register. If accommodations would help you attend, please ask!

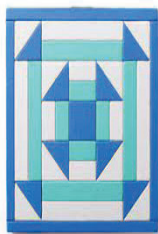
Storytime at the Library!

Wednesdays at 11 am in the children's area. Join us for an hour of songs, books, games, STEAM activities, lifelong learning skills and strategies and more! Parents and caregivers will learn meaningful techniques that will help you expand learning experiences at home with your child. Drop in, no registration required. If accommodations would help you attend, please ask!



Craft Guild

Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 pm in the library. Join our informal group of knitters and quilters from 5:30 pm until 7 pm on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. This is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters, with no formal instruction. Drop-in. No registration is required. If accommodations would help you attend, please ask!



Bookbabies at the Library

Fridays at 10 am in the children's area. Join Miss Chris as she guides parents and caregivers through some inspirational early development activities. Learn techniques that will help you expand learning experiences at home with your child. Visit with other parents and care givers while entertaining and educating your little one. Drop in, no registration required. If accommodations would help you attend, please ask!



Tai Chi & Qigong Class at the Senior Center

Fridays at 8 am at the Senior Center basement starting 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. If accommodations would help you attend, please ask!



Teen Council

Friday, September 16th 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. If accommodations would help you attend, please ask!

Kindergarten Readiness Classes & Kindergarten Continuation will begin in October.

Stay tuned for Autumn Arts & Crafts program series for Adults and Teens kicking off with a Creative Photography Idea & Techniques Class in early October!



September 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.

- 9/5 Labor Day - City Hall & Library closed
- 9/6 City Council with Work Session - 6:30 pm
- 9/7 Economic Development Committee - 6 pm
- 9/12 Parks & Recreation Board - 6 pm
- 9/14 Planning Commission - 7 pm
- 9/19 City Council - 7 pm
- 9/21 Library Board - 7 pm

New Library Strategic Plan Adopted

After endorsement by the North Plains City Council, the North Plains Public Library Board adopted a new North Plains Public Library Strategic Plan on August 16, 2022, to guide the Library's services to the community for the next five years (2022-2027).

The strategic plan is intended to provide a clear path for staff to focus on community-driven aspirations for library service including:

- **MISSION:** Through equitable access to our collection and services, we empower gathering, connection, lifelong learning, and creativity.
- **VISION:** The library is the heart of North Plains where everyone is welcome in our growing and changing community.
- **FOCUS AREAS/SERVICE RESPONSES:**
 - Stimulate Curiosity: Lifelong Learning
 - Celebrate Diversity: Increase Equity, Cultural Awareness, and Inclusion
 - Create readers: Literacy for all ages

"Our Library is so many things to so many people and has something for everyone, which makes the mission, vision, focus areas and goals in this strategic plan so vitally important in helping us to continue to be responsive, visionary, and fiscally responsible in providing outstanding library services to our community," said Library Director Robin Doughty.

The plan ties into the recent City Council Goals and was created between fall 2021 and mid-2022 with input

and help from a variety of stakeholders and partners. These include the Library Board, a Strategic Planning Stakeholder Committee, the North Plains City Council, North Plains Public Library and City Staff, Washington

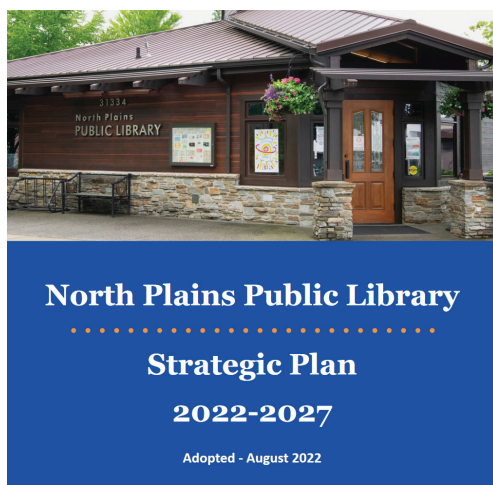
County Cooperative Library System, and numerous other partner organizations. Public Library Consultant Darci Hanning with the State Library of Oregon led the whole process as a free service provided by the State.

"A heartfelt thank you goes out to the amazing individuals and partner organizations who actively participated in the creation of this plan that supports a strong, vibrant future for the North Plains Public Library," said Robin.

See the full North Plains Library Strategic Plan on www.northplains.org under the Library section.

The North Plains Library is a small but mighty 2,500-square-foot facility adjacent to City Hall offering over 16,000 items in various formats from print to electronic to downloadable online. The library's services have evolved over the years right along with the changing times and the growing community. The library building is owned by the non-profit Friends of the North Plains Public Library while the contents, staff, and operations are managed by the City of North Plains, and it is a proud member of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) which enables our community access to all 16 member libraries' collections.

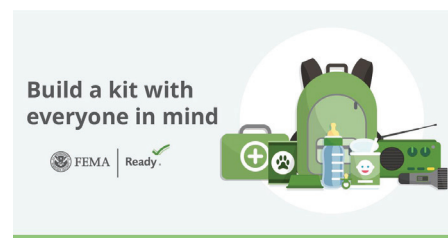
Visit our website for more info on the Library:
<https://www.northplains.org/library>



September is Emergency Preparedness Month

Disasters and emergencies could happen anywhere at any time and it's so important to be prepared - for yourself and those you love (fur babies included!). Is your emergency kit ready? Visit our website for information on what the City does to prepare for emergencies and disasters and for tips and resources for how you can easily prepare yourself and your family:

<https://www.northplains.org/community/page/emergency-preparedness>



Chief's Corner: Back to School Safety Tips



Chief James Haxton

With school back in session, it's a good time for adults, children, and teens to review standards for driving, walking and online safety. We encourage you to review the following safety points with your students.

Driving

- Obey all posted speed signs and school flashing lights.
- Be on the lookout and always stop for crossing guards
- Stop at safe distance from school buses and do not proceed until the red lights stop flashing.
- Look out for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Buckle up, and NEVER text and drive!



Walking

- NEVER talk to or accept rides from strangers.
- Stop at the curb or edge of the pavement and look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT before crossing a street.

- Always use designated crosswalks and pedestrian signals.
- Do not cross in front of a vehicle unless you know for sure the driver clearly sees you and has come to a complete stop.
- Be familiar with your surroundings. STAY ALERT.
- NEVER walk while texting and DO NOT wear earbuds while crossing the street.
- Always obey the directions of crossing guards.
- Use sidewalks if available; if there is not a sidewalk, walk on the left, facing traffic.
- Wear bright, visible colors, and during dusk or at night use reflective gear and carry a flashlight.

Online

Keep the computer in a common area of your home and become familiar with the online learning tools your student is using. Monitor their use and set guidelines to avoid certain online dangers such as:

- Exposure to inappropriate material.
- Cyber bullying.
- Contact with strangers.
- Public access to personal information.
- Online predators.



Public Hearings: Economic Opportunity Analysis



The City of North Plains is amending the recently approved Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA). The EOA is a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The

principal purpose of the EOA is to plan for land supply for economic development and employment growth in the community over the next 20 years.

Two public hearings have been scheduled to review the Amended EOA. Anyone is welcome to speak at either hearing, either in-person or via the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

- The **North Plains Planning Commission** will conduct a public hearing on the amended EOA at their meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Jessie Mays Community Center (30975 NW Hillcrest). More details are here: <https://www.northplains.org/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-meeting-21>.
- The **North Plains City Council** will conduct a public hearing on the amended EOA at their meeting at 7pm on Monday, October 3, 2022 at Jessie Mays Community Center. More details are here: <https://www.northplains.org/citycouncil/page/city-council-meeting-600-pm-work-session-11>

Talk to Your Kids about Fire & Life Safety



It's that time again — when students head back to class. And for many students, this may be the school year where they will be trusted to be home alone after school.

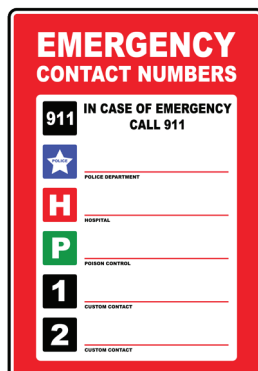
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages parents and caregivers to review fire and life safety tips with them. Talk to your kids about how and when to call 911 for police, fire, or medical assistance in the event of an emergency. Children should know their address, phone number, and your contact information so that they can provide the information to an emergency dispatcher.

It's also a good idea to have phone numbers for family and neighbors posted on the refrigerator, near the phone, or on a designated bulletin board in the event kids need assistance but it's not an emergency.

This is also a good time to set house rules on using the stove, oven, or microwave. Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. Most of the fires start on the stovetop due to food or oil being left unattended while being heated or having items placed too close to the burners.

The following tips may help your child avoid a fire:

- Allow cooking privileges based on age and maturity. Consider allowing younger children to only use a microwave or oven to heat food (versus the stovetop). However, use caution when heating food due to the potential for burn injuries.
- If allowed to use the stovetop, never leave food (especially oil) unattended — even for a moment! pre-teens and teenagers enjoy many activities that can cause them to be distracted and/or forget they're cooking. Remind them to stay by the stovetop when cooking. If they need to leave the room, turn off the burner.
- Keep things that can burn or catch on fire such as potholders, dish towels, and food boxes away from the stovetop.



- Water and oil do not mix! Never throw water on a grease fire or try to move the flaming pan.
- Either action can cause the fire to spread or cause burns to a body.
- If a fire occurs, leave the home and call 911 from a cellphone or a neighbor's home.

Other safety tips to share include:

- Never use matches, lighters, or candles. Keep these items away from children and remind them that they are not to be touched by anyone other than an adult.
- Know two escape routes from every room in the house. One of those could be a window. Create and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Do not place items that can burn such as clothes, blankets, or scarves over a lamp or near a heater.
- Do not play with or overload electrical cords, and do not insert anything other than a plug into an electrical socket.
- Never mix cleaning products together. Each product has a job to do, but together could cause harm, off-gassing, or an explosion.
- Know where first-aid supplies are located. Consider signing up older children for a first-aid, home alone, babysitting, and/or CPR class.



For additional fire and life safety information, visit: www.tvfr.com.



CONCERT IN THE PARK

September 3, 2022 from 4 - 6 pm

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Community Park

Featuring The Double Barrel Band - country, rock Bring a picnic or purchase food from the food truck.

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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, as 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.

