



North Plains Connected

A monthly newsletter from the City of North Plains - April 2023

City of North Plains

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City of North Plains 5-Year Public Safety Local Option Levy

Proposed Public Safety Local Option Levy

The May 16, 2023 ballot will contain proposed Measure 34-322 for a proposed \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to fund overnight police patrol and related services. Residents who are registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed measure.



What is being proposed if the measure passes?

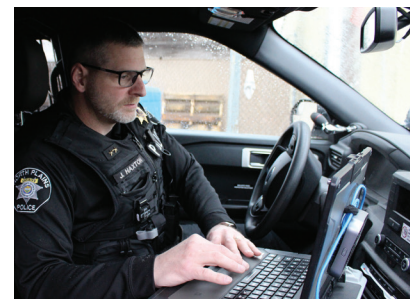
The proposed measure, if passed, would fund two additional North Plains Police officers. This would approximately double the hours officers are on patrol, enabling a local North Plains officer to be on duty every night. Currently, either a City officer or the police chief is on duty from 7 am to 10 pm most days. Portions of some overnight shifts are covered by Washington County Sheriff's deputies responding to only high-priority calls such as assaults, domestic disputes, or other crimes in progress from outside the City, which lengthens response time. Lower-priority calls are generally not responded to until a North Plains officer is on duty the next day. If passed, the levy would also provide more stable funding for North Plains Police services to support all patrol shifts.

If the measure passes, who would pay and what would it cost?

If passed, the proposed local option levy, would be in place for five years beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-24 and the levy rate would be \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For a home with an assessed (not market) value of \$260,892, average for residential property in North Plains, the cost would be \$429 per year or about \$36 a month.

What happens if the proposed measure does not pass?

If the levy does not pass, the proposed additional two officer positions would not be funded and property taxes would not be increased.



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When is the election?

Oregon conducts all voting by mail. Ballots should arrive in mailboxes around April 27 and must be postmarked on or before May 16 or received by the Election Office or an official drop site by 8 pm on May 16, 2023. Ballots postmarked on or before May 16 must be received no later than seven days after the May 16 election.

For more information: Email info@northplains.org | Call 503-647-5555 | Visit www.NorthPlains.org

This information, except for website link(s), was reviewed by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office for compliance with ORS 260.432.

From the City Manager: Community Survey Says...!

by Andy Varner

The City conducted a community survey in late 2022/early 2023 to help our City Council and our staff gauge where to make improvements in our services. We greatly appreciate all of those who took the time to provide important feedback on City services and priorities. Some of the takeaways from the recent survey include:

- 86% of the nearly 170 respondents live within North Plains city limits, and 56% have lived in the community for more than 6 years
- 85% rate the quality of life in North Plains as excellent/good
- 81% say the services provided by the City of North Plains are excellent/good

The Top 4 services city residents are most satisfied with:

- City-sponsored community events
- Library
- Water
- Public safety



The Top four services that respondents indicated need improvement:

- Parks & Trails
- Street Repair and Maintenance (including Street Lighting)
- Police Services
- Planning or Land Use Services



The top four priorities for the City to address in the next five years

- 1 - Dedicated 24-hour police coverage - 64%
- 2 - More shopping and services - 47%
- 3 - Improvements to City sidewalks - 42%
- 4 - Parks maintenance and recreational activities - 33%

What is the City doing to address these community

priorities? There is a local option levy on the May ballot for voter consideration regarding overnight and expanded police coverage. The City is working with a developer for a grocery-anchored retail center on Glencoe Road, as well as future economic development projects in the boundary expansion. We are using fuel-tax receipts to fund new sidewalks and paths and pavement overlays, especially on our older streets and downtown core. And we are working with partners like the YMCA to offer some activity programs in the near-term, while expanding parks & recreation offerings in the future.

The community priorities survey is an exercise we plan to do on a regular basis, and the feedback we receive will continue to help with planning and budgeting and in setting priorities for improved City services in the future.

See an infographic highlighting the survey results on our website home page - www.northplains.org.

April City Calendar

Public meetings and events below are taking place in-person and many offer virtual options. Visit www.northplains.org/calendar for more events and details.



- 4/3 City Council (w/ 6 pm Work Session) - 7 pm
- 4/5 Economic Development Committee - 6 pm
- 4/10 Parks & Recreation Board - 6 pm
- 4/12 Planning Commission - 7 pm
- 4/17 City Council - 7 pm
- 4/19 Budget Committee - 6 pm
- 4/27 Library Board - 7 pm

News From Your Public Library

**Unless otherwise noted, programs are drop-in, no registration required.*

**If accommodations would help you to attend any library programs - contact us!*

Craft Guild - Tuesday, April 4th

Join our informal group of knitters and quilters from 5:30 to 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual projects is welcome.

Storytime at the Library - Wednesdays at 11 am

Time for stories, bubbles and songs! Following storytime Mrs. Emily will teach children to identify and sound out letters of the alphabet and counting basics. Parents and caregivers learn meaningful techniques that will help expand learning experiences at home with your child.



Bookbabies - Fridays at 10 am

Miss Chris guides parents and caregivers through some inspirational early development activities for babies and toddlers. Adults learn techniques that help expand learning experiences at home with your child. Bonus: Visit with other parents and care givers while entertaining and educating your little one. **Note:** No

Bookbabies Friday 21st due to a staff conference.

Teen Council - Friday, April 4th at 4:30 pm

Are you a teen who wants to make a difference in our community and connect with other teens? Do you have ideas on how the Library could better serve teens? Join us at the library every 3rd Friday of the month!



Book Club - Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm

New patrons are welcome to join the Library Book Club. Join for a discussion of Chatter: The Voices in Our Head, Why it Matters, and How to Harness it. Please email carolyn@markleavitt.com for a link and passcode.

Green Building - Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm at Jessie Mays Community Center

Stephanie Gabriel from the US Green Building Council, along with other knowledgeable guests, will introduce sustainable and environmentally friendly practices in residential construction. No registration required.

Homework Help - Mondays at 5 & 5:30 pm

It's back! We're happy to offer free 30-minute homework help throughout the remainder of the school year at the Library. Homework Help is for all subjects, with a specialty in English, French, Math and Science for grade levels K through College. Reservations required ahead of time. No library card required. Visit wccls.org/events.

Planned Capital Improvement Projects

A few years ago the City Council adopted a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the years 2022-2027. The CIP includes budgeted road, water system, park/trails, sidewalk, and facility construction projects and system improvements. The CIP program dedicates revenues and expenses and are long-term investments in City facilities and infrastructure. The funding sources are diverse and are a combination of fuel tax revenues, State and Federal grants, user fees (water rates), system development charges (fees on new construction), and more. The Jessie Mays Park playground improvement is one such CIP project coming to completion.

Several sidewalk projects are scheduled to get under way this year, in addition to a new building. The schedule of activity is below.

Summer 2023*:

- Glencoe Road sidewalk (Commercial St to North Ave)

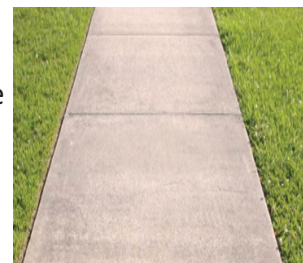
- Commercial Street sidewalks
- 313th Avenue overlay, waterline replacement, sidewalk
- Public Works Facility on West Union Road

Fall 2023*:

- 309th/311th/Jesse Mays Park sidewalks
- Pacific Street and Main Street sidewalks

**Please note - all schedules are subject to change.*

See a full color-coded map of these upcoming projects, as well as the City's full 2022-2027 CIP projects list (including funding sources and individual project descriptions) in the documents on our Capital Improvement Program web page: <https://www.northplains.org/finance/page/capital-improvement-program>.



Chief's Corner: Mail Theft



Chief James Haxton

Mail delivery can, unfortunately, attract common crimes of opportunity. With the continuous reporting of mail theft from personal and community mailboxes, we wanted to remind the community of some safety

measures that you can take to help deter this crime.

- Purchase a secure mailbox with a lock.
- Have checks directly deposited into your bank account.
- Use a P.O. Box or a similar service.
- Do not have banking, financial, or personal identification mailed to you. Sign-up for paperless mailings instead, if applicable.
- Check your mailbox daily.
- Install a home security system with cameras that have your mailbox within view.
- If you are out of town, have a friend or family member check your mailbox, or place a hold on your mail through the US Postal Service.
- Sign up for the US Postal Service's Informed Delivery, a free program, that lets you digitally preview your mail scheduled to arrive that day so you know if something goes missing. Visit <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm> for more information.



If you have been a victim of mail theft, please file a report by calling the non-emergency number at 503-629-0111, or using our online reporting system: bit.ly/WCSO_Reporting.



Did you miss the Mayor's March 23 State of the City?
Check out the video at
www.northplains.org.

Board & Committee Openings - We Need You!

Parks & Recreation Board Vacancy

Be a part of overseeing park development and maintenance, and making recommendations regarding park projects and fees in your community. We are seeking applicants who live inside the North Plains city limits to fill this vacancy for a term that runs through June 30, 2024. Learn more: www.northplains.org/bc-parks

Budget Committee Vacancy

Committee members serve 4-year terms and the Committee meets 1-2 times per year in the spring for biennial budget consideration, or for getting progress reports, hearing about budget adjustments and future budget planning before the second year of the biennial budget. Learn more: www.northplains.org/bc-budget/page/budget-committee



JOIN THE FUN!

Saturday, April 8

Starts promptly at 10 a.m.

North Plains Elementary School
32030 NW North Ave.

Event sponsored and operated by

NORTH PLAINS EVENTS ASSOCIATION

TVF&R Scout Day Event



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is hosting a Scout Day on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the South Operating Center, 8445 SW. Elligsen Road, in Wilsonville. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from across TVF&R's service area

are invited to attend this free community event.

Scouts will have an opportunity to tour a fire station, learn



about firefighting as a career, learn about fire safety and escape planning, explore first aid, and check out firefighting gear and apparatus.

This event is tailored for Scouts in first through fourth grades.

Participants will be divided into groups and rotate through several hands-on and interactive stations. Scout leaders and parents are encouraged to move through the activity stations with their Scouts.

We will start promptly at 10 a.m. and encourage groups to arrive 15 minutes early.

Those interested in attending the event can register online at www.tvfr.com. For more information about Scout Day, call 503-259-1502 or email Events@tvfr.com.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL Noodles and Doodles Spaghetti Dinner A FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



Thursday April 13th, 6:00pm - 7:30 pm

JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY CENTER

30975 NW Hillcrest St, North Plains

Meet your community and neighbors

Doodle on the tables, doodle on the walls...

It'll be oodles of FUN

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North Plains Community Garden

Help cultivate a happier and healthier
North Plains

**Garden plots are currently
available!**



Water will be available for garden use beginning May 1st but gardeners can begin preparing their plots right away.

Picnic/BBQ space is available in the community garden to use your harvest and get to know your neighbors.

To register for a plot, application forms are available at City Hall or online at:

northplains.org/parksrec/page/community-garden
or call 503-647-5555



Save the date!

June 1, 2023
6 pm - 8:30 pm

**Come Downtown
to celebrate the
60th Anniversary of
North Plains!**



**Free community event
with Ice Cream social,
live music, food trucks,
and exhibits from local
organizations!**



Purchase a memorial brick at the North Plains Veterans Memorial Park

On November 11, 2020, the City of North Plains dedicated The Veterans Memorial Park on Highland Court & 313th Ave. The City partners 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 MAY 1, 2023, FOR
INSTALL BEFORE MEMORIAL 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.



npparksfoundation.org

