



North Plains Connected

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

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Mayor's Corner: Celebrating North Plains



Between 1841 and 1910, pioneers such as Charles McKay, David Lenox and Joe Meek brought their time, money, and ideas to this area of Washington County. The land was fertile, and the possibilities were endless.

Back then, North Plains was seen as the logical place to grow in Washington County. We started out as a destination on a bustling train line and a transport center for agricultural vendors and fur traders. The Ruth Trust Company was

commissioned to design and plat the town. North Plains was coined a "Garden of Eden, a necessity and its future guaranteed."

Over the years, steps were taken to formalize the incorporation of the city and on June 25, 1963, residents voted to officially incorporate as the City of North Plains.

As the city prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, there is a sense of pride and excitement in the air. Over the years, the city has grown and evolved in many ways. New neighborhoods have been built, businesses opened, and community events have flourished. But while the city has changed, the spirit has remained the same. It is a place that values community, diversity and progress. It is a city that celebrates its past while looking towards the future.

As the city marks this milestone, we invite you to celebrate our anniversary in conjunction with the annual North Plains Ice Cream Social on June 1st (see more details on page 7 or northplains.org/calendar). This celebration is more than just a celebration of the city's past; this is an opportunity to look towards the future.

What will the next 60 years bring? How will the city continue to grow and evolve? What challenges will it face, and how will it overcome them?

One thing is for certain: the city will continue to be a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations to come. As we celebrate, let us all join together to honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright and promising future.

~Mayor Teri



City of North Plains 5-Year Public Safety Local Option Levy Proposed Measure 34-322 May 16, 2023, Election



LEARN MORE:

www.northplains.org/publicsafetylevy

Thank You 2023 North Plains Volunteer Award Winners

Volunteerism is the act of offering your time, energy, skills and resources to a cause, organization, or community. It is a selfless act that aims to make a positive impact and bring about change.

In April, the North Plains Events Association (NPEA), the North Plains Senior Center and the City hosted a community dinner, Noodles and Doodles, with the hope of bringing people together to meet one another and to share your stories with each other. It also was an evening to recognize a few amazing volunteers for their service to the community.

The Teen Volunteer of the Year Award went to Beth Sohler. Beth created and distributed Adult Adventure Packs, Take & Makes for teens and youth, and she organized and made handmade gifts for our senior citizens.

Her leadership and ability to connect with people makes her an integral part of the North Plains community. Congratulations, Beth.

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Cindy Smith. Cindy is a Board member on the NPEA. She brings her enthusiasm, friendly attitude and passion for community to every community event. As the Volunteer Coordinator, her job is especially difficult at times because she has to coordinate schedules for 'all' volunteers. She says it's like

'Herding cats!' Cindy's smile, incredible organization skills and positive attitude makes her best suited for this job. Congratulations, Cindy.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Debbie Olson. Debbie is a founding member of the Friends of the Library and her achievements since 2001 are quite impressive. From managing the Annex library, to helping with the capital campaign, writing grants and seeking donations for the Library Building Project, to her patient and diligent set-up for the online book sales, Debbie has helped navigate the future of the Library in so many quiet and selfless ways. Her friends, peers and community members wholeheartedly believe her many community contributions made her the best candidate for this award, and we couldn't agree more. Congratulations, Debbie.

Volunteerism is a vital component of a well-functioning society. It helps to build a stronger community and foster social cohesion by bringing people together. These three people, Beth, Cindy and Debbie, are a true testament to the positive impact on how a selfless act of volunteering can have on any community. We are very grateful you are here in North Plains. Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS.

****If you want to learn more about how you can volunteer in North Plains, please email info@northplains.org.***



News From Your 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, May 2nd

Join our informal group of knitters and quilters from 5:30 to 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual projects is welcome. It is intended to be an informal get-together.

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 staff attending a conference.



Teen Council - Friday, May 12th 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. Drop in, no registration required.

Homework Help Mondays at 5 pm & 5:30 pm

It's back! We're happy to offer free homework help throughout the remainder of the school year at North Plains Public Library. Homework Help is offered for all subjects, with a specialty in English, French, Math and Science for all grade levels, K through College. Sessions are a half hour each and reservations must be made ahead of time. No library card required to register. Visit wccls.org/events to view available openings and make reservations.

Composting 101 with OSU Master Gardener Jack Shorr Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am at Jessie Mays Community Center.

Learn how to turn your kitchen and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost that can enrich your garden and reduce your carbon footprint. In this class, you will discover the basics of composting, including how to choose the right materials, how to establish and maintain compost, and suggestions for container types.



Book Club - Wednesday, May 31st at 7 pm



Join us for a discussion of Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. New patrons are welcome to join the North Plains Library Book Club. Please email carolyn@markleavitt.com for a link and passcode.



May City Calendar

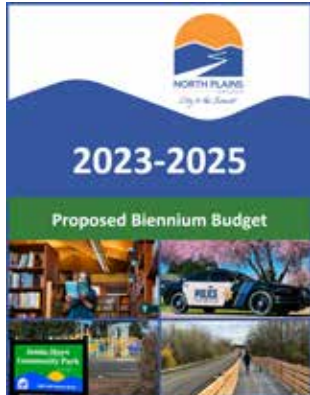
Public meetings and events below are taking place in-person and many offer virtual options. Visit www.northplains.org/calendar for more events and details.



- 5/1 City Council (w/ 6 pm Work Session) - 7 pm
- 5/3 Budget Meeting - 6 pm
- 5/6 Citywide Garage Sale
- 5/8 Parks & Recreation Board - 6 pm
- 5/10 Planning Commission - 7 pm
- 5/13 Citywide Clean-up Day
- 5/17 City Council (6 pm Work Session w/ Planning Commission) - 7 pm
- 5/19 Budget Committee (if needed) - 6 pm
- 5/19 Library Board - 7 pm
- 5/29 City Hall & Library Closed for Memorial Day

2023-25 Biennial Budget Creation in Process

The budget review and approval process is underway for the next biennial (2-year) budget which begins on July 1, 2023.



During this process, the North Plains City Council, the City's Budget Committee, and city staff work to create a budget that aligns with the city's goals, priorities, and strategic initiatives.

The 2023 schedule includes:

- March 6: City Council held a work session with the Budget Committee to preview themes and issues affecting the 2023-25 budgeting process
- April 13: City Manager released a proposed 2023-25 biennial budget
- April 19 & May 3 (if necessary): Budget Committee meetings to discuss proposed budget
- May 24: Budget Committee reconvenes and votes to recommend a biennial budget to City Council that reflects the results of the Police Services Local Option Levy from the May 16 general election
- June 5: City Council budget public hearing and consideration of approval to adopt the budget

We welcome and encourage public participation in the City's budget process. You can attend the public meetings listed above and find the current 2021-2023 adopted annual budget document and the proposed 2023-25 budget on the City's website.



City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 8 am

Let's get set for a garage sale bonanza!

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this free event either as a buyer, a seller, or both. A list of all the garage sales in the City and surrounding area will be available on the North Plains Events Association Facebook page.

If you would like to participate in this year's event, please send an email with your name and address to lochlolly1@aol.com.

Visit www.northplainevents.com for more.

City of North Plains Annual Clean-up Day Saturday, May 13, 2023

St. Edwards Church
10990 NW 313th Ave
8 am to 12:30 pm

Limited to residents that live within the 97133 zip code who bring the post card delivered to their mailbox good for a one trip admittance.

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Chief's Corner: Bike Month



Chief James Haxton

May is National Bike Month, highlighting the health and environmental benefits of riding a bicycle and encouraging more people to get out and ride. As we head into spring and summer, many dust off their bikes for commuting,

exercise, or just for fun. Regardless of the intent, we want everyone to practice safe bicycling habits at all times.

Always wear a properly fitted bike helmet. Oregon law requires those under 16 to wear a helmet, though everyone is encouraged to do so to avoid head injuries in the event of an accident. Find out more on proper fitting from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at <https://bit.ly/3wffy6K>



Be Safe – Be Seen by wearing bright clothing during the day and reflective gear (front white light and red rear light) at night or when visibility is poor.

Ride a bike that fits you; it is harder to maintain control when it is too big or too small.

Always maintain one rider per seat and use both hands on the handlebar except when signaling a turn.

Free yourself from distractions that take your eyes, ears, or mind off the road, such as texting or listening to music.

Tie your shoelaces, tuck your pant legs, and secure anything that might get caught in your bike chain. Carry all your items in a backpack or securely strapped to the back of your bike.

Plan your route; choose directions with less traffic, slower speeds, and available bike lanes when possible.

Ride in the same direction as traffic and in a single file to share the road with others and be sure to follow street signs, signals, and road markings.

Motorists can also promote bicycle safety by leaving space for bicyclists and only passing when safe to do so, allowing at least three feet of clearance, and never on sharp corners or blind spots. Roads are a shared responsibility; we can all work together to enjoy the outdoors safely.

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. The City of North Plains is seeking applicants (must 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 usually 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/



Backflow Device Testing Deadline July 1

Did you know that the State of Oregon requires backflow prevention assembly testing upon installation, annually, and any time they are repaired to protect the public water system? Backflow device tests are due to the City on July 1 annually. Testing must be performed by an Oregon Health Authority-certified Backflow Assembly Tester. Get more info and a list of certified testers here:

<https://www.northplains.org/publicworks/page/required-backflow-device-testing>

What is a backflow prevention device? Backflow prevention on private plumbing systems prevents the undesirable reversal of flow back into the drinking water supply. They can be installed on systems such as, but not limited to, irrigation systems, fire suppression systems, boilers, and wells.



2023 Youth Summer Sports Day Camps

in North Plains

The YMCA, in partnership with the City of North Plains, is offering three weeks of sports day camps in North Plains this summer!

- **June 26-30 | Soccer Camp**
Atfalati Ridge Elementary
- **July 10-14 | Flag Football Camp**
Atfalati Ridge Elementary
- **August 21-25 | Sport Sampling Camp**
Jessie Mays Community Park

All camps are Monday-Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.



Get details
& register
here! ---->



Questions?

Contact Travis Shelton
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Monday, May 29, 2023

11 am | Veterans Memorial Park

(Highland Court at 313th Avenue)

Join us for the North Plains Annual Memorial Day Ceremony where we will be honoring those who have served our country.

Save the date!
June 1, 2023
6pm



***Come downtown and celebrate the
60th Anniversary of North Plains!***

Free community event, with ice cream, food trucks, exhibits from local organizations, and live music!



Featuring a live musical performance from Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts



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