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

City of North Plains

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Mayor's Corner: City Recorder's Role



Mayor Teri Lenahan

The Oregon Mayor's Association recently asked Mayors to share a few words describing their city recorders and the valuable work they do on behalf of Oregon cities. See the resulting star word cloud below.

A city recorder plays a pivotal role in the harmony between citizens, local governing bodies, and government agencies at various levels. In North Plains, Lori Lesmeister serves as our City Recorder.

Mayor Teri Lenahan Her unwavering dedication and remarkable qualities make her a vital asset to the city and its residents. Lori brought patience and a calm demeanor to this position seven years ago. Her reliable and steady hand in the often-tumultuous world of city administration is the glue that binds the various elements of the city's government and its residents.

Lori is a proficient organizer, ensuring that important records and documents are readily available to those who need them. Her judicious nature ensures that all matters are handled with fairness and impartiality, a quality that North Plains residents greatly appreciate. She has broad shoulders and is often seen lending a hand to her colleagues or helping out at a community event.

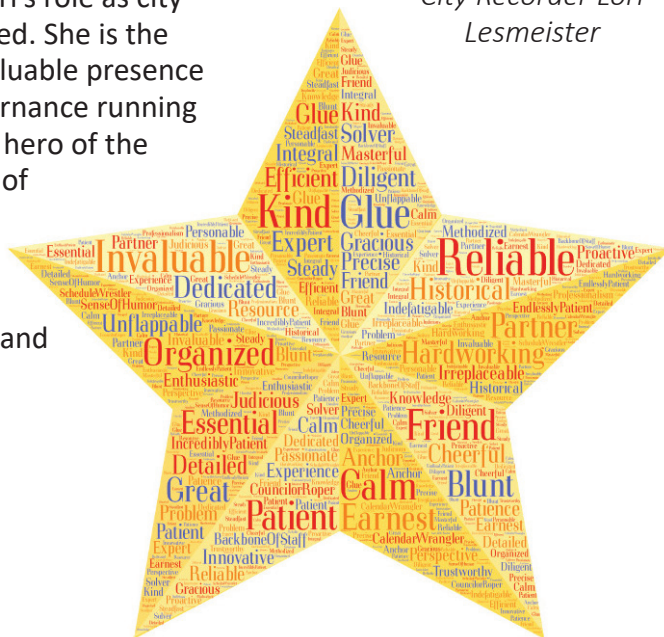
In a city like North Plains, Lori's role as city recorder cannot be overstated. She is the patient, calm, kind, and invaluable presence that keeps the gears of governance running smoothly. She is the unsung hero of the community, a true wrangler of the intricate web of city administration.

To Lori, North Plains says,
"Thank you for your service and
commitment to excellence."

~Mayor Teri



City Recorder Lori
Lesmeister



City Public Works Fall Leaf Pick-up Has Begun

Help us collect leaves and prevent flooding from clogged storm catch basins! Rake your leaves into a windrow parallel and 18 inches from the curb, and no higher than 3 feet tall. Our public works crew began collecting leaves on October 31 and will collect them weekly as needed through December (weather-dependent). You can also drop off extra leaves to Recology.



Parks & Recreation Board Vacancy - We Need You!

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 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

November City Calendar

Public meetings and events below take place in-person and many also offer virtual options.

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

- 11/3 Holiday Bazaar - 10 am to 5 pm
- 11/6 North Plains Historical Society Meeting - 1 pm
- 11/6 City Council (6 pm work session) - 7 pm
- 11/8 Planning Commission - 7 pm
- 11/11 Veterans Day Remembrance Event - 11 am
- 11/13 Parks & Recreation Board - 6 pm
- 11/15 Library Board - 7 pm
- 11/20 City Council - 7 pm
- 11/22 Library closes at 5 pm
- 11/23 Library Closed - Thanksgiving
- 11/23-24 - City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
- 12/7 Holiday Jingle Thru North Plains Parade and Tree Lighting



VETERANS DAY

REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 11:00 AM

NORTH PLAINS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
31230 NW Highland Court, North Plains, OR 97133
Color Guard and Rifle Salute by the Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666

Sponsored by The Old Hichen' Post Restaurant

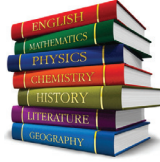
With a
Special Salute to
Vietnam Veterans

News From Your Library

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

Homework Help Mondays at 5 & 5:30 pm.

We're happy to offer free homework help at the Library for all subjects, specializing in English, French, Math and Science for grade levels K through college. Tutoring with Jenna W., PhD is offered for all subjects. Sessions are 1/2 hour each. Reservations must be made ahead of time online at wccls.org/events. No library card needed to register.



4-H Explorstation Workshop Wednesday, November 1st at 3 pm in the library.

Join Alice Phillips, Oregon State Extension Service 4-H Youth Development, and Mrs. Emily, our Early Literacy Specialist, for an hour of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) hands-on circuits creating and career connections. We will learn about more about circuits and will create circuits with stickers and more! Participants will leave with take-home activities! Register online at wccls.org/events. No library card is needed to register.

Tech Help - Thursday, November 9th from 1-3 pm at the library. Want to learn more about using your phone, tablet, laptop or other device? Reserve for a one-on-one tech troubleshooting session. Bring your device(s) and get help creating, saving and sharing documents, composing and sending emails, navigating the internet, using dictation or text-to-speech, and more. Register for this free program at wccls.org/events, or call us at 503-647-5051 and we'll register you. No library card needed.

Craft Guild - Tuesday, November 7th 5:30 pm at the Library. Join our informal group of knitters and quilters from 5:30-7 pm the first Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual craft project is welcome to drop in (no formal instruction).

Teen Council Friday, November 17th at 4:30 pm in the Library. Are you a teen who wants to connect with other teens and make a difference in our community? Do you have ideas on how the North Plains Library could better serve teens? We want YOU to join! Drop in, no registration required.

Book Club - Wednesday, November 29th at 7 pm. Join us at the Library or via Zoom for a discussion of *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. New patrons are welcome to join. Email carolyn@markleavitt.com for a link/passcode.

Introduction to Qi Gong & Tai Chi Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Oct. 5 - Nov. 9 at Jessie Mays. Free and designed for beginning students of all ages, join Chris as concepts of qi gong and tai chi are introduced to enhance well-being. Practice meditative mind-body exercises with slow rhythmic movements to increase balance, flexibility, and muscle strength. No registration required.



Positive Kids Yoga Time Thursday November 9th at 1 pm in the library.

Join us for a storytime adventure with Ms. Lai. Children will develop literacy using simple yoga poses and mindful breathing exercises combined with stories, rhymes and songs. No library card needed. Register at wccls.org/events.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Wednesday, November 15th.

Bring a stuffed animal from home and drop it off at the library for an overnight sleepover in the library! Your stuffy will have adventures with library mascots Buzzbee and Wallace and learn what happens in the library after hours. Receive a link to photos of their adventures the next day. Drop in, no registration required.

Bilingual Hindi Storytime Tuesday November 7th at 11 am at the library and on Zoom.

Join us for an interactive Hybrid Storytime where kids will learn new Hindi words, and enjoy rhymes and stories in Hindi and English. If attending via Zoom, register online at wccls.org/events. No library card needed to register.

Storytime 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 to help expand learning experiences at home with your child. Drop in, no registration required.



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. No registration required.

Chief's Corner: Tips for Fall



Chief James Haxton

measures that you can implement:

Don't forget to "fall back" with daylight saving on November 5, 2023. As our days get shorter, make it a habit to practice the #9PMRoutine every night. This routine reminds you to lock all doors (including vehicles), bring in valuables, and turn on outside lights before 9 pm each night.



- **Lock Up:** Ensure all entry points including doors, windows, garages, gates, sheds and other buildings are securely locked.
- **Turn On:** Activate exterior lights, security cameras, alarm systems, and motion sensor lights to increase visibility and deter potential criminals.
- **Bring In:** Remove valuables from your car, yard, and patio. Keeping these items securely stored can discourage theft.

By following these proactive steps, you can contribute to reducing crime in your neighborhood. Remember to promptly report anything suspicious or uncomfortable to the authorities. Effective communication about potential threats is crucial in preventing or deterring crimes.

For Emergencies: dial 911

For non-emergencies: dial 503-629-0111

More information about stranger awareness:
https://bit.ly/WCSO_StrangerAwareness.

Welcome RARE AmeriCorp Volunteer Rowan Maiorano

The City of North Plains welcomes Rowan Maiorano as an AmeriCorps Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) Volunteer. Rowan started with the City in September 2023 and over the next 11 months will primarily serve as the Downtown Coordinator implementing the Downtown Improvement Plan. They will also add planning support to the City's newly formed Planning Department.



Rowan will focus on connecting downtown business owners to resources to improve their businesses, facilitating the improvement of currently underutilized downtown spaces, creating new and more frequent downtown community-building events, and working on a cohesive streetscape for the downtown district. These projects are intended to attract residents, tourists, and investors alike to downtown North Plains and create a more vibrant downtown district.

"We welcome Rowan's talents and positive approach to helping us strengthen and enhance our downtown," said City Manager Andy Varner, "Our community can expect some exciting new things happening in Downtown."

Rowan is an Oregonian and was born in Newberg. While attending university, they also co-owned/operated a family restaurant in the rural town of Calvert, Texas. Experiencing difficulties with this small town sparked a passion for local government, urban design and planning, and community development. Recently, Rowan spent 5 months traveling to Australia, Asia, Africa, and Europe living with locals to experience different lifestyles around the globe. They are most excited to help connect businesses and people and build community in North Plains.

The goal of the AmeriCorps RARE program is to increase the capacity of rural communities to improve their economic, social and environmental conditions.



North Plains Food Bank Needs Community Help

JOIN US TO HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY

The North Plains Food Bank, in collaboration with the North Plains Senior Center, is committed to addressing the critical needs of seniors and families in our area.

The NP Senior Center, a compassionate 501(c)(3) organization, has been a pillar of support for our senior population for many years. Now, in partnership with the NP Food Bank, we aim to go beyond simply providing food. ***Our goal is to become a comprehensive resource for our community, ensuring that no senior or family goes hungry or without essential items.***

North Plains faces a unique challenge due to the absence of a local grocery store. This creates a situation where access to essential food and daily necessities becomes a real struggle for our residents.

How You Can Help:

Our partnership with the NP Senior Center relies on the support of generous individuals, local businesses, and concerned organizations.

- ❖ Financially – Please make checks payable to NP Senior Center noting NP FOOD BANK.
- ❖ Donations of food and personal products.
- ❖ Volunteers – It takes a community to raise a village.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Contact:

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www.NPFoodBank.com



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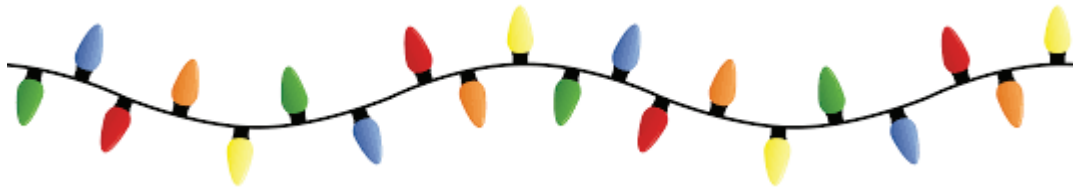


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20th ANNUAL JINGLE THRU NORTH PLAINS

Always the 1st Thursday in December (12/7/23), 6:30 - 8 pm

Be a Part of the "Jingle thru North Plains" Parade and the Tree lighting Ceremony!

North Plains individuals, families, friends, and organizations are encouraged to register and decorate anything that moves and participate in the parade. Decorate trucks and trailers, the family car, or rent golf carts from J & S Golf Carts on Main Street (503-647-1984). Motorcycles and bicycles can also join. It's up to you to keep pace with the parade, which moves about 10 miles an hour, and have a light or two on your vehicle.

Parade line up info: 6:00-6:30 entries lineup at the [parking area between Peak Chiropractic and Umpqua Bank](#). The parade lasts about 30 minutes and ends in front of the Senior Center where a tree lighting will be held.

Also show off your holiday spirit by participating in the "Best Decorated Home" and "Best Decorated Business" contests!

For complete details and to register for either go to www.northplainsevents.com.

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SMALL TREE TRIMMING

WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY ONGOING SERVICE