



Community Newsletter



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“DREAMS”

Ever wonder what your children might be dreaming about? Come and see a fun play called “DREAMS” written and directed by Mo (Maureen Hicks) and Julia Richards. Three "dreamers" start to tell about their dreams with the curtain parting to reveal their dreams coming to life and a quirky thread that ties them all together!

The play is acted out by 22 local North Plains’ resident children. Come out May 2nd from 4-4:30 to the Jessie Mays Community Center to watch this fun and whimsical production, and support budding actors and actresses. There will also be a silent auction with awesome items donated by local businesses. Two cans of food will get you in, with all proceeds going to our wonderful food pantry.

North Plains is GROWING! A message from our Mayor

One month ago, on March 15th, Governor Brown signed bill SB1573 which bypassed citizens voting on annexation applications. Within one week we had **two** applications come in. The first was for “Phase Two” of the Sunset Ridge Subdivision by Polygon, on the east side of town which will annex in 46 acres, and bring 160 new homes. The other annexation application is for the north side of North Avenue, which will increase our town by 76 acres and will have approximately 440 homes.

These proposed developments are in addition to the subdivisions that are already in the building process:

- Sunset Terrace @ Gordon Rd: 55 homes
- Sunset Ridge on West Union @ Jackson School: 104 homes
- McKay Fields on West Union: 33 homes
- McKay Creek Crossing on 307th Ave – 52 homes
- Kemmer Meadows on Pacific - 27 homes

As you can see, there is a lot of activity going on in North Plains! Until now, our town had been a little undiscovered jewel; but now we’re booming! With

voter approval of annexation applications we had some breathing room to process the building request, but with this sudden change, there’s a lot of activity happening very quickly.

To make doubly sure that North Plains has covered all of its bases, a meeting was held that was comprised of city, state and legal representatives. The end result of that meeting is that North Plains is in good shape. The staff, fees and processes needed to handle the sudden annexations and building request are all in place. Some Zoning tweaks may be needed, but that’s about it.

The East side development is shovel ready, so we will see activity there much sooner than the North expansion due to the North side having some infrastructure obstacles to overcome. As I understand it, the builder on the North side will be holding open houses in order to work with the City and residents to build what works for us.

-David Hatcher
City of North Plains - Mayor

Cornerstone Montessori

Open House May 7 - Noon to 2:00

www.MontessoriCornerstone.com

Check us out on facebook too!

Library News

Book Babies Storytimes. Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist Lauren every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's section of the library.

First Friday Flick. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, May 6** at 6 p.m. for a free showing of the British stop-motion animated movie, *Shaun the Sheep*. As leader of his flock, Shaun thinks and acts like a person in the barnyard, which usually gets him into madcap adventures and into trouble. Popcorn will be served.

Free Comic Books! Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comic books! Stop by the Library between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on **Saturday, May 7**, during North Plains' citywide Garage Sale Madness Day, to receive your own free comic book provided by Diamond Comic Book Distributors. Free Comic Book Day is an annual event sponsored across North America by participating comic book specialty shops.

Craft Guild Meeting. The dedicated group of knitters, crocheters, and quilters that formerly met monthly in the evenings has now moved its get-togethers to the second Tuesday MORNING of each month from 8 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie (and coffee) as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. Bring your yarn or cloth and needles (or other craft projects) and expect to make new friends and share ideas. The next get-together will be on Tuesday, May 10. (Note: this is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters; individual or class instruction will not be available.)

Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest. Tomatoes are one of the most popular garden vegetables in the country, and everyone knows that the best tasting tomatoes are home-grown. Please join us at the library on **Thursday, May 12** from 6:30-8 p.m. for tips from Master Gardener Bob Falconer on how to successfully grow tomatoes in our cooler climate and with our short "warm season."

Super Saturday – The Portland Ballet. Members of The Portland Ballet Youth Company will come to North Plains to perform in the fifth annual preview of excerpts from the upcoming Spring Concert. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, May 14** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. The excerpts will include both traditional and modern pieces. All ages are welcome.

Fifth Annual Haiku Contest. Celebrate Poetry with us by entering your haiku poems through **May 18**. This year's theme is Alice in Wonderland/Alice Through the Looking Glass - recognizing the new movie, *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, to be released on May 27. Contest winners from each of three age groups (K-6, 7-12, Adult) will each

receive \$20 gift certificates to Regal Cinemas, good for seeing any movie.

Library Board. There will be a meeting of the Library Board on Wednesday, May 18 at the library beginning at 7 p.m. There will be an opening on the board to fill a four-year term from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020. This position requires that the appointee reside within the city limits of North Plains. Applications may be found online at http://cityofnp.org/files/2714/5815/3567/Library_Board_Application_2014.pdf and must be submitted to City Hall by May 16, 2016. City Council will make the appointment at its June 20 meeting.

Library Book Club. On **Wednesday, May 25** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the book *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd will be discussed. From the publisher: "Hetty 'Handful' Grimke, is a slave in early nineteenth century Charleston. She yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, is also hemmed in – by the limits imposed on women of that time. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love." New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Morning Coffee Cart. We want you to think of the North Plains Public Library as your "third" place – the place besides home (number 1) and work (number 2) where residents automatically know to go for meetings, to take classes, to hang out. This is about the LIBRARY being the living room or the front porch of our community. Although regular library services (computer access, staff assistance) are not available until 10 a.m., we now open our doors every weekday morning at 8 a.m. for you to come have a cup of coffee (\$1 for 12 oz, \$.50 for refills), read a newspaper (*USA Today*, *Oregonian*, *Hillsboro Tribune*, *Hillsboro Argus*) or magazines, and check out holds and other library materials on the SelfCheck machine. Come enjoy our beautiful library and what it has to offer while enjoying a fresh brew, served by our dedicated cadre of Library Volunteers.

Volunteer Math Tutor Needed. North Plains Public Library is seeking a Math Tutor to assist students at various proficiency levels from elementary through high school grades. Applicants will be processed through the library's regular Volunteer Program which requires fingerprinting and a background check. Please call Carol Aldrich, Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-647-5051 to learn more about this opportunity.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast—Saturday, May 7th, 8:00 to 11:30

Annual Meeting—Monday, May 9th, 12:30; Election(s) and voting on budget

Fundraising Dance at Jessie Mays with D.T. & Country—Saturday, May 14th

North Plains Historical Society

Our motto is: *You are history in the making*

Please join us, on May 2nd, at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 1:00 pm.

Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

Those were the good old days...

A Letter from Gramps



By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

Graduation is just around the corner! In the spring of

2012 we had a granddaughter, Kristen Purdy, graduate from Astoria High School. She was one of four Valedictorians and I was told she was going to give a speech at her graduation ceremony. I thought I would send her a letter and give her some ideas to work with. Following is my advice expressed in that letter.



Dear Granddaughter:

Congratulations on your achievement. I hear a speech is in the works. Here is some material that could be used as a theme for your talk, and Kristen, "Milk it for all its worth".

Quite a few years ago there was a television program called On the Road. On this show Charles Kuralt traveled the country in a motor home, visiting interesting people and places. At the end of each episode Charles would sign off with the following saying – "Ahead, I see the road is bending, wonder what's around the bend?"



The day after graduation your class is going to go around that bend. The roads around the corner are

scattered in many different directions. They go everywhere. Some roads will be smooth and clear, 4 lanes with a designated route going toward the horizon.

For others it's more like a narrow, winding logging road. One with loose gravel that's rough and full of unpredictable steep hills and corners. You will never know the challenge of your road ahead, but you will have to adapt.

Up until now you have only had to travel a safe established path to and from your high school. Your school has served as a parking lot and assembly area. Your teachers here have helped in forming a map for your coming road trip. Here you have planned ahead for your adventure, energized your mind and tuned up your ambitions. Now, you are ready to venture outside that parking lot and take your turn around the bend. With your diploma in hand it is like having a second driver's license while going toward your next destination.



You should be very thankful for the teachers and your

parents who have guided you this far. You have learned so much from your parents and you didn't even know it at the time. This will come to you in later years, when we realize how much we have learned from our parents.

You have an 80-year old Grandfather who has been over the road. I know the obstacles, have learned to dodge the potholes, and to slow down for the curves. My biggest regret has been not taking advantage of opportunities that occurred. So, if you see a sign of opportunity along the road, you stop, reach out, and grab it.

Well, Granddaughter, I hope this gives you some ideas to work with. You will soon be on your adventure.

Much love, Gramps

Kristen later told me the school had given her a choice of topics to talk on, so using ideas from the letter was out the door. But, she was in a Journalism class and had been asked to write a farewell article for the school publication. On graduation day, copies of her story in this paper were on every other seat in the gymnasium. Kristen had followed my guidelines in her

own words and made some good additions. She indeed "Milked it for all it was worth".

The pay-off came when the high school principal started waving a paper around in the middle of his talk to the graduates and the audience. He said "This letter from Gramps, I really like it." He then read some of Kristen's writings. Right then I knew that between us, we had hit a home run, one right out of the park.

May 2016 Calendar

- 05/02 Historical Society** 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 05/02 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 05/04 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 05/06 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 05/07 City Wide Garage Sale & Plant Sale**
- 05/09 Budget Committee** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 05/11 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 05/11 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center-Public Hearing on Annexations
- 05/14 Clean Up Day**
- 05/14 Super Saturday** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 05/14 Senior Center Community Country Dance**
- 05/16 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 05/18 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 05/25 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 05/25 Parks Board** 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center

NPEA News Corner



Events Calendar

- May 7 - North Plains Garage Sale Day
- May 14 - North Plains Clean Up Day
- June 2 - North Plains Ice Cream Social/
Farmers Market Kickoff
- August 12 - 14 - North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
- October 13 - Chili Cook-off
- December 8 - North Plains Jingle Parade

Thank you to all many the volunteer who give their time so unselfishly to the City.

Congratulations to Charlynn Newton – Volunteer Of The Year award winner and to Russ Sheldon Volunteer Life Time Achievement award winner for year 2015.

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the Garlic Festival.

Please contact Patti Burns at (503) 319-5428 or email: patti.funstinks@gmail.com

Public Parking Lot

The City has recently opened a parking lot off of Kaybern behind the North Plains Market and Last Watering Hole. This lot can be used for overflow parking and events.

The Farmers Market is Back!



The North Plains Thursday Marketplace will open the season June 2, 2016 5:00-8:00 pm on NW Commercial Street providing local strawberries for the ice cream social. We will be participating in the Double

Up Food Bucks program and offering a \$10.00 match for Oregon Trail Card recipients <http://farmersmarketfund.org>.

The Market Sprouts Program returns offering \$3.00 to each child ages 5-12 to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the market. Market Sprouts is sponsored by Dairy Creek Community Food Web, our 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor.

The Rogue Pub is sponsoring the free live music each week during the market hours.

The market will run June 2nd to September 1st, 2016, 5:00-8:00 pm.

We welcome vendors and volunteers to grow the North Plains Thursday Marketplace! Contact

northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

See you there!

City Council Candidates Wanted!

During its April 18, 2016, Regular Session, the North Plains City Council declared a Council position vacant following resignation of Councilor Sandi King.

Applications from North Plains residents interested in applying for the remaining Council term, expiring December 31, 2018, are being sought.

If you would like to serve your community by volunteering to be a member of the City Council, please contact City Hall for an application, or you may

obtain an application through the City's web site at www.northplains.org.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact City Recorder Margaret Reh by phone at (503) 647-5555 or via e-mail at margaret@northplains.org

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Candidates will be interviewed during the City Council's regular meeting scheduled Monday, June 20, 2016.

New Garbarino App



Don't miss your garbage or recycling day ever again

Washington County residents now have access to the new

Garbage and Recycling Day tool for keeping track of garbage and recycling pick-up schedules. With the free tool, you can:

- Receive collection-day reminders by phone, email or text.
- Look up your garbage and recycling schedule.
- Print your collection calendar at home.
- Sync your collection schedule with your digital calendar.
- Get notified about schedule changes due to weather and holidays.
- Look up how to recycle or dispose of items.
- Get information on your mobile devices through the Garbage and Recycling Day app (Apple and Android).

Visit www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD or call 503-846-3605.

Clean Water Services Rate Increase

Effective July 1st, 2016, Clean Water Services is increasing rates. Please visit www.cityofnp.org to view the informational flyer, or [click here](#).

Meet our new provider



Shannon Richards, Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner

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Ticket Information

Price is \$25 per person - cash or check only

To purchase tickets - call 503-312-9052

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