

# Community Newsletter Nov. 2015

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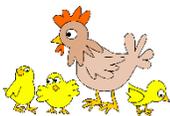
## District #2 Celebrates PulsePoint Launch with Free CPR Class

September 14<sup>th</sup> Washington County Fire District #2 joined together with fire agencies across western Washington County to launch PulsePoint. The free app, which can be downloaded at [www.pulsepoint.org](http://www.pulsepoint.org) notifies citizens of a cardiac arrest patient nearby, directs them to the location, and guides them in performing life-saving hands-only CPR prior to emergency responders arrival. They will only be notified of cardiac incidents in public places, not in private homes. The PulsePoint app will also direct individuals to the nearest public AED.

PulsePoint was initially released by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue two years ago and already has local recues to its credit. As many as 300 sudden cardiac arrest calls happen each year in Washington County. CPR can double or triple a victim's chance of survival, but only 32% get bystander help. Every minute CPR is delayed, the chance of survival decreases by 10%. Though the odds of survival are among the best in the nation, fire departments need the community's help to save more lives.

As part of the PulsePoint launch, District #2 is offering a free CPR class to local citizens at the North Plains fire station on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Class size is limited – please contact the office to register at 503-647-9900.

### Fun Fact!



Did you know, in the City of North Plains, ordinances permit residents to own up to 4 chickens! However, due to noise issues, roosters are not allowed.

## Curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program & Schedule

The City of North Plains will be providing its annual curbside street tree leaf pick-up program again this fall. To help us better serve you, place loose street tree leaves curbside by the first day of the scheduled pick-up. Loose leaves should be raked into a windrow 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain. Keep leaf windrows less than 3 feet high. Please do not park vehicles, or leave refuse bins or other obstacles near the leaf windrows.



Our first scheduled day of pick-up will be **Tuesday, November 3**. If your street tree leaves are not in the street on the scheduled date we will not have the opportunity to provide you with this curbside service.

A second pick-up date is scheduled **Tuesday, December 8**.

**Please keep in mind that emergencies, severe weather, and light/heavy leaf fall may cause delays in the schedule. We will keep you posted of any changes on the City's website at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org).**

**Please continue to use your yard debris bins provided by Garbarino's for the leaves from your backyard.**

**Items other than leaves will not be picked-up.**

## North Plains Jingle-December 3

See the Holiday Lights and be a part of the parade. Individuals, families, friends, and organizations are encouraged to decorate anything that moves and participate in the parade. You don't have to register for the parade; just show up and sign a waiver at the event.

Some folks decorate trucks and trailers, others bring the family car, and many residents rent golf carts from J & S Golf Carts on Main Street (503) 647-1984. It's up to you as long as you can keep pace with the parade, which moves about 10 miles an hour.

Awards are given for the best decorated vehicles.

The Jingle begins and ends at Jessie Mays Community Park and the procession lasts about 20-30 minutes.

Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies are served afterward.

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## Show off your Holiday Sprit!

If you would like your home to be included in the judging for this year's event please register on our website <http://npfun.org/jingle.html>

Lights must be installed by December 1, 2015 to be included in the contest. Awards are given in various categories including:

- Most Holiday Spirit
- Best Lighted House
- Best Street Spirit, and
- Most Likely to Be Seen From Space.

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## Library News

**Storytimes.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library.

- **November 4** Storytime with Miss Marion: What's for Dinner?
- **November 18** Special Guest Storytime: Veterinarian Thomas Tsui
- **November 25** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Bears

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, November 5** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**First Friday Flick.** Join us at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, November 6** at 6 p.m. to watch a Pixar animation-adventure-comedy film. Uprooted from her life in the Midwest, a young girl's family moves to San Francisco where she learns to navigate a new city, new house, and new school. This film is rated PG. Popcorn will be served.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on Monday, November 9 at the Library from 7 to 9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Quilt Display.** The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **November** is by local resident Toni Beattie. She explains, "The quilt started as a block of the month for the West Side Quilters Guild. It was soon realized that it was a much bigger and more complex project than originally imagined. A couple of the members chose to continue on anyway. I started with a basic bird fabric which can be seen on the back of

the quilt and chose all the remaining fabrics based on that initial pick. I wanted to use as many fabrics as I could to maximize interest. The original pattern called for applied birds, but I chose to use embroidered birds instead. I tried to find embroidered bird patterns that were close to the species used in the pattern. As the quilt neared completion, it really came to life. The final step was the fabulous quilting done by Marci Yoder. She did a marvelous job and really helped to make this quilt shine."

**Holiday Closure.** The Library will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11** in honor of Veterans' Day.

**Lego Palooza.** Drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Friday, November 13**, a No-School Day, for LegoPalooza at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Hang out and build with Legos or Duplos that we provide. (Please leave yours at home and ours there.) Kids, teens, and adults are welcome to participate.

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit in **November and December** is by Patricia Cochran, a Banks, Oregon artist and retired art educator. A reception will be held in her honor on **Friday, November 13** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Library, and the public is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served.

**Super Saturday – Colors of the Jungle.** Experience an educational and entertaining avian adventure at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Saturday, November 14** beginning at 1 p.m. The Oregon Bird Man and 15 of his feathered friends will share what is happening to parrots in the wild today, some of the interesting behaviors of these creatures in captivity, and things to know before getting a parrot as a pet. Some of the birds featured are extremely rare and endangered. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Holiday Closures.** The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, **Wednesday, November 25**. The Library will be closed on **Thursday, November 26** in honor of Thanksgiving Day.

**Library Book Club.** The Book Club will meet at the Library on **Wednesday, November 25**, at 7 p.m. (after the early Library closure) to discuss [The Rosie Project](#) by Graeme Simsion. In this quirky, romantic novel, Don Tillman, a socially inept professor of genetics, designs a 16-page questionnaire to help him find the perfect wife. He is determined that she will not be a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker, or a late-arriver. Then he meets Rosie, who is all of these. As they collaborate in the quest to find her biological father, an unlikely relationship develops, proving to the professor that people do not

find love; it finds them. New members are welcome to attend.

## North Plains Senior Center News

### THANKSGIVING DINNER, Nov. 26

We will be serving a full Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings plus pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving Day. Friday the Center will be closed. A notice will be sent out to the Meals on Wheels recipients to sign up for a meal delivery that day if needed. Those wishing to join us for Thanksgiving Day, please call the Center at 503-647-5666 by November 13 to reserve a spot.

### HOLIDAY AFGHAN RAFFLE

One of our seniors has knitted a beautiful holiday afghan to be raffled off. You may purchase tickets at the senior center or mail your name, phone number and check made payable to North Plains Senior Center, P.O. Box 147, North Plains, OR 97133. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be Dec. 8. Proceeds will benefit the North Plains Meals on Wheels program.

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Nov. 14

This year's bazaar will feature a wide assortment of hand-crafted items and baked goods. Jewelry, soaps, rag rugs, candles, crocheted and knitted items and more. Join us for this great holiday shopping opportunity. Vendor spaces with an 8-ft. table plus chairs are available for \$10. Call 503-369-8951 to reserve your space now.

### KICK UP YOUR HEELS, Nov. 14

Dick & Sherry Thompson and their band D.T. & Country will play at our Fundraising Dance at Jessie Mays, November 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person; refreshments for sale.

### THANK YOU NORTH PLAINS CHEVRON!

Sincere gratitude to our North Plains Chevron for sponsoring our November 14 dance at Jessie Mays. We are grateful for their community spirit and support.

### Live Music at Lunchtime, Nov. 9

Dick and Sherry Thompson and their band D.T. & Country will play music at the Senior Center Monday, Nov. 9 beginning at 11 a.m. So come on in, and enjoy a hot meal and some terrific classic country entertainment.

### Come Back Little SHIBA, beginning Nov. 3

Karen Shell from SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) will be available every Tuesday in November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to help seniors sign up for medical insurance.

### BINGO, Nov. 17

Come play BINGO the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Cash and prizes. Hotdogs, chips, soda or water for sale, and lots of fun!

### My, Oh My, Apple Pie, Tuesdays & Thursdays, Oct. & Nov.

Large 12-inch homemade apple pies for sale in October; Pumpkin Pies in November. Pies are \$16 each; proceeds support the Meals on Wheels program, providing hot, nutritious lunches to our seniors—at the Senior Center and through home delivery. Call and order a week ahead so we can have your pie ready on the following Tuesday or Thursday.

### Blood Pressure Checks, Nov. 3

North Plains' firemen will be at the Center the first Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. and provide blood pressure checks.

**Win this beautiful holiday afghan, hand-knitted by one of our North Plains seniors.**



**TICKETS \$1 each or 6 for \$5 at the Senior Center, or order by mail. Send name, phone no. & check payable to North Plains Senior Center, PO Box 147, North Plains, OR 97133. Drawing Dec. 8.**

**Benefitting the North Plains Meals on Wheels program, serving hot, nutritious meals at the Senior Center and by home delivery. We thank you for your support!**

## BUNCO

Join the lively group who play Bunco every other Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. November's dates will be November 12 and November 26.

## Gently Used Clothing, Nov. 13

Candi from *Candi's Gently Used Clothing* will bring in used clothing to the Senior Center to sell for reasonable prices November 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Pop 'n' Paint, Nov. 18

An art student will come in and teach you how to paint the selected painting of the month—you take home your finished painting that night. Sign up online @ [popandpaint.com](http://popandpaint.com) or show up at 6:30 p.m. and pay when you arrive. \$30-\$37/person. (depending on sign-up date).

## Donate a Dinner Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to hand out Meals on Wheels "Donate a Dinner" flyers at Jim's Thriftway in Banks, Saturday, November 21. Two persons per 2-hour shifts are needed. Call 503-647-5666 to sign up if you can help us out.

# Those were the good old days...

## Vanport Flood

By Melvin Van Domelen, Mountindale, OR



Sometime back, while in the North Plains City Hall, I mentioned writing something about the Vanport Flood. A lady working there asked "What was that?" I went next door to the Library, told the person on duty there that a lady at City Hall doesn't know about the Vanport Flood. Her reply was "Vanport what?" So since I have notes from years ago, let's touch on the Vanport Flood.

Vanport was a huge housing project built by Henry Kaiser to house shipyard workers during World War II. It covered 650 acres in North Portland in lowlands there. Some of the area is used by the Portland Speedway today. At the time of the flood, Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup> 1948, Vanport still held about 40,000 people. Some report that Vanport then was the second largest town in Oregon.

Through the years the Columbia River has historically had a spring freshet in late spring from upstream snow melt. This was before there were all of the dams upriver were built that seem to help control the river now.

The barrier protecting Vanport from the high Columbia River was only a railroad fill that gave way at 4:15 p.m. that Memorial Day, 1948. The wooden housing buildings

were washed like drift wood and piled against Denver Avenue. Official records recorded 15 deaths. Many were never accounted for.

This flood of the Columbia River never affected this area but I had my own experience with it.

My parents had been good friends with

the Earl Reeder family on Sauvies Island. The Reeder had a large dairy barn there. A trip to Reeder's in those days involved a ride on the Burlington Ferry across the Multnomah Channel. This ferry was guided by a cable.

After Vanport flooded the Columbia continued to rise.



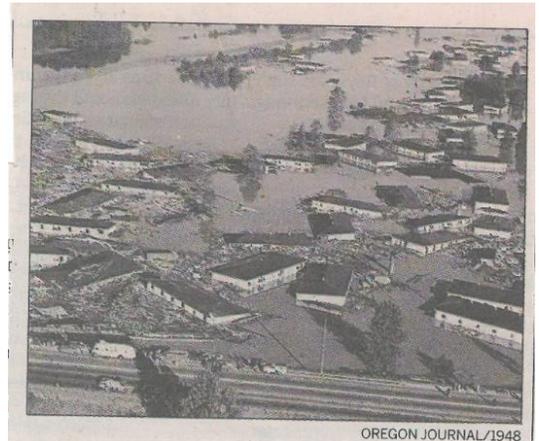
Earl needed to get his cows out and called upon my father, Jake, for help. My brother, Dale, organized a convoy of 3 cattle trucks and headed

for Sauvies Island the next day. Dale, Allen Henderson and Hank Dye were the truck drivers. My cousin, Herbert Corey and I went along for the ride.

Burlington was not much more than a store and tavern on Highway 30. A wooden ramp about a quarter of a mile long lead down from Highway 30 to the ferry slip. A short ride across the Multnomah Channel delivered you to Sauvies Island. When we arrived with the trucks, the water was half-way up to Highway 30. The ferry cable had been cut, the ramp railing opened, and the ferry was docking sideways.

Herbert Corey and I were in Hank Dye's truck that ended up being parked in the front of the ferry. The ferry would shudder and shake as its propellers were chopping up the tops of the cottonwood trees. Logs, lumber and debris were everywhere.

Whenever Hank spied an obstacle ahead, he would turn the steering wheel of his truck as if he could drive the ferry. Hank told us "If this thing goes down, take the seat cushions out with you, they will keep you up for a while." Because of the current, the ferry pilot had to aim



upstream at a 45 degree angle to keep us from being washed down to Scappoose. I've always said "If they give medals for heroism, that ferry pilot deserved a half-dozen."

The upper end of Sauvies Island is protected by a high dike. The Reeder Farm was outside the dike, at the mercy of the Columbia River. Reeder had called a barge in and had his cows moved to the Spencer Farm inside the dike. We could reach the Spencer place with the trucks. After we were loaded up, Brother Dale stayed behind and was able to get into the Reeder Farm by way of an Army D.U.C.K.

We were told to deliver the cows to the Scheller Dairy at Leisyville, a farm community about a mile west of Hillsboro. The truck driver didn't know where this was, so Herbert and I showed the way. No one is home at the Scheller Dairy, but there was a loading chute and an empty corral. When Dale Scheller came home there are

14 cows there and he doesn't know where they came from, but he fed them.

Brother Dale's truck came in an hour later and he explained things.



We had some of the Reeder's cows at my parent's farm. I believe Dale went back the next day for another load. I just remember how hard it was to get visiting cows into a strange barn. We had to milk in shifts and order in more milk cans.

About 10 days go by and the Reeders, Earl and his son Jim show up with a truck to reclaim their cows. Earl asks my father, Jake, how he got along with the milking? My dad says "No problem. I really liked the small Jersey cow. She is so quiet and milks out nice." The loading is about finished. Jim Reeder calls down from the truck "No more room up here, we'll have to come back for that last cow."

## Pizza Delivery!!

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday**  
**5 – 7:30 pm**  
 \$20 minimum \$3 delivery fee

## Video Lottery

*New platinum games*  
 Enjoy free soda, cookies and  
 chips while you play!

## It's Holiday Time!!

Let us do the baking . . .  
**Pre-order your fresh homemade  
 pies for your feast.**

## Pizza Coupon

\$4 off any Extra Large Pizza  
 \$3 off any Large Pizza

Expires in 30 days

That last cow just happened to be the one my father had taken a liking to. They never did come back for her. Jim Reeder told me years later "We never intended to come back for Jake's cow."

I would have to say that ferry ride was more of a thrill than anything a carnival midway has to offer.

## North Plains Historical Society

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

Historical Society is hosting a celebration honoring all Veterans who have served our country. Please come join us, on Nov. 2nd, at the Jessie Mays Community Center at 6:00 pm. There will be lots of stories and items to share. There will be refreshments served.

Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

## November 2015 Calendar

See community events at

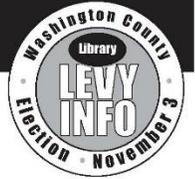
[NPfun.org](http://NPfun.org)

- 11/02 **Historical Society** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 11/02 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/04 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/06 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 11/11 **Veterans Day** City Offices and Library will be closed
- 11/12 **Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 11/12 **Planning Commission** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/13 **Lego Palooza** 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 11/13 **Artist Reception** 6:00 p.m. at the Library
- 11/14 **Super Saturday** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 11/14 **Community Dance** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays

# Levy for Countywide Library Services



## MEASURE 34-235



For 39 years, Washington County Cooperative Library Service (WCCLS) has provided funding for public library operations, central support and outreach programs linking together city and community libraries.

This levy replaces a 5-year levy expiring June 2016, which provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding.

### WHAT WOULD MEASURE 34-235 DO?

- **Maintain support for libraries and branches** that serve all county residents: Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope.
- **Increase open hours** at some libraries.
- **Add basic support** for new Aloha library and expanded libraries in other communities (Bethany, Cornelius and Hillsboro).
- **Support reading programs for children**, enhance literacy programs for preschoolers.
- **Enhance reading programs for school-aged children** including summer reading.
- **Increase programs for students** including online homework and tutoring support.
- **Expand purchase of books**, e-books and other materials available to all residents.
- **Maintain resources for job-seekers** which support one out of five WCCLS computer users in their employment or job searches.
- **Maintain central support and outreach services** such as the library catalog, Internet and Wi-Fi, e-resources, courier deliveries between libraries, Outreach to Homebound, etc.

### HOW WOULD MEASURE 34-235 AFFECT A HOMEOWNER'S TAXES?

22¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 5¢ over current rate. If approved, this would be first levy rate increase since 2006. A typical homeowner would pay about \$56 in 2016, or about \$14 more than paid in 2015. This assumes an average assessed home value (not market value) of \$255,408 in 2016.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LEVY DOES NOT PASS?

Because the expiring levy provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding, reductions in services would likely occur based on local library priorities.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit WCCLS at [www.wccls.org/levy](http://www.wccls.org/levy) or ask at your local library.



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- 11/16 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/18 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/19 **Library Book Club** 7 p.m. North Plains Public Library
- 11/25 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/25 **Parks Board** 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
- 11/26 **Thanksgiving** City offices and Library will be closed.
- 11/27 **Thanksgiving Holiday** City offices will be closed
- 11/27 **Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 12/03 **North Plains Jingle** 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays

## A Quick Reminder...

Basketball hoops are not permitted in the public right of way (sidewalks and streets). After they are done being used, please place them back on your property.