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Garage Sale Madness May 5

Are you ready for some spring cleaning?

The North Plains Annual Garage Sale Madness will occur on May 5 this year.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this free event either as a buyer, a seller, or both. There is no cost to you to participate. Free garage sale signs are provided.

If you would like to participate in this year's event please call City Hall at 503-647-5555 or send an email to locholly1@aol.com

Senior Center BBQ

North Plains Senior Center (31450 NW Commercial Street) will be hosting a BBQ on its patio on the 5th. Proceeds will benefit Loaves and Fishes which provides Meals-on-Wheels to local residents.

Additionally, the **Senior Center will be open all day and people will be selling goods at tables inside the center.** Please contact the Senior

Center if you would like to rent a table: (503) 647-5666.

Garden Club Plant Sale will also be at Jessie Mays tennis court. *(More details are inside the newsletter.)*

Library Bake Sale Library Staff and Volunteers will be hosting a bake sale in front of the Library, from 8-4 on the same day.

St. Edward's Pancake Breakfast is on May 5, too.

May 12 Clean Up Day

Please join us for the annual Clean Up Day on May 12 at Jessie Mays from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

You can dispose of unwanted items in dumpsters. — Or, maybe you could recycle some of your old treasures.

Goodwill Industries will have a drop-off trailer to accept items

like old clothes, household goods, appliances, and toys.

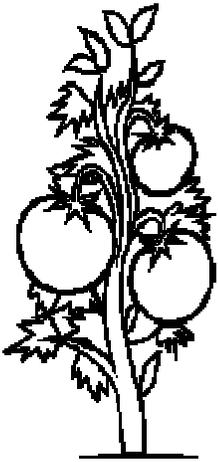
A **shredding truck will also be available** between 9:30 and 11:30 to help residents destroy confidential documents such as old checkbooks, bills etc... The service will ensure your privacy while allowing you to

dispose of that old information taking up space in your desk.

If you need more information, please contact City Hall at 503-647-5555.

Library Staff and Volunteers will be hosting a plant sale in front of the Library, from 11-3 on the same day.

Library News



Library Staff and Volunteers will hold a plant sale on May 12, 19, and 26 in front of the Library. . Tomatoes, cucumbers and succulents will be among the plant varieties offered.

Storytime. Children ages 0-6 are invited to join us for Storytime with Jackie every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. On May 2, the theme of guest story reader Miss Marion will be "Mother May I?" in honor of Mothers' Day.

First Friday Flick. Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. at the Library. The PG-rated movie to be shown on Friday, May 4 is an animated adventure based on the series of books by Herge entitled *The Adventures of Tin Tin*, in which a young reporter pursuing good stories is pitted against the nefarious Red Rockham. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Library Bake Sale. Stop by the Library between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, the City Garage Sale Day, for baked goods and coffee, offered as a Library fundraiser by Staff and Volunteers.

Library Plant Sale. Visit the Library between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays, May 12, 19, and 26 (while supplies last) to buy plant starts for your garden. Tomatoes, cucumbers, succulents and more will be available at reasonable

prices through the gracious donation of Donna Medica.

Super Saturday –On the Oregon Trail. Come at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 to the Jessie Mays Community Hall for a free program presented by the Washington County Museum. Learn who traveled the emigrant trails and why. Students play a critical thinking game to decide what was necessary to pack and what had to be left behind. By participating in their own journey West, students learn about the hardships and responsibilities children and adults faced on the Oregon Trail.

Friends of the Library Meeting. The Friends will meet on Monday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Krissy's Koffee and Kones on Glencoe Road. New members are welcome to attend.

Holiday Closure. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 28 in recognition of Memorial Day.

Library Book Club. On Wednesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Library, Book Club participants will discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides, about what it means to be both

male and female, Greek and American. This epic saga chronicles the family history and life of Calliope Stephanides. On the road to self-discovery, family secrets are uncovered, and an amazing genetic history is revealed. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Craft Night. Bring your handicraft projects to the Library on Thursday, May 31 from 5:30-8 p.m. Meet new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy the camaraderie. Craft items are sold at community events throughout the year in order to raise funds for Library materials and programs.

Summer Reading Program.

Coming June 1 for Children and Adults.

Library Information.

The library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Open hours are Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at www.nplibrary.org.

You can also find us on Facebook.



Look for
2012 Elephant Garlic Festival
updates at www.funstinks.org

Garlic Festival Update

The 15th Annual Garlic Festival is scheduled for August 10, 11 and 12 at Jessie Mays Park.

The Chamber of Commerce Board has decided to retain oversight of the event for 2012 and will cede control next year directly to a newly

formed non-profit association. The Chamber will assist with the formation of the organization and plans to continue to support the festival in the future.

This change will allow the Chamber of Commerce to proceed with its plans to encourage more

business development in North Plains and start new community traditions with alternative fund raising-events. *For more information the Chamber website is northplainschamberofcommerce.org*

Night work is scheduled to minimize traffic disruption.

Water Main Project at Glencoe and Highland

City Council awarded a project to David Roberts Contractors in the amount of \$39,700 for the installation of a new water main in Highland at Glencoe.

This project to replace a 50 year old

water main is in preparation for the Glencoe Interchange project which will begin in July.

Work will be performed in the evening to minimize disruption to traffic. Funding for the

project was generated through water rates.

The staff contact for this project is Public Works Director Blake Boyles blake@northplains.org.

City Council reduced many fees to encourage business development in our community

Local Business Incentives and Fee Reductions

The City of North Plains is encouraging the retention and establishment of businesses locally.

Business license set up and first year fees have been waived through 2013.

Design review fees and building permit fees have been changed and in many cases reduced to ensure full recovery costs and avoid the administrative costs

associated with using deposits.

North Plains is an e-commerce city. This means that businesses that rely on internet channels to sell and market their products can receive substantial tax benefits from the State of Oregon and Washington County.

If you need information about how to set up a business in North Plains, please visit the City website at

www.northplains.org and look for the "Business" tab at the top of the page. It provides links to information about small business loans, State of Oregon incentives, and Washington County services.

As always, please call City Hall with any questions you may have at 503-647-5555.

Odor Complaints

If you have a concern about a strong odor please contact the City at 503-647-2003 or odor@northplains.org. Please be sure to indicate the time, place and nature of the smell. These complaints are forwarded to the City of North Plains, Washington County, Dept. of Environmental Quality and Recology, the operator of Nature's Needs.

Recology Update

Meet with representatives of Recology on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. at North Plains Public Library. The purpose of the meeting to exchange information about current odor management.

St. Edwards Mens Club Breakfast
is Sunday, May 6..

Volunteer Opportunities

The City is seeking volunteers for the following positions and committees:

- **Clean Up Day May 12**, if you can spare a couple hours on the morning of the event to assist with loading donation truck we would love to hear from you.
- **Planning Commission**, one vacancy, application is on website.
- **Parks Advisory Committee**, one vacancy, application is on website.
- **Fourth Of July Celebration**, seeking persons interested in volunteering on day of event, you can volunteer an hour or two or all day. All

assistance

- **Access database design assistance.** City staff needs some help refining two database interfaces. No data entry, just design assistance, and it can be done from anywhere.

Please send an email to pam@northplains.org or call 503-647-5555 to receive more information.

Newsletter Articles

If you have a community event you want to publicize in our newsletter please contact Pam Smith at pam@northplains.org before the 15th of the month.

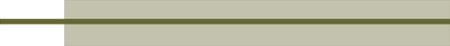
NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

**Saturday, May 5th
from 8 to 4**

**GREAT PLANTS
GREAT PRICES**

HERBS
ANNUALS
PERENNIALS
VEGETABLES
GARDEN ART
SUCCULENTS
PLANTED POTS
and BASKETS
HOUSE PLANTS

**Now at Jessie Mays Park
Help us Support our Community**



Community News



The North Plains Farmers' Market will be open every Saturday from June, 16-September 29, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at NW 314th Avenue between Commercial and Kaybern Streets.



The Farmers' Market will accept the following types of payments:

- SNAP
- Oregon Trail Cards
- WIC
- Senior Vouchers.

MATCHING FUNDS:



New Seasons Market is providing matching funds for Oregon Trail cards up to \$5.00 per week per person.

JUNE 16 BBQ

The North Plains Senior Center will be open during the market hours and will start the season with a sizzling bar-b-que.

MARKET SPROUTS

Sign up for the "Market Sprouts" growing healthy kids program at the Ice Cream Social on June 5, 2012 at the Jessie Mays Community Center. This program is for children ages 4-12 years old. On

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www.northplains.org

We have an App for that!

If you have an android phone you can download the North Plains app for one touch access to our website. Follow this QR code.



Council Agenda

Issues that will be coming before City Council in May include:

- PGE Franchise ordinance
- Hearing regarding comprehensive Plan update to include Trails Plan as part of Parks Master Plan
- Annual acceptance of taxes resolution
- National Night Out schedule
- Summer activities

City Council has regular meetings scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Agendas are published on the City's website the week before the meeting.

Dates to Remember

Annual City Wide Garage Sale, May 5
Various locations. Related events include:
Senior Center BBQ and Indoor Sale
NP Community Garden Club Plant Sale at Jessie Mays
Library Bake Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library

St. Edwards Men's Club Breakfast, May 6

City Council, May 7 and 21, 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall

Chamber of Commerce, May 8, Noon at the Fire District 2 Station on Commercial Street

North Plains Garden Club, May 9, 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall

Planning Commission, May 9, 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall

Annual Clean Up Day, May 12 at Jessie Mays Park

Library Plant Sale, May 12, 19 and 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Library

Budget Committee Meeting – Tentatively scheduled for May 14, 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall

Downtown Walking Trail Loop

Have you noticed the City has a Downtown Walking Trail and we are beginning to put down icons around town?

This is the first of several Walking Trails in the works. Since we are in the early stages of this project, we would appreciate community feedback. Please email pam@northplains.org with your comments.

Budget Committee Meetings

Council participates as members of the budget committee together with 7 residents of the community.

The Budget Committee opened its first hearing on April 9. Additional hearings are being scheduled. Please check www.northplains.org website for updates.

A copy of the draft budget is on the website.