



# Community News

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## Infill Incentives 2014

For a limited time, the City will continue to reduce System Development Charges (SDCs) up to 50%. This can save a property owner \$10,000 or more on the construction of a new single family home.

Last year, City Council approved a 3-year plan for temporarily reducing fees for the construction of new single family homes on vacant or partitioned lots to encourage new development on existing streets.

To qualify for the incentive, the builder must pledge to buy American products when available and follow Energy Star and Waterwise guidelines to ensure energy efficiency and water conservation best practices are used during construction. Additionally, the general contractor must be or pledge to hire a North Plains subcontractor for at least 10% of the project value. As a result of Council's action, several builders have already applied for new home permits. (The incentives are not available to subdivisions of more than 3 homes.) Each home will provide North Plains with about \$2,170 in property taxes for every \$100,000 of assessed value added to the community's tax rolls.

Council also reduced fees for lot line adjustments and partitions in 2012. For less than \$350, it is possible to divide a large lot into two parcels. (*No costly deposit is required as in the past.*)

The incentives will be reduced to 50% in 2014 and 25% in 2015. They expire in 2016. More information and forms are available on the City's website.

## Christmas Tree Pick Up



Boy Scout Troops 275 and 581 are joining together to collect and recycle Christmas Trees on:  
December 28, January 4, January 5

If you want the Scouts to pick up your tree, please leave it at the curb in front of your home.

*Scouts are accepting donations for this service.*

You can attach an envelope to the tree.  
For info email: [boyscouts275@gmail.com](mailto:boyscouts275@gmail.com).

## Out at Night?

Police Chief Bill Snyder wants to remind you to wear some type of reflective clothing to ensure your safety. Reflective vests, straps and lights make you visible at night. Many sporting goods and hunting supply stores have items that are lightweight and easily worn.

Don't forget to protect your dog too! Reflective collars, bandanas, and vests as well as lighted leashes can be found online and at stores.



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OneBOOK  
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North Plains Reads!  
Running The Rift

Events Begin February 1, 2014

See Inside for more information



# Knights of Pythias

Glencoe Lodge #22



Please join the  
Knights of Pythias

## Bus Ride to Chinook Winds Casino January 25, 2014



### This is a fundraiser for Support Your Troops.

With community support,  
Glencoe Lodge #22  
has donated over  
\$5,000 to the troops!

**Schedule: Saturday, January 25, 2014**

**10:00 AM** Departure from Glencoe Lodge  
(31520 NW Commercial Street, North Plains)

**7:30 PM** Departure from Chinook Winds  
(return to Glencoe Lodge)

Seats are limited: first come, first served.

### Cost is \$15 per person

Due at sign-up. \$5 will be refunded  
to each passenger upon boarding.

All active military and veterans  
are free! (\$15 refunded).

Every passenger will receive:  
\$3 off food coupon ~  
Winners Circle Membership Card  
~ \$10 free slot play

*All funds raised will go  
toward the Support Your  
Troops fund.*

We will accept additional cash  
donations to the troops fund on the bus.

We plan to have a raffle on board  
the bus on the return trip.

When reserving seats, each passenger  
must provide: full name, birthdate,  
phone number, address, and, if you  
have one, a Winner Circle Card #.

Please contact:  
Roger Newton: [reoportland@yahoo.com](mailto:reoportland@yahoo.com)  
to reserve your seat.



## Jingle Results

The 2013 winners are as follows:

**"House Most Likely to be Seen from Space"**

Andrea Ranes on NW Pacific St

**"Best-Lighted House"**

Sara Lewis on NW Claxtar St

**"Best Street Spirit"**

NW Yorkshire St

**"Best Holiday Spirit Vehicle"**

Scout Pack 175

**"Best Decorated Vehicle"**

Johnson's Holiday Rhinestone Cart



## 2013 Holiday Gift Shop at North Plains Elementary

A HUGE "thank you" to all who were involved, all who donated and made this is great success! The kids loved it, and there was nothing but positive comments from our staff as well.

We had 15 -20 volunteers to help make this a huge success. Girl Scouts helped set up and decorate our "shop," and moms and dads assisted with the wrapping of the gifts. Less than \$100 was spent by the PTO group, and probably half of that was for the cookies we gave away to kids at completion of wrapping.

We had a large donation made by the local Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge 22 as well as from Recology. Beyond that, all other donations were made by friends and families of students from our school. I happened to be in the office when an older brother (former student of our school) stopped by to make a donation so his younger sister (current student) could continue to experience this event - very heartwarming!

-- Mindy Kane

## Looking for Fun Free Things to Do?

### Check out a Cultural Pass from North Plains Public Library!

See the Spruce Goose at *Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum* for free!

Other Cultural Passes closer to home include the *Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals*, where there are fossils, petrified woods and asteroids – even one you can touch!

Other places you can visit include:

- *Portland Children's Museum*
- *Washington County Museum*
- *Pittock Mansion*
- *Lan Su Chinese Garden*
- *Portland Japanese Garden*
- *A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village in Salem.*



Each pass may be used once per year per person.

Use your library card for a one-day checkout of one of these free passes from the North Plains Public Library. Check online to see which passes are available.

Call to reserve one: 503-647-5051.

## Those were the good old days...

On December 13<sup>th</sup> I spent an afternoon with a cousin of mine who is about my age. We got to talking about how magical it was for a farm kid to go into Hillsboro before Christmas. This cousin tells me “there is a story here, go for it.” *So come with me if you will, for the last Saturday before Christmas in the mid 1940s in Hillsboro Oregon.....*



There is a banner spelling out NOEL hanging over 1<sup>st</sup> Street as we come into town. A home in this area has had the same five-electric-candles display in its window for Christmas as long as I can remember. My Mother is bringing walnut halves to sell to Perfection

Bakery for its cinnamon rolls. At this time of the year, the Perfection specialized in fruit cakes and stollen bread.

Then we would visit the Fairway Market on the SW corner of Second and Main. It always smelled good there. Eunice Kimmerly worked there for years, wore a green apron, and knew everyone. We could buy bananas right off the stalk, bulk peanut butter out of a barrel, and the tops were left on many of the vegetables. Produce was displayed here right up to the sidewalk. An awning above covered the sidewalk, supported by a pipe frame some eight feet high. High School boys were known to chin themselves and bend the pipes. A wrapping of barb wire put an end to their practice.

We see by the huge decorated clock that towered over the sidewalk in front of Abentroth’s Jewelers that lunch time is near. Two popular restaurants of the day were the Dinette and the Tulip lunch on South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. They served home cooked meals on painted wooden tables and benches. A good meal could be had for about a dollar.

On our way to the Tulip lunch we would have passed the Hillsboro Meat Market that also had its display counter right up along the sidewalk. All types of meats were available here, and they would be taking orders for fresh turkey and ham for Christmas. This market’s competition was Fred’s Superior Meats on Main Street. Fred’s place had sawdust on the floor and would make any cut of meat you wanted. The customers could watch the men work.

I was always fascinated in the JC Penny store over the sling-shot system that handled the transactions there.

There were 8 or 10 stations spread around that were attached by wire to the cashier’s desk that sat up on a balcony above the front doors. When a purchase was made, the sales slip and payment were put into a cup. A handle was pulled, and zing — that cup shot up to the cashier. The correct change was made and cup returned to the right station, it was a joy to watch. This old Santa is a product of one of those sling-shot purchases.



About this time in the afternoon, one would have to zig-zag down the sidewalk because there were that many people in town - folks going to different stores to shop for their things. It’s about time to visit the Shake Shop, an Ice Cream Parlor on the south side of Main Street. Their specialties were milk shakes you could eat with a spoon and a twenty-five cent Rainbow Parfait. This shop had the controls on the tables that played the juke box for a nickel.

We can jay-walk across Main Street to the Hillsboro Pharmacy. Beside the soda fountain, there was a place to shop for Mom - perfumes and gift sets. Evening in Paris was the perfume of choice.



Pictured is one of the very first View Masters I bought for my mother there years ago.

This jay-walking to the Pharmacy brings up an event that happened some years later. Anderson’s Jewelry was almost directly across Main Street from the Pharmacy. Lloyd Anderson enjoyed a trip to the Pharmacy for his morning coffee, and in time, he was elected Mayor. When the possibility of outlawing jay-walking in the city came up, the Mayor put a stop to it. He didn’t want to walk to the corner and back to get his morning coffee. As a result, I believe jay-walking is still legal in Hillsboro.

There is a free movie for children going on in the Venetian Theater. Tickets for this have been given out earlier at our one-room Mountaindale School. The movie would be a Gene Autry or a Hopalong Cassidy. Orange Phelps, the theater owner, would pass out goodie bags to us as we left.

The beckoning smells of hamburgers and frying onions are coming from Whimpy’s. This small... very small... operation is in an alley a little more than eight feet wide between two buildings. There was much

discussion in the Hillsboro Argus some time ago over the name of this place. So few of us remember it, it was settled that the place had been called Whimpy's in connection to Popeye's buddy. My older brothers called the place the Squeeze Inn - counter and stools only.

It is beginning to get dark, this Saturday evening just before Christmas. The colored lights on the huge tree in the corner of the Court House lawn have come on. Stone windows are lighted and decorated. It is starting to rain. Ray Delsman, a Hillsboro horse enthusiast, is circling the neighborhoods with a lighted horse and buggy. A hanging coal oil lantern is serving as a tail light.

The paper boys are selling all over the place. Their call was "Sunday Oregonian, Journal Paper" over and over. Christmas music is drifting in from somewhere, a high school club is holding an initiation of new members. They have their candidate in sou'wester rain gear; its pouring rain now. He is up on a stepladder trying to sell a dead fish hanging from a fish pole at a bargain price.

I am standing in front of the Sprouse Reitz, a five and dime store that had two doors out into the sidewalk. Inside, between these doors, were displayed those little Hummel figurines from Germany. They could be had for very little then, and are highly collectable today. I bought a string of bubble lights for our Christmas tree here when they first came out. They were still selling those lead icicles for your tree that were hard to separate. This store had a canvas awning over the sidewalk that had collected a lot of water. This awning suddenly burst upon a small boy and almost flushed him out into the gutter.



What I've tried to establish is that there was a wide variety of stores that were in the downtown core area. Folks went to different stores for different things. It has been a long day and it is time to go home. My Father will probably have the cows milked by the time we get there. That NOEL sign that greeted us on the way in now reads LEON.

There has to be some of you folks out there who remember these days. For those of you who came along later, you missed something special. It was a time that will never be duplicated, and can only be remembered.

- Melvin Van Domelen,  
North Plains Historical Society

*Have a story to tell or special picture of North Plains?  
Submit articles to [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org)*

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ...

*Another fresh new year is here . . . Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt and fear, To love and laugh and give. —  
William Arthur Ward*

### CRAB FEED

**January 18, Jessie Mays**

Save the Date!! Join us for crab, steak *or both* plus entertainment and a no-host bar.

**Advanced purchase:** \$30 for Crab or Steak, \$35 for Surf & Turf.

**At the Door:** \$40 for Crab or Steak; \$45 for Surf & Turf.

Three seatings—at 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00. Order tickets at the Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street, by phone (503) 647-5666 or online:

<http://www.mealsonwheelspeople.org/news/special-events/crab-feed/>.



### KITCHEN REMODEL

The remodel will begin January 13 and should take about a month. We will continue to serve meals daily at the Center until further notice.

### TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Just a reminder that the Senior Center runs on community donations and proceeds from our various fundraisers. If you'd like to make a *tax-deductible* donation, send it to North Plains Senior Center, PO Box 147, North Plains, OR 97133. Thank you!



## Library News ...

**Holiday Closures.** The Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, **Tuesday, December 31**, and will remain closed on **Wednesday, January 1** for New Year's Day. The Library will also be closed on **Monday, January 20** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Oregon Reads 2014 – William Stafford Literary Event.** Mark your calendars for **Friday, January 17**. Celebrated poet and essayist Kim Stafford will be in North Plains for a wine, cheese, and literary event in honor of his father, poet laureate William Stafford, who would have turned 100 on this day. **Brian Doyle**, author of *Mink River*, will be the master of ceremonies for the evening. This event will take place at St. Edward Catholic Church Parish Hall, 10990 NW 313th Street, North Plains, OR, beginning at 7 p.m. *Although the event is free, reservations are required, as seating is limited. Please call the Library at 503-647-5051 to sign up.*

The 2014 centennial of the birth of one of Oregon's greatest poets has been declared a statewide celebration by the Oregon Heritage Commission. The poet, William Stafford, served as poet laureate of Oregon for 14 years and published more than 60 collections of poetry and prose. Stafford moved to Oregon from his native Kansas in 1948 and settled with his family in Lake Oswego. He taught for more than 30 years at Lewis and Clark College which now houses his archives. Stafford won many prestigious literary awards, including the National Book Award. He was Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress (a post now called the US Poet Laureate) in 1970. The Oregon Library Association has selected Stafford as its featured author for the Oregon Reads program in 2014, and libraries statewide will be sponsoring programs that celebrate Stafford and his works.

This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the North Plains and Banks Libraries with a grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County.

**Cover Oregon.** Learn about affordable health care insurance and how to access financial help to pay for coverage. Cover Oregon Educator (and Library Staff

member), Donna Medica, will be making the following free public presentations:

- Tigard Public Library, 13500 SW Hall Blvd, **Sunday, January 5** at 2 p.m.
- Forest Grove City Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue, **Saturday, January 11** at 2 p.m.
- Garden Home Community Library, 7475 SW Oleson Road, **Tuesday, January 21** at 7 p.m.

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, January 2** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

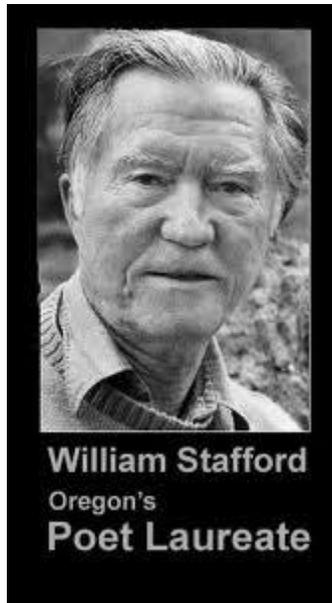
**First Friday Flick.** Join us at the Library on **January 3** at 6 p.m. for a free movie showing. In this PG-rated, animated cartoon sequel, a former super-villain is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super-criminal. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

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

- **January 1** - Holiday - No Storytime
- **January 8** - Storytime with Librarian Kay: Colors
- **January 15** - Special Guest Storytime: Firemen from Washington County Fire District 2
- **January 22** - Storytime with Miss Marion: Winter Fun
- **January 29** - Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Dragons

**Artwork on Exhibit.** North Plains resident Timothy Radtke will show his paintings in **January and February**. His landscapes are composed in oil on canvas and on wood. A free public reception for the artist will be held on **Friday, January 10** from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

**Super Saturday – Graphic Novel Workshop.** Darren Davis of Bluewater Productions will be demonstrating and teaching how to draw comics beginning at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 11** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. All ages are welcome to attend this free event.



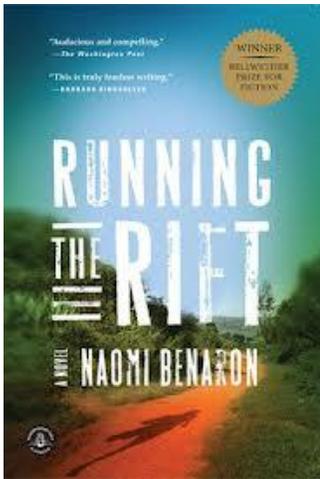
**Quilt Display.** The January quilt to be featured has been donated by The Westside Quilters Guild for the Library's annual fundraising raffle. Tickets may be purchased at the Library and are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on the second Sunday in August, 2014, at the Jessie Mays Community Hall during the North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival.

**Library Book Club.** The Book Club will hold its annual potluck party on **Thursday, January 16** beginning at 6 p.m. at the Library. Participants will be suggesting books to read in 2014. Everyone is encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share and a few book suggestions to be voted upon by the group. New members are welcome.

**Friends of the Library Meeting.** There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on **Monday, January 13** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

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**Coming in February - One Book One Community.**



February 2014 events highlight the novel, Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron. All activities are free and open to the public.

**Saturday, February 1,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., North Plains Public Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street. This kick-off event features Sam Munyandamutsa of the Pacific Northwest Rwandan

Association who will provide Rwandan food and share his story. Free copies of Running the Rift will be distributed.

**Saturday, February 8,** 1-2:30 p.m., Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street. This special Super Saturday event features the Kukatonon Children's African Dance Troupe performing traditional African dances with two drummers. The performance is suitable for all ages.

**Thursday, February 13,** 7 p.m., North Plains Public Library Musician Enric Sifa will perform Rwandan songs and tell his story of growing up during the Rwandan Genocide.

**Friday, February 21,** 7 p.m., North Plains Public Library. Movie showing of *Hotel Rwanda*, a 2004 PG13-rated drama. The film is set in 1994 during the Rwandan Genocide, in which an estimated 800,000 people, mainly Tutsi, were killed by Hutu extremists. It is the story of a hotel manager who saves the lives of 1,200 people who have come into his care by using his skills of bribery, flattery, apology and deception.

**Thursday, February 27,** 7 p.m., North Plains Public Library Book discussion of Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron.



Selected as an Official 2014 Fundraising Team, the "Foot Patrol" is a group of twelve men and women from five police agencies in Oregon. They're running in support of cancer survivors, in memory of those who fought bravely and have passed, and for those yet to be diagnosed.

The team is organized through the North Plains Police Department, which is supporting the non-profit Providence Portland Medical Foundation which funds the Providence Cancer Center. Along with personnel from the North Plains, Hillsboro, and Dallas Police Departments, there are also members of the Washington County and Clackamas County Sheriffs' Offices participating. Foot Patrol has pledged to raise at least \$10,000 for the Center, which offers treatment, research, and support to those who have had their lives affected by cancer.

Foot Patrol will complete "the mother of all relays," the 2014 Hood to Coast, in August of 2014. It's 199 miles and each step, funded by your support, is one closer to finally ending this disease.

You can follow the Foot Patrol's preparations, read their story, buy a shirt, and make a tax-deductible donation at [www.NPfun.org/foot-patrol.html](http://www.NPfun.org/foot-patrol.html)



01/26/2014  
Jessie Mays  
Community Hall. Free  
indoor fun for kids

See [www.NPfun.org](http://www.NPfun.org) for more information

# Calendar

See community events at [NPfun.org](http://NPfun.org)

- 12/31 **City offices and Library close early**
- 01/01 **City Offices and Library closed**
- 01/02 **Writer's Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 01/03 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 01/06 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 01/08 **North Plains Garden Club** 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 01/08 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 01/08 **Planning Commission Meeting**  
Cancelled
- 01/09 **NP Food Pantry** open 5 – 6:30 p.m. at  
31311 Commercial Street
- 01/13 **Friends of North Plains Library Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 01/15 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 01/15 **Library Board Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the  
Library
- 01/16 **Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 01/18 **Crab Feed** 3 seatings at Jessie Mays  
Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 01/20 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains  
Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 01/22 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 01/24 **NP Food Pantry** open 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311  
Commercial Street
- 01/26 **Play Date** 1:30-4 p.m. at Jessie Mays  
Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street



North Plains First LEGO League Team members at December 2 Council Meeting explaining their project regarding emergency safety.

## Advertise in this Newsletter

City Council approved a policy to allow local businesses to advertise in the North Plains Community Newsletter. Rates range from \$10-\$70.

Local non-profits and youth leagues receive up to a half page at no cost.

Ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Email: [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org)

## City Council Agenda

In January, City Council will continue its review of policies; assign Councilors to committees and boards; consider hotel location consultant proposal; review property acquisition proposal; consider adoption of ordinance to abandon a portion of Hillcrest Street.



*Raffles - Hors d'oeuvres - Live Music*

*Presented by City of North Plains to benefit the North Plains Food Pantry*

*February 15, 2014  
Doors open 6:30 p.m.  
\$20 per Couple*