



November 2011

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Event Calendar: All events are held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, unless noted otherwise.

City Council—November 7 and 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce—November 8 at Noon (at the North Plains Fire Station)

Gathering of Women—November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission—November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Court—November 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Library Board—November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library



BUDGET COMMITTEE AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE NEEDED

If you are interested, applications are available at www.northplains.org, or by calling: 503-647-5555.

PARKS NAMED

Three new city parks were named: Pacific Purple Park (NW Pacific Street/NW Main Street), Frank Wing Memorial Park (NW Commercial Street/NW 321st Avenue) and Vern Galaway Memorial Park (NW Highland Court/NW 313th Avenue). Frank Wing was a long-time resident who also developed streets for the City. Vern Galaway and family provided an easement on which the newly named park is situated. Signs with official names will be installed soon.

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Commercial and industrial businesses may now benefit from a Business Incentives Program to encourage economic development in the City. The City has reduced fees and streamlined its process to encourage more business start-ups and expansion.

TUF

The Transportation Utility Fee was recently increased and will be effective in the November water billing. Please visit the City web site at www.northplains.org for specific information.

CHILI COOK-OFF

On October 20, 2011, the Annual Chili Cook-Off was held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Over 282 people attended this event which features 28 chili entries by 24 entrants. Six trophies were awarded to individuals in the following categories: General Overall - Paresha Castagno, Hottest - Owen Vandehey, Indescribable - Marian "Lyn" Davis, Nontraditional - Teri Lenahan, People's Choice Paresha Castagno, Kid's Choice - Hayden James. The North Plains Knights of Pythias donated, prepared and served hot dogs and the North Plains Senior Center donated, prepared and served chili and cornbread. The North Plains Gathering of Women provided assistance in various capacities. More information about this event is available on the City's web site at www.northplains.org.

GRANT UPDATE

In October the City Council accepted a Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate water and street infrastructure along NW Claxtar Street between NW 309th Avenue and NW Main Street in the amount of \$285,080. A \$4,000 Oregon Department of Transportation Safety Project Grant for two radars to be placed in police cars, and an officer overtime grant for a safety belts safety program through the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Grant for \$2,000 were also accepted. More information is available about these grant projects at www.northplains.org.

UPCOMING NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- **Raffle!** Buy a chance to grace your Thanksgiving dinner table with a beautiful quilted table runner. Raffle tickets are 2 for \$1 at the Library. The drawing will be held on Friday, November 18th.
- **Library Book Club.** The October selection will be the book, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. This story centers around twin brothers born to an Indian nun and a British surgeon at a mission hospital in Ethiopia. Each brother shares a fascination with medicine and a love for the same woman. Join us on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Library for a discussion of this engaging work of fiction. Refreshments will be served.
- **Last Thursday Craft Night.** Bring your handicraft projects to the Library on the last Thursday of each month from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Join us on October 27th to meet new friends and learn new skills.
- **Happy Halloween.** Children are welcome to come to the Library in costume any time on Monday, October 31st, to receive a Boo!kmark and a candy treat!
- **Storytime.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to join us for Storytime every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. On the first Wednesday of each month, Storytime is presented by Miss Marion. Join us on November 2nd for stories about Turkeys. On the third Wednesday of each month, Storytime is presented by special guests. Come on November 16th to see Meredith Bach and her spinning wheel and listen as she spins a yarn.
- **First Friday Flick.** Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. The G-rated Disney Pixar movie to be shown on Friday, November 4th is a about a race car and a tow truck that head overseas to compete in a World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. Along the way are surprises, adventures, and international espionage. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.
- **Antarctica Presentation.** A voyage to Antarctica is one of the most exhilarating adventures the planet offers. Come to the Library on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m. and see what to do on this beautiful continent. Diane and Dick VanGrunsven will be sharing a DVD put out by National Geographic and Lindblad expeditions. They will be joined by Don Huffman, a snow hydrologist, who will share his slides and experiences at the Scott Base, Antarctica.
- **Author Visit.** Save the date – Wednesday, November 30th. Brian Doyle, author of *Mink River*, will make a guest appearance at the Library Book Club meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **Library Information.** The library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Open hours are Monday-Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at www.nplibrary.org. You can also find us on Facebook.

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We're on the Web!
www.northplains.org

WANT TO SAVE A STAMP? TIRED OF WRITING A CHECK?

Sign up to have your water bill paid by Direct Debit. This is a FREE service to you. Come into City Hall and fill out a Direct Debit Authorization form and attach a VOIDED CHECK. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 503-647-5555.

STREET SWEEPING

The North Plains streets are swept the third Thursday of the month. Please remove all basketball hoops, cars and skateboard ramps from the street.

Thank you from the City of North Plains

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