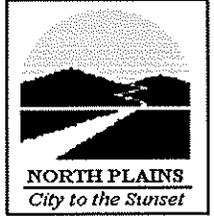


March 2012

Community News



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Town Hall Meeting Update

On February 16 the City hosted a Town Hall meeting at Jessie Mays Community Center. Dozens of residents attended the event that featured a state of City address from the Mayor and introduced members of the North Plains staff to the community.

An update was given regarding the Claxtar Street project which will be a large public

works project starting this summer.

Many residents asked questions about the Nature's Needs compost facility which is located immediately outside North Plains jurisdictional boundary on unincorporated land (County).

City staff advised that Recology, the operator of the facility, is currently subject to a tonnage limit of an

average of 150 tons/day which was imposed by Washington County. This is about 1/3 of the material they were accepting in November, when odors became a pronounced issue in Town. The Department of Environmental Quality is also monitoring the facility to ensure house keeping is appropriate and minimizes the opportunity for odor.

NORTH PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK MARCH 5-9

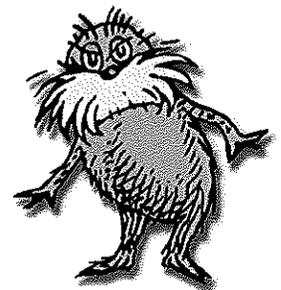
Students, staff and special guests will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with our Read Across America activities.

The theme this year is "The Lorax" which is about recycling and taking care of our planet. All week long North Plains

Elementary will have special activities including a class reading contest, guest readers from the community and school wide reading periods.

Please contact North Plains Elementary if you would like to participate in our Read Across America week.

Reading is a lifetime gift to a child.



Library News

Library Board Position Open.

Applicants may pick up a form and description of the position in the Library. The term expires on June 30, 2013. This vacancy may be filled by patrons who live outside the city limits. Deadline to apply is March 9.

2011 Tax Forms. Both State and Federal tax forms are available for pick up at the Library.

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, March 2 features a 12 year old orphan who lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station in the 1930s. His secret, undercover life is put in jeopardy when he gets wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father and an automaton. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

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 March 7, guest story reader Miss Marion will honor Read Across America day with stories about rivers, mountains, and oceans. Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program, sponsored by the National Education Association and promoted in schools and libraries, that calls

for every child in every community to celebrate reading. On Wednesday, March 21, meet local Fire Fighters and listen to stories about their jobs and work.

Friends of the Library Meeting.

The Friends will meet on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome to attend.

Craft Night. Bring your handcraft projects to the Library on Thursday, March 29 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.

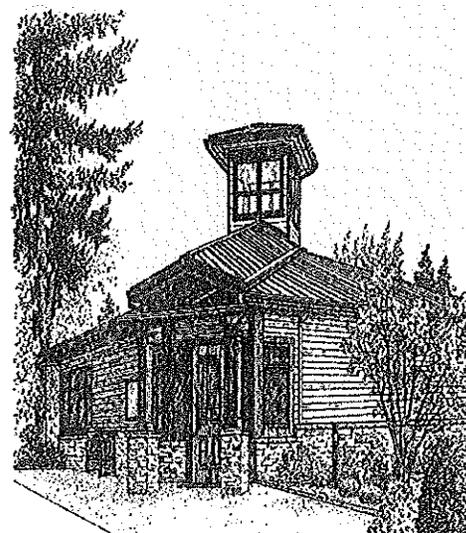
Library Book Club. On Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Library, Book Club participants will discuss The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author chronicles the decades-long migration of almost 6 million black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities in search of a better life between World War I and the 1970s.

Super Saturday – The Portland Ballet. Come to the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Saturday, March 31 at 1 p.m. to see members of The Portland Ballet dance a series of short classical works, including from the

upcoming production of *Paquita*. Unbeknownst to the young heroine, Paquita, she is really of noble birth, having been abducted by Gypsies when she was an infant. In the story, she saves the life of a young French officer and subsequently learns of her true identity. This free performance is not to be missed!

Coming in April – Hearing Voices.

This 8th Annual Storytelling Festival will take place from April 7 – 14 and features four professional storytellers: Tim Tingle (Canyon Lake, TX), Kirk Waler (Oakland, CA), Habiba Addo (Portland, OR and Ghana, West Africa) and Leslie Slape (St. Helens, OR). On the evening of Saturday, April 14, the North Plains Public Library will host the final storytelling concert at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club featuring free performances by all four storytellers for the enjoyment of adults and children ages 6 and up.



Want to grow something? A place for gardeners

The City of North Plains is in the process of constructing a Community Garden.

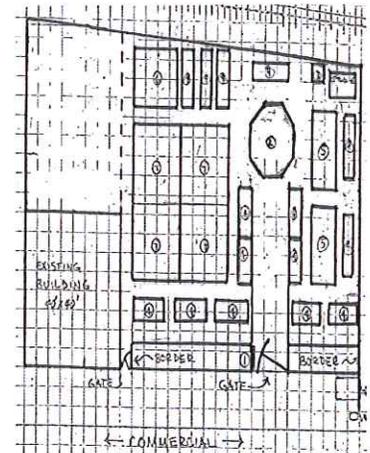
Located on NW Commercial St across from the Fire Station, in the lot next to Robinson's LTD Floral, which leased the property to the City for \$1/year.

The site will have raised beds and beds for larger plantings such as squash or corn. A small shaded area will be added with picnic tables.

Materials for the garden have been donated by local businesses and City staff is working on the preparation of the site.

Information regarding the community garden can be obtained at City Hall or on the City web page www.northplains.org.

To sign up for a space please contact City Hall at (503) 647-5555 or pam@northplains.org.



Layout of new community garden.

Second CDBG Grant awarded for Claxtar Street

On February 13th 2012, the City was awarded another grant for NW Claxtar St.

This along with the grant obtained last year will allow a water system project and a street improvement project to begin shortly.

The project will consist of the installation of a new water main, service lines, fire hydrants, a fresh lift of asphalt along with curbs and sidewalks.

Construction is expected to start by the mid July 2012 and take several months to complete. Funding for this project is being provided through a Washington County Community Block Grant.

Any questions regarding this project, please contact, Blake Boyles Public Works Director at 503-389-1397 or blake@northplains.org.

Public Works has attracted almost \$400,000 in grant funds for Claxtar Street Improvements

City Accepts Credit Card Payments

City now accepts credit card payments for utility bills, court payments, fees and fines. There is small convenience fee associated with the service. Look for a new website link that allows payments over the internet.

New North Plains Boy Scout Troop

North Plains has a new Boy Scouts Troop. Parents & guardians interested in having their boys, 11 and older, join the new troop may contact the Scout-Master Darrel Smith by email at darrel.e.smith@intel.com

City Council Agenda for March

Councilor Ana Singh-Gill will be absent for a March meeting while she travels to India.

In March the City Council will be considering the following items:

Franchise with PGE

Adjustments to fees for services city-wide

Design guidelines for commercial areas of Commercial Street and Glencoe Road.

Revision to Washington County Fire District water rates.

Discussion of budget goals for 2012/13

Waiver of fees for Senior Center fundraising event sponsored by Last Waterin' Hole.

City Budget for 2012/13 is being drafted

City staff is working to prepare next fiscal year's budget. The budget format is being restructured to provide a more transparent picture of the cost of City services, and it will be posted on the website when the draft is released to the Budget Committee.

Like most communities, North Plains is seeking to do more with less. Revenues are expected to remain fairly flat. Fee revenues are likely to continue to decline as a result of limited development in the

town.

For the second year administrative expenses are being lowered to help ease expenses for both the General Fund and Water Fund.

It is hoped the Police reserve officer program can be slightly expanded to provide more patrols within the community.

Library services are likely to remain at current levels.

No changes in water rates are proposed.

Funding for community events like movies in the

park are included in the proposal.

Capital improvement projects include a skate spot, Claxtar Street and sidewalk improvements, and water main improvement on Highland.

If you have any thoughts regarding next year's budget, please send them to info@northplains.org. There are still vacancies open for Budget Committee members.

A skate spot is proposed in the 2012/13 Parks Capital Budget.

Support Our Troops

Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge are coordinating an April 21 event to create care packages for US troops.

They will be accepting donations of cash and items for the packages.

If a member of your

family or friend in currently serving in our armed forces please let the Pythians know so they can direct care packages to them.

A flier with more details is attached. The Pythians can be contacted by email:

mkhardwick@msn.com.
If you cannot make it on April 21 you can drop your donation off at City Hall and we will forward it for you.

Did you North Plains Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge No. 22 was formed in 1884 and has been continuously operating for 128 years?

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Subscribe to Community Newsletter

Persons who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter can request to receive it by mail or email. Mailing is limited to residents in the 97133 zip code. Email can be sent to anyone who requests it. Please call City Hall at (503) 647-5555 or email pam@northplains.org to request future copies of the newsletter. The newsletter is also available on the City's website.

Volunteers Needed

There are lots of opportunities to help your community. Please consider joining one of the following committees:

Budget Committee (2 vacancies) The committee meets 3-5 times per year in the evening to review the City's and North Plains Urban Renewal Agency Budgets. Any resident can apply, and no special qualifications are required.

Planning Commission (1 vacancy) The Commission meets once a month to review applications for development in the City of North Plains.

Library Board (1 vacancy) The Board meets once a month to review policies and programs of the North Plains Public Library.

Community Garden – Public Works is seeking volunteers assist with the development of the community garden proposed for Commercial Street. A special event will be scheduled to prepare the site in April.

4th Of July Celebration – The City is seeking volunteers to assist with planning an old-fashioned 4th of July celebration in North Plains.

Newsletter Writer – That's right you could write this newsletter too. We are always looking to promote community events and fund raisers for charitable and non-profit organizations. Pictures from community events can also be submitted for the newsletter. Likewise if you are local historian we could use your help. Please contact City Manager martha@northplains.org

*For more information contact City Hall at (503) 647-5555 or
pam@northplains.org*

Dates to Remember:

City Council - 7 p.m. on March 5, 19, 26. at Jessie Mays
Chamber of Commerce – Noon, march 13 at fire station
North Plains Garden Club - 9 a.m. March 14 at Jessie Mays
Planning Commission - 7 p.m. on March 14 at Jessie Mays
Library Board - 7 p.m. on March 21 at Library



Knights of Pythias

Glencoe Lodge #22, 31520 NW Commercial Street

Support Our Troops Care Package Project April 21, 2012 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Support Our Troops Care Packages is a Knights of Pythias' community project. On April 21st donated items and funds will be collected to fill boxes and ship packages to our troops deployed throughout the world.

Please donate:

- **Baby Wipes/Hoo Ahhs Field Towels** - packets are better than tubs.
- **Snacks that won't melt**
 - **Beef Jerky/Slim Jims**
 - **Energy Bars** (Power Bar, HOOAH brand energy bars formulated for soldiers, etc...)
 - **Dried Fruit**
 - **Sunflower seeds**
 - **Peanuts**
 - **Hard Candy** (Atomic Fireballs / Jolly Ranchers)
 - **Chewing Gum**
 - **Doritos**
- **Hot Sauce** (Tabasco, Red Devil, etc)
- **Seasoning Salt** (Lawry's, Cajun, etc.)
- **Travel size board games**
- **Playing cards**
- **Crossword puzzles, soduko books**
- **Smarties or SweetTart candies** (for local children who prefer sour style candy to build relationships with community)
- **Powdered Energy/Electrolyte Replacement Drink Mix** (Gatorade, etc.)
- **Avon Skin So Soft** - great for removing face paint
- **AA-cell Alkaline Batteries**
- **Personal Hygiene Gear:**
 - Disposable Razors
 - Toothbrush and Tooth Paste
 - Foot powder
 - Qtips
- **Eye Wash / Drops** (Visine, etc.) for flushing dust and sand out of the eyes
- **Zip-Lock style Plastic Storage Bags** - assorted sizes, heavier freezer style are better
- **Pre-paid Phone Card**

The Pythians would like to know of any family members serving in the military from our community, if you know of any or would like to volunteer to help please contact Kevin Hardwick mkhardwick@msn.com