

North Plains Community News

City of North Plains, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133 www.northplains.org

December 2013



We are on Facebook as City of North Plains.

Don't be surprised if you get an invitation to like us from the City Manager. We're on a mission to get 500 likes before the end of the year.

The City's page will have updates about events and can be used to report issues such as potholes or make suggestions about community programs.



PlayDate

12/22/13

See www.NPfun.org for more information

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The Jingle

10th Annual Jingle

December 5, 2013
6:30 pm

A unique North Plains holiday tradition sponsored by the City of North Plains and North Plains Events Association. 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 vehicle. 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 afterwards courtesy of the North Plains Events Association.

Sunset Ridge Subdivision

Approved at Jackson School Road and West Union Road

On November 13, the Planning Commission approved an application by Polygon Northwest to develop 104 homes on the eastern edge of the City. The homes will range in size from large lots over 6,000 square feet to smaller lots of 2,400 square feet. The plan includes about 5 acres of open space and a park with playground. Development will likely start spring 2014, with homes available as soon as the fall.

Official Fundraiser



Foot Patrol



Running to Fight: Foot Patrol

Members of the North Plains Police Department and personnel from four other agencies (Washington County Sheriff's Office, and Hillsboro, Dallas, and Clackamas Police Departments) are an Official Fundraising Team for the 2014 Hood to Coast Relay. Their team name is Foot Patrol, and they'll be joining in the Jingle this year – so stop by and ask them about their training and why they committed to fighting cancer. You can also follow their preparations, read their story, and make a tax-deductible donation at www.NPfun.org/foot-patrol.html

Knights of Pythias

Glencoe Lodge #22



Please join the
Knights of Pythias on a

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!

Saturday, January 25, 2014

10:00 AM Departure from Glencoe Lodge (31520 NW Commercial St, 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).

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 #.

Each passenger will receive:

\$3 off food coupon ~ Winners Circle Membership Card ~ \$10 free slot play

Please contact: Roger Newton: reoportland@yahoo.com to reserve your seat.



**North Plains Elementary
is asking for your help!!
We are sponsoring our annual...**



Holiday Gift Shop!!

Each year the North Plains Elementary PTO sponsors and coordinates a unique gift shop for our students. It consists of items that have been donated by families and friends of North Plains' students as well as business members in the community. Each student will have the opportunity to attend this gift shop and choose a gift for each of two special adults in his/her life. They will wrap the gift and prepare it for giving.

We are in need of your donations in order for the Holiday Gift Shop to become possible. These donations should be small items. They will be a gift for an adult and should stay between \$1-\$5. Some suggestions are golf accessories, candles, stationery, fishing supplies, calendars, books, personal care items, kitchen gadgets, small tools, measuring tapes, candy, sporting accessories, knick knacks and garden tools.



Other items we need for the gift shop are gift bags, tissue paper, bows, tape and gift tags.

**If you would like to help...
Please drop off new items at the
North Plains Elementary school office
by Thursday, Dec. 5th.**

Thank you for your help!

**Questions??? Please Call:
North Plains Elementary School
at 503-844-1630**



Those were the good old days...



Much information is coming from that 100 year old map we have of North Plains drawn by Florence Bunger and from notes written by Florence in a book about North Plains by Eileen Riddell. I am adding some things I remember and stories I have been told.

On that old map, I can count 28 business operations and city buildings. There were three furniture stores, two candy shops, a jewelry shop, a doctor, a dentist... the list just goes on and on. It was a growing town, even then.

The North Plains Commercial Bank was built in 1911 on the SW corner of Commercial and Main Street. There is speculation that the bricks for the bank building came from the Dicke brickyard that was located east of Commercial Street where it dips down into West Union Road. There was a depression in the hillside there where the material for the bricks had been taken out.

The Mays brothers, Marion and Elmer, were the backers of their bank along with several other notable people. In 1921 robbers broke through an outer brick wall and got into the safety deposit

vault. The vault was then moved into the center of the building.

I have children's banks in the form of a small book (above) that were given out by the bank. They kept the keys for these gifts so they could only be opened at the bank. I also have some processed checks from there. In 1931 their bank was merged with the Commercial Bank of Hillsboro.



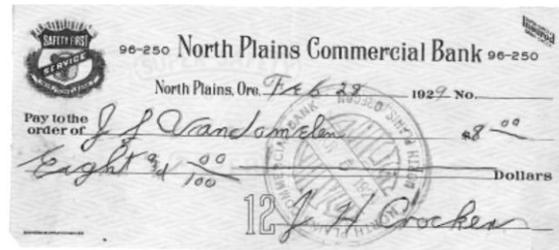
The building today is called the First or Last Watering Hole, depending on which direction you are going. They can name these taverns in town anything they like. To those of us who have lived

here all of our lives, they will always be the upper and lower taverns.

The current operator of the tavern in the bank building is Lynn Davis, who told me

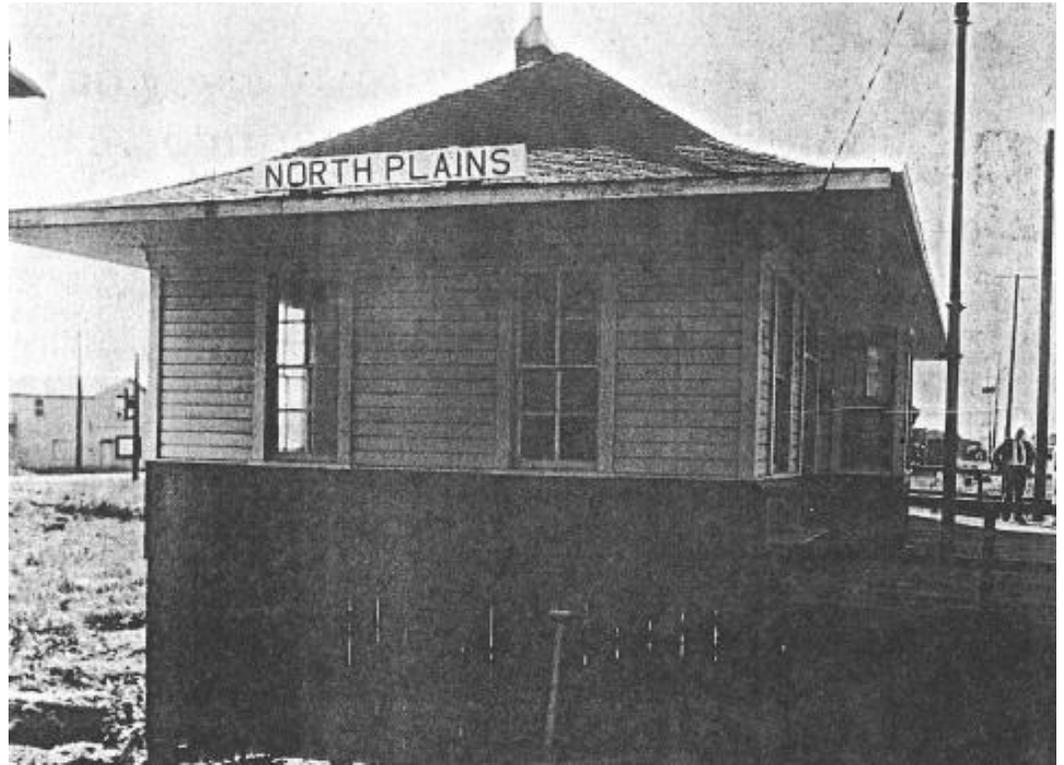
the original vault area has been made into a rest room. She claims one can still make a deposit in the old vault area, but it doesn't allow any withdrawals.

A hitching rack stood beside the bank, used to tie up horses, wagons and buggies. In the space that Duyck's garage now occupies, there was then a novelty shop and bakery.



Going south on Main Street from the bank building was one of the furniture stores on the west side of the street. Way out at the edge of the woods, a small isolated building is drawn in on that old map. I first thought the description there read Mays Bros Power House. I talked this over with my cousin, John Crocker. He said, "Can't be a power house, not in those days." Using a magnifying glass, we see the words read Powder House. This would make sense; they stored the explosives far out of town.

Directly north across Commercial Street from the present Duyck's Garage, the small city hall once stood. I can't remember this city hall, but I do remember the tiny building that stood next to it. This was about the size of a one car garage. I watched this building sag and settle and finally disappear. Inside had been stored a high wooden-wheel fire hose cart with a handle for men to pull on it. That hose cart stood out in the weather for years on that corner. It was something that should have been saved.



A little farther on the west side of Main Street was a hardware store, and then came the depot station for the United Railroad. The depot stood some 100 feet west of Main along the tracks.

My older brother told of riding the train into Portland. This would have been in the early 1920's. He said it made two or three trips a day. I have seen train load after train load of logs come down that railroad with three huge logs on each railroad car. Also, a lot of lumber was shipped from the mills on the coast.

The station master had a long pole with a sling-shot V on the end. He would attach a packet of messages on the sling-shot and the train engineer would stick his arm out of the engine's cab and collect the bag as he went by, white steam clouds billowing.

The depot building was auctioned off and part of it was used in a pizza restaurant in Beaverton. I checked this location a few days ago, not any sign of the North Plains Depot left there.

Melvin Van Domelen
North Plains Historical Society

Low Cost Internet \$10/Mo

Comcast offers a service in our area called "Internet Essentials" that provides internet access

at the home of qualified families for \$10/month. Additionally, they can provide a low-cost computer and free training. To qualify, you must have at least one child eligible for the national school lunch program, not be subscribed to Comcast internet in the past 90 days, and not have an overdue Comcast bill. For more information call 1-855-846-8376 or visit www.internetessentials.com.

NP Chamber of Commerce gives NP Elephant Garlic Festival to City

The membership of the Chamber of Commerce voted to give the North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival to the City of North Plains. All intellectual property including registered names and the funstinks.com domain. The Stinke trademark is also being granted to the City. The City will likely contract with the North Plains Events Association to operate the event.

August 8, 9, and 10 2014 are the dates for the 17th Annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival. Additional information is at www.funstinks.com.



Library News

Holiday Craft Faire. Do a little holiday shopping and support the North Plains Public Library at the same time! The annual Craft Faire will be held in the Library from **December 2-24**. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books.

Wizard of Oz Tree. This year's Library holiday tree is upside down and rotates, just as if a tornado were still spinning it. Farm animals, barns, and tractors whirl around as tree ornaments. Next to the tree, the Wicked Witch of the East lies under the house that the tornado deposited in the Library. This marvelous Wizard of Oz Tree was graciously donated by MetroWest Ambulance and will be on display throughout the month of December.

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

12/4 Storytime with Miss Marion: At Year's End

12/11 Storytime with Children's Librarian Kay: Clothing

12/18 Special Guest Storytime: Santa Claus Visits the Library!

12/25 Holiday - no Storytime

Cover Oregon Information. Oregonians are now able to compare and enroll in health and dental coverage that fits their needs and to access financial help to pay for that coverage. Literature about Cover Oregon is available at the North Plains Public Library, and staff member Donna Medica will give free public presentations and question/answer sessions about this topic as follows:

Thursday, **Dec 5**, 7:00 p.m. Presentation at Cornelius City Hall, 1355 N Barlow St., Cornelius

Saturday, **Dec 7** 10:30 a.m. Presentation at Cedar Mill Community Library, 12505 NW Cornell Road, Portland

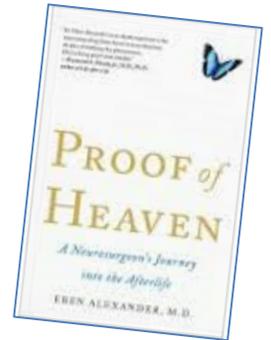
Tuesday, **Dec 10**, 5:30 p.m. Presentation at Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW Fifth Street, Beaverton

Thursday, **Dec 12**, 06:30 p.m. Presentation at Century High School, 2000 SE Century Blvd, Hillsboro

Wednesday, **Dec 18** 7:00 p.m. Presentation at Hillsboro Public Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro

Saturday, **Dec 28**, 1-3 p.m., Q & A Session at Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove

Library Book Club. On Thursday, December 19 at 7 p.m., the group will discuss Proof of Heaven by Dr. Eben Alexander. As a neurosurgeon, the author believed that near-death-experiences were simply fantasies of brains under stress. Then, he contracted a rare illness that put him in a coma, and during that time, he encountered his own NDE. He miraculously recovered, and this book recounts his story. New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.



Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, December 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 the Library on **December 6** at 6 p.m. to watch a crop-dusting plane with a fear of heights who lives his dream of competing in a famous around-the-world aerial race. This is a PG-rated, Disney animated, action comedy. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

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

Holiday Closures. The Library will close at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, **December 24** and will remain closed on Wednesday, **December 25** for Christmas Day. 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.

Artwork on Exhibit. Local resident Carolyn Leavitt's original cross stitch pieces will be featured throughout the month of **December**.

Quilt Display. The **December** quilt on exhibit will be *'Twas the Night* by AnnMarie Cowley of Hillsboro, a member of the Westside Quilters Guild.

Bubble-Wrap Drive. Members of the Friends of the Library are collecting donations of small-bubble-sized bubble-wrap. Please bring your clean bubble-wrap donations (no tape attached to it) to the Jessie Mays Community Hall and put it through the slot to the right of the door to the annex.

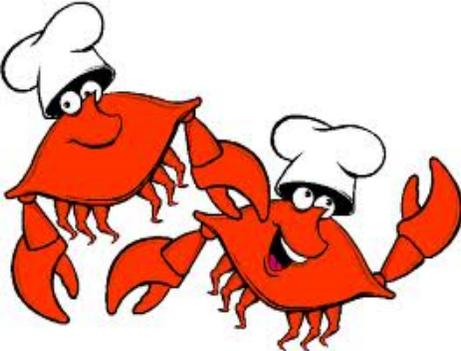
LEGO Bricks Drive. Donations of LEGOS, both small- and large-sized, are being collected in the box located near the Library entry door. Upcoming Lego events will be planned and published as soon as there are enough materials.

Read to the Dogs. First graders and up may practice their reading skills with Taylor, a registered Pet Partners dog. This program takes place on the first Wednesday of every month from 3-5 p.m. Reservations are required. Sign up for a 20-minute time slot by calling the Library at 503-647-5051.

Save the Date for Oregon Reads 2014 – Friday, January 17. 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. Mark your calendars for

Friday, **January 17.** William Stafford's son, Kim Stafford, a celebrated poet and essayist in his own right, will be in North Plains for a wine, cheese, and literary event in honor of his father, who would have turned 100 on this day. Brian Doyle, author of Mink River, will be the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Save the Date for One Book One Community – Saturday, February 1. Kick-Off Event featuring the book, Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron. Sam Munyandamutsa of the Pacific Northwest Rwandan Association will provide Rwandan food and share his story. Other events throughout the month of February will feature a children's African dance troupe, an African music concert and lecture, a special movie night, and a book discussion.



January 18, 2014
Seatings at
3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 pm
Jessie Mays Community Hall
30975 Hillcrest St

North Plains Senior Center Crab and Steak Feed
Tickets Available in Advance at Senior Center 31450 NW Commercial St

City of North Plains

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

*North Plains Senior Center wishes you a
wonderful Holiday Season
and a New Year filled with
Peace and Happiness*

COUNTRY HOLIDAY DANCE

December 21, Jessie Mays - Kick up your boots at a special Country Holiday Dance to benefit the Senior Center. D.T. & Country will provide their classic country music to get us in the real spirit. Hours are from 7:30 to 11:00 and admission is \$5. See you there!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Since 1996, the Box Tops for Education program has helped schools earn cash for the things they need. Support our North Plains' schools today and see what a difference you can make! Watch for specially marked box tops on the products you buy and drop them off at the Senior Center.

KITCHEN REMODEL

Moving through all the pre-processes has proven to take more time than we anticipated. Current plans are for the remodel to begin the first week of January and should take about a month. We will continue to keep everyone updated on our schedule.

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 online at <http://www.mealsonwheelspeople.org/news/special-events/crab-feed/> or at the Senior Center.

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!



Calendar See community events at NPfun.org

- 12/2 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 12/4 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street
- 12/5 **North Plains Jingle** at Jessie Mays Park
- 12/5 **Writer's Group** 6:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/6 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 12/9 **Friends of North Plains Library Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 12/10 **Chamber of Commerce Mixer** 5:30 p.m. at Lochlolly Christmas Forest, 28366 NW Dorland Road, North Plains
- 12/11 **North Plains Garden Club Lunch** 9 a.m. – 2pm. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 12/11 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/11 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 12/12 **NP Food Pantry Open** 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 12/16 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 12/18 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/18 **Library Board Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 12/19 **Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 12/21 **Senior Center Dance**, 7:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 12/22 **Playdate**, 1:30-4 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 12/24 **City offices and Library close early**
- 12/25 **City Offices and Library closed**
- 12/27 **NP Food Pantry Open** 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street



Cub Scouts Pack 175

Wreath Sales

December 6 and 7

Boy Scouts Troop 275

Xmas Tree Sales

December 6, 7, 14 and 15.

Get a discount if you buy a tree and wreath.

At North Plains Chevron
Glencoe Road at Highland Court

*Boy Scouts Troop 275 will also collect trees from homes
January 4 and 11 for a donation. For info email:*

boyscouts275@gmail.com.