



Community Newsletter

December 2014

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Your City Council: [Mayor David Hatcher](#), [Council President Teri Lenahan](#),
[Michael Broome](#), [Michael Demagalski](#), [Robert Kindel](#), [Charlynn Newton](#), [Glen Warren](#)

New City Councilors

On Nov 5, 2014 residents elected 3 new councilors who will be sworn-in at the January 5, 2015 meeting. As always, the public is welcome to attend the Council meeting. There will be a brief reception where you can meet your new elected officials.

Sherrie Simmons (left) is the Director of Operations at Interlink Health Services. She has previously served on both City Council and Planning Commission, in addition to being a regular volunteer at the Elephant Garlic Festival. Sherrie is married to Michael and has a grown daughter attending college.

Scott Whitehead provides security services at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro. He lives with two adorable girls, and his wife Coby, who owns the Best Friends Boutique a local dog

grooming business. Scott has unique insight into local government having served as police officer and Chief in North Plains. He is also a volunteer at the elementary school.

Sandi King is a technician at Cornell Center Animal Hospital and sometimes can be found working with her son Justin who owns the Treasure Chest on Commercial Street. She lives in multi-generational home with her children and grandchild.



Jessie Mays Conceptual Plan Evolving

Parks Board members are looking at a new layout for Jessie Mays Park. The concept developed by Woofter

Site Plan



Architecture includes expanding the size of the building, creating an entrance from Hillcrest, creating a performance space, adding parking, and changing the location of ball courts. The next meeting of the Parks Board is December 2, 2014 at 6 pm. Please visit www.NorthPlains.org if you would like to see more information about the park conceptual plan.

The Parks Board is still in need of a new member. Anyone over 18 years old can apply.

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Curbside Street Tree Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Recently the City of North Plains has begun a curbside leaf pick-up program. This program is part of the way we are keeping our streets clear to help reduce flooding caused by leaves clogging storm drains.

Place loose street tree leaves curbside by December 9 for the scheduled pick-up. Loose leaves should be raked into a windrow 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain. Keep leaf windrows less than 3 feet high. If your street tree leaves are not in the street on December 9, we will not have the opportunity to provide you with this curbside service. Please do not park vehicles, or leave refuse bins or other obstacles near the leaf windrows.

Please keep in mind that emergencies, severe weather, and light/heavy leaf fall may cause delays in the schedule. We will keep you posted of any changes on the City's website at www.northplains.org

Please continue to use your yard debris bins provided by Garbarino's for the leaves from your backyard.

Items other than leaves will not be picked-up.

Movies at Jessie Mays

The movies at Jessie Mays on the first Friday of every month are gaining in popularity. We had a great turnout in November and are looking forward to another good turn out on Friday, December 5 for a Christmas carol movie involving Jim Henson puppets! These family movies are FREE for all who want to attend. This is a great way to get out with your kids and enjoy a movie on a big screen right here in your home town. Check it out at 6:00 p.m. on December 5th.



Stop by Jessie Mays Community Hall for an evening of popcorn and a movie.

POLICE CADET POSITION

The North Plains Police Department is currently taking applications for the position of Police Cadet.

The Police Cadet position offers young men and women the opportunity to work and train with police officers in a non-sworn position that will allow them to prepare for a career as a police officer. The duties of the Police Cadet position are specifically designed to help them learn aspects of law enforcement that will assist them to become full-time police officers if they so desire.

North Plains Police Cadets are required to put in 16 hours a month of volunteer service. During the year there are required events that all staff must attend. Training is provided by North Plains Department personnel and trainers from other agencies. In addition to training, cadets will ride in patrol cars with police officers to gain real world experience.

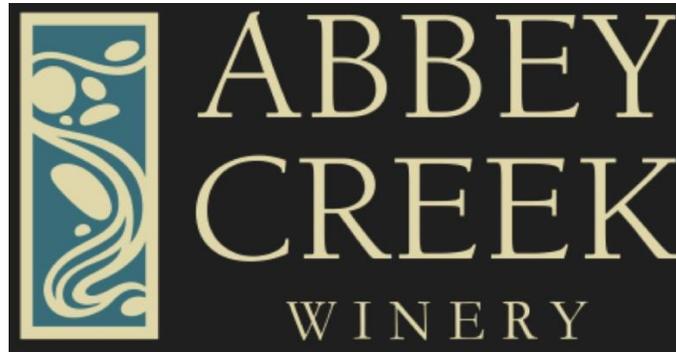


Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must have U.S. citizenship (except for those born outside the United States to American citizens and waiting to naturalize at age 21).
2. Applicants must be 18 years of age at the time of appointment -- and must resign their position on their 21st birthday.
3. Applicants must possess a high-school diploma or be enrolled in a high school or certified GED program -- and they must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
4. Applicants must pass a multi-phase examination process -- including an application review, initial advisor interview, background process, and final oral interview given by a panel of staff members. The background will include a complete criminal and driving record investigation done by the North Plains Police Department. Those who have any criminal convictions -- either by arrest or citation -- or a poor driving record will be disqualified from acceptance.

APPLICATIONS: Interested persons can download an application for cadet at: http://cityofnp.org/files/6214/0260/8235/03_Employment_Application.pdf or contact Officer Sam Freshner/Cadet Coordinator at samf@northplains.org





Presents...
Art Night @ The Crick

Dec 19th 6-9pm

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Pre- Christmas wine & craft event Dec 20th 12-3pm

On December 19th meet us at the Crick for an evening of unique art and exclusive wines. We will be featuring Forest Grove local Chad Presley. Chad uses a variety of techniques to create his free hand art.

"When I pick up a paint brush or a pen, I'm completely consumed by the creative process. Fully relaxed, the stresses of life just fade away. When the creative process is complete, I come out the other side, happy and content. The unexpected part comes when people see my art! I'm always amazed and humbled when someone pays a compliment, buys a piece or when it brings a smile to someone's face. That's the most rewarding part of creating for me."

<http://www.chadpresley.net/>

Then, on December 20th Cat Monroy from Indie Love Craft Designs teaming up with Abbey Creek Winery for a holiday craft and wine tasting event. For \$22 you'll receive a wine flight as you create 3 holiday ornaments to fancy up your tree or give them away as gifts. All supplies to create your ornaments will be provided. Be prepared for good wine and crafting!

<http://indielovecraft.com>

For more info about this or any upcoming events please call or email

503-389-0619 or info@abbeycreekvineyard.com

31441 NW Commercial in North Plains

North Plains

October 25, 2014

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Pumpkin Run
and Costume Parade

SECOND ANNUAL PUMPKIN RUN

The second annual Pumpkin Run was held on Saturday October 25.

It was a full day of activities. A light rain greeted 10k/5k runners who braved the cold.

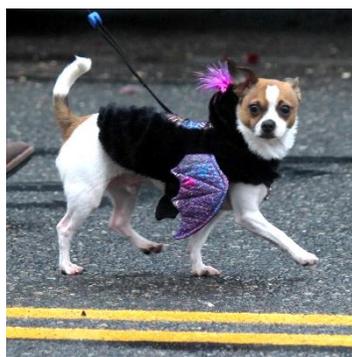
North Plains Veterinary Clinic sponsored the costume parade. Participants stayed dry as they walked from Main Street down Commercial to Jessie Mays Community Hall.

Once inside participants young and old enjoyed pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, face painting, a coloring contest, and a free hot dog lunch thanks to Gonzales Boring and Tunneling and Murray Smith and Associates. Pumpkins of every size were donated by Recology and Walmart of Cornelius.

Prizes of golden pumpkins and cookies were given to the winners in the different events.

Net proceeds will be donated to the North Plains Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.

Many thanks to the businesses and organizations supporting this free event, including Sisters Fruit Company, Tuality Community Hospital, North Plains Christian Church, North Plains Senior Center, Recology, New Seasons Market, Lakeview Farms, J&S Golf Cart, Oregon Coffee Roasters, North Plains Police Department, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, McDonald's, Big 5, Sports Authority, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, Last Waterin' Hole, and the Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery.



LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Craft Fair. Do your holiday shopping at the Library! Local crafters donate their creations to the Library for this annual fundraiser. Every day that the Library is open December 1-24, there will be a table by the checkout desk with quality, hand-made items available for purchase at bargain prices. Support the Library by purchasing your holiday gifts from us.

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

- December 3 Storytime with Miss Marion: Little People
- December 10 Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Chickens and Foxes
- December 17 Special Guest Storytime with City Councilor Teri Lenahan: Curiosities and Surprises
- December 24 Special Guest Storytime with Santa Claus!
- December 31 Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Mice

First Friday Flick – Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On Friday, December 5, come see a G-rated Walt Disney/Jim Henson version of the classic Charles Dickens' tale of an old and bitter miser's redemption on Christmas Eve.

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on Monday, December 8 at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Art Exhibits. The art exhibit on display in December in the Library features a variety of images by photographer Charlie Hyman that focus on the west coast and on the fall and winter seasons. Hyman lives in a small town south of Portland, and he spends many vacations traveling with his wife around the country in his camper, taking pictures. He has been photographing since he was about seven years old. "Grand landscapes and up-close details capture my attention most often, but I enjoy photographing all subjects. I'm also drawn to lines, textures, and geometric shapes, especially around cities. I love natural subjects and try my best to show them in an interesting and captivating way." Quote from the artist's website:

<http://www.charliehymanphoto.org/about.html>.

Quilt Display. The holiday quilt on display over the checkout desk throughout the month of December is

titled, Deck-Ade the Halls (using 10 fabrics, in 10 blocks, and celebrating 10 years of existence for the Fat Quarter Shop in Manchaca, TX). It was made by Westside Quilters Guild member, Marcia Elliott.

Library Book Club. Join us on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss the fantasy-adventure-suspense novel, Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore, by Robin Sloan. "After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at a bookstore in San Francisco and soon realizes that the establishment is a facade for a strange secret..." - Text provided by the publisher.

Holiday Closures. The Library will close at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24 for Christmas Eve and will be closed all day on Thursday, December 25 for Christmas Day.

The Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and will be closed all day on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Writers' Group. The December 4 meeting has been cancelled, and the January meeting has been rescheduled. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

Save the Date – Saturday, January 24, 7-8:30 p.m. The Friends of the North Plains Public Library will host the first event of its "An Evening with an Author" series at the Library. A well-known Oregon author has been invited to launch this new, free program.



FRIENDS
OF NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES AND RECYCLING

North Plains Boy Scout Troop 275 will be selling Christmas Trees Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7 and then again on Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14 at the Chevron (Glencoe at Highland). The Troop will then

be accepting the Christmas Trees for recycling on Saturday, December 27 and January 3 and 10.

The troop has openings for more boys, ages 11-17, who want to learn about being leaders, while enjoying the outdoors.



News and Views from the Senior Center

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER— November 27th, Thanksgiving Day

Bring your family and join us for our annual traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the North Plains Senior Center Thanksgiving Day beginning at noon. Turkey dinner and all the trimmings, plus pumpkin pie! The cost is only \$3, however donations above and beyond that amount are always welcome. Please RSVP a week prior by calling the Center at 503-647-5666.

PAINTING CLASS OFFERED



Pop and Paint night at the North Plains Senior Center, Wednesday, December 3rd @ 6:30 – 9:30. “Winter Cabin” will be the picture being painted. \$37.00 is the cost of the class, snacks and drinks will be served.

Register at www.popandpaint.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to drive and deliver Meals on Wheels meals to seniors who are homebound. Hours for delivery are 10:30 to 1:00, and you would drive the Senior Center van. If you can help us, we can accommodate your schedule. Contact the Senior Center at 503-647-5666 or come in and talk to us.

DONATE A DINNER

Donate a Dinner to a home bound Senior for only \$3.00 a person or when you buy a meal card 10 meals for \$30.00 you will get one meal free. You can purchase a card at the North Plains Senior center or go to: www.northplainssc.org

MAKE A DONATION

Make a taxable donation for 2014 to the North Plains Senior Center, and help feed a senior in your area. www.northplainssc.org



Did you know you can pay your water bill on-line at northplains.org?

Look for the red icon on the home page. The process is simple. Convenience fees do apply.

ANNUAL NORTH PLAINS CRAB FEED SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015--TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW



Mark your calendars for our 7th Annual North Plains Crab Feed, Saturday, January 17, 2015. Tickets, in advance, are \$30 for crab; \$35 for crab & steak; at the door, \$35 and \$40. We will have baskets to

raffle off and chances on a hand-knitted heirloom afghan.

There will be good food & good music. Beer & wine will also be available.

Crab Feed tickets makes a wonderful holiday gift Purchase tickets online at

www.northplainssc.org



Check on North Plains' events at www.NPFun.org. There is also a Facebook page with more photos of events. Like us on Facebook.com!
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-North-Plains/117103078350299>

Kim's Styling Korner

Christmas Specials with Vicki

2 mini microderms for \$99 (reg. \$130)

or

Body wrap with Facial \$75 (reg. \$85)



First time clients are being offered a mini microderm for \$45— includes cleanse, toner, microderm, hot towel wrap, massage with moisturizer

Gift Certificates are available.

Call Vicki at 503-789-9444 for an appointment

Vicki specializes in microdermabrasion and body wraps.

The Jingle

11th Annual
December 4th at
6:30 pm

*A unique North
Plains Holiday
tradition sponsored*

*by the City of North Plains, North Plains Events
Association and Loch Lolly Christmas Forest.*

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 vehicles.

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

Show off your Holiday Sprit!

If you would like your home to be included in the judging for this year's event please register on our website <http://npfun.org/jingle.html>

Lights must be installed by December 1, 2014 to be included in the contest. Awards are given in various categories including:

- Most Holiday Spirit
- Best Lighted House
- Best Street Spirit, and
- Most Likely to Be Seen From Space.

Needs Some Gift Ideas?

Local businesses can help you. Shopping local supports our community. Remember these retail businesses as you shop for that special someone!

On Glencoe Road:

A&T Resale – A mix of new and old items
Heritage Arts Studio – Art and classes

On Commercial St:

The Treasure Chest – Antiques and more
Abbey Creek – Wine and art
Robinson Floral – Flowers and gifts

*Remember gift certificates are available from most local
restaurants and service providers.*

Donate to the North Plains Elementary

Holiday Gift Shop

Support a local tradition!

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 Dec. 5th.**

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

Those were the good old days...

Christmas Eve at Dale and Jerry's

By Melvin VanDomelen—Mountaindale, Oregon



Christmas is just around the corner and this seems to bring back good memories of Christmas times-past, to me.

There was the decorating of our farm house a week beforehand. A spindly tree from the woods. Red and green paper streamers strung from the corner of our living room through a light fixture in the ceiling. Cedar boughs behind every picture and an evergreen garland around the old Seth Thomas clock on the fireplace mantle.

Another highlight was the Christmas program put in by our one room school. This school still stands at Mountaindale. There was the hike in the woods with my brother



and our two daughters to find the perfect tree on a snowy day.

And, later on the wreath making when our daughters and granddaughters worked in my shop. A fire burning in



the stove, Christmas music on the radio, singing and laughter. My wife bringing us coffee and cookies, all of this along with the smell of evergreens. To me, this was Christmas, a lot of good memories of the past.

I would like to zero in on Christmas eves our family spent with my brother and his wife.

My wife, Mary Ellen and I married in 1957 and lived in a very small house on my brother's place. The location was just across the garden from my brother's home.

We moved into this house just before Christmas in time to put up a decorated tree. My brother, Dale and his wife Jerry, invited us over on Christmas Eve for a drink, conversations, and to inspect their tree. That evening started a tradition that lasted 19 years without a miss.

It started with just the four of us and Jerry's two children. Over the following years this Christmas Eve gathering would attract 25 or more people. Weddings and births increased the turnout. Jerry's children, Steve and Linda both married and had children. Mary and I added two more. A son, David was to Dale and Jerry. Some people from the neighborhood were always included. Folks were coming and going all evening long. Dale and I had both built new houses in the 1960's.



Jerry would set out a grand all-you-can-eat buffet. My favorite was her rolled chocolate cake log. A ham that had been grown on the farm there.

Baked beans and little smokies in crock pots. The little serving knife with green peas in the handle stuck in the cheese ball. Homemade pastries, and children running around with olives stuck on their fingers. Can you see it?

The water supply for my brother's farm was a pipe from a spring back in the hills. This waterline was left by John Nyland after he removed his sawmill from up the valley. My sister, Betty Jean, was here one Christmas Eve with her family. When she asked for and was given a glass of water, there was a small fish swimming in it. We all had a good laugh over that.

One year my wife had found a little bicycle with training wheels for our daughter, Vanessa, to learn to ride on. This bike needed a paint job, and Dale and I painted it in the afternoon of December 24th in his basement. When it came time to give some gifts to the children, we were

amazed to find that the paint had dried. We would often refer to this as a Christmas miracle.

My brother usually wore his faded, almost orange, tank top shirt. He loved that shirt and had it for years. He really enjoyed this evening and was always the perfect host. Dale left us in 1977 and this put an end to this Christmas tradition as we knew it. This was something that was hard for me to let go.

The next year on Christmas Eve, after my family had gone to bed, I walked up to my brother's backyard. I went across the fields on a night that was as clear as could be. And, I stood outside at midnight and relived the past over and over in my mind. Now, I can honestly say I've spent twenty years on Christmas Eve at Dale and Jerry's.

Now, this holiday is just around the corner. Have a good Christmas season and above all, make memories. Memories, you know, last forever!

December Calendar

See community events at NPfun.org

12/01 Historical Society Meeting

1 p.m. Call 503-648-9597 for details.

12/01 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street

12/02 Parks Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street.

12/03 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.

12/03 Pop and Paint Class at the Senior Center

12/04 Jingle 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Hall.

12/05 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Hall.

12/08 Friends of the Library 7:30 p.m. at the Library

12/09 Curbside Leaf Pick-up

12/10 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.

12/10 Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street

12/11 Food Pantry 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.

12/15 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street

12/17 Storytime with Special Guest 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.

12/17 Library Book Club 7:30 p.m. at the Library.

12/24 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.

12/24 Parks Board Meeting Held earlier this month.

12/25 Christmas Day (City Offices and Library Closed)

12/26 Food Pantry 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.

12/31 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.

01/01 New Year's Day (City Offices and Library Closed)

01/17 Annual North Plains Crab Feed