

North Plains Community News

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Fire in the Bowl! October 17 @ 6 pm

It is time to register for the 2013 6th Annual North Plains Chili Cook-off at www.npfun.org. Trophies and a year of bragging rights are awarded to best chili makers. Entry is free.

Residents are encouraged to taste the many delicious and exotic chilies that will be presented at this free event at Jessie Mays Community Hall.

Food service including chili and corn bread begins at 6 p.m.

The Knights of Pythias will sponsor drinks and encourage donations to the North Plains Events Association.

We hope to see you there!

North Plains 6th Annual FIRE IN THE BOWL!



Oct. 17 @ 6 p.m.
Jessie Mays Community Hall

See www.NPFun.org
for details about
North Plains Events.

North Plains



and Costume Parade

October 26th

North Plains has a new fall event!

- **Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast** will be served at the North Plains Senior Center from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m.
- At 9 a.m. the **Pumpkin Run 10 k/2 mile run** starts at Jessie Mays. The run will benefit the Friends of the North Plains Library. If you register in advance you will receive a t-shirt: Adults \$20, Seniors or Teens \$15. Same-day registration will cost \$25 and does not include a t-shirt. This run/walk follows the same route as the garlic festival run/walk. Online registration is at www.npfun.org
- At 11:30 a.m. A **Costume Parade** on Commercial Street will feature kids of every age and their dogs. Dress up and show off! The route will be from Main and Commercial to Jessie Mays.
- By 12 noon more activities will be held indoors at Jessie Mays Community Hall including:
 - **Pumpkin Carving Contest** (pumpkins provided)
 - **Pumpkin Cookie Decorating**
 - **Cider Smash**

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Got Land?

Infill Incentives are Available

The City is currently offering incentives to property owners who want to develop vacant properties on existing streets with single-family homes.

How can you take advantage of the incentive?

1) Determine the boundaries of your tax lot. If you have an empty lot, with 20+ ft. frontage on a public street you are ready to go. If your lot is 100 ft. x 100 ft., you will likely need a "partition" to create a second tax lot. It takes about 6 weeks to fully process a partition application at the City (many can be completed administratively). You then need to record the partition with the County.

2) Decide on the house you want to build. Be sure to check the zoning standards for your area before selecting a floor plan. It is a common practice to purchase



architectural plans from a catalogue, as this saves time and costs for design. Single-family houses do not require design review so you can proceed directly to obtaining a building permit, which requires:

- The City to sign off on the land use (we check setbacks, height etc...). The City's review can be conducted over-the-counter if you make an appointment.
- Washington County to review the structural plans for safety. The County will need a few weeks to review your plans.

North Plains City Council approved a temporary reduction of building-related fees in order to promote the development of new single-family homes. *These fees are paid when the building permit is issued.* The fee reductions are as follows: Calendar Year (CY) 2013 - 75%, CY 2014 - 50%, and CY 2015 - 25%. As of January 1, 2016 the fees will be returned to 100% and indexed for CPI. The fee reductions apply to City system development charges for Water, Streets, and Parks as well as the Street in Lieu fee.

The conditions for receiving the incentives require that:

- 1) The property owner and/or general contractor pledge to buy American products when available.
- 2) The general contractor pledge that 10% of the project cost will subcontracted to a North Plains

business. (This can be anything from electrical work, carpentry, cement, or landscaping.)

- 3) The property owner must pledge that the dwelling will be designed and constructed in substantial conformance with "[Version 1.1 Water Sense New Home Specification guidelines](#)". This is a simple practical guide to assist property owners and designers with designing water-efficient homes.
- 4) The property owner [pledges](#) the dwelling will be designed and constructed in substantial conformance with "[Energy Star](#)" certification standards. (It should be noted the City is not demanding the property owner obtain certification; this only requires the property owner, designer and general contractor review the Energy Star information and make informed decisions about energy conservation.)

Pumpkin Run and Costume Parade cont...

- **Face Painting** (in case you need a costume)
 - **Harvest Flavors Baking Contest** (We hear the Mayor makes a mean pumpkin muffin.)
 - If all this fun makes you hungry, the NPEA will offer savory **lunch items** to raise funds for its events.
- At 2 pm you and a couple buddies can join the **Mini-Pumpkin Launch** where teams of 3 use giant slingshots to hurl tiny pumpkins for distance and win the "Golden Pumpkin."



Many thanks to the businesses and organizations supporting this free event, including North Plains Christian Church, North Plains Senior Center, Recology, Oregon Road Runners Club, Tuality Healthcare, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, Fred Meyer, and Betty Lou's.

More information about the event and volunteer and sponsorship opportunities is at www.NPFun.org.

Are You Crafty?

North Plains Holiday Bazaar Vendors Needed

Would you like the opportunity to sell gifts and other products at the annual Holiday Bazaar on December 7, 2013 at Jessie Mays? Applications are being accepted for vendors. A 10 ft. x 10 ft. space costs \$20 for the day. The event will be advertised in the paper, in addition to the newsletter, website and banners. Go to www.NPFun.org for more information.

Cover Oregon

Enrollment in Begins in October



“Cover Oregon” is the name of our state’s health insurance “marketplace” which was mandated by the Federal Affordable Care Act, and which requires everyone in the USA be covered by health insurance by January 1, 2014.

Cover Oregon is a public corporation created by the people of Oregon,

for the people of Oregon. The marketplace is a resource for citizens who are seeking affordable health insurance or assistance in obtaining insurance. Visit www.coveroregon.com.

Small-business owners may also use Cover Oregon to identify health insurance options to offer their employees.

Oregonians will be able to compare and enroll in health and dental coverage that fits their needs and budget, and to access financial help to pay for their coverage. ***No one will be denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions.***

Essential health benefits are included in all policies offered: hospitalizations, emergency services, mental and behavioral health, maternity and newborn care, pediatric vision care, laboratory services, prevention

and wellness, ambulatory services, prescription drugs, and rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices.

Enrollment begins October 1, and libraries in the state are helping to spread the word.

Literature will be available at the North Plains Public Library as well as information about where to go to hear a presentation and about whom to contact for assistance in signing up.

North Plains Nonprofit Assists Local Families



Like the man this organization memorializes, ***Lucky to Serve*** is dedicated to improving the lives of needy children and their families in the North Plains area.

Ronald “Lucky” Bottema’s family founded the 501(c)3 nonprofit a year after his death in 2008. Since then, they have used 100% of their donations to provide kids with: school supplies, Christmas gifts, winter clothing

Lucky to Serve is run by local educators including North Plains’ Brenda Bottema.

The group is dedicated to providing children the best opportunities for success and to make a child’s life more memorable.

If you or a family you know in North Plains could use assistance, please pick up an application at City Hall and submit it by November 15 to ***Lucky to Serve***. Participation is free and confidential.

Address: PO Box 25, North Plains, OR 97133

Website: <http://lucky2serve.org>

Email: lucky2serve@gmail.com

Seventh Annual

OneBOOKOneCOMMUNITY

North Plains Reads!
Running The Rift



One Book One Community will preview its annual program at the Art Exhibit on **October 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.** at the North Plains Public Library. This year’s event features “Running the Rift” by Naomi Benaron.

Free copies of the book will be available to those who attend the event on Saturday, October 12.

Library News

SPLASH Artwork on Exhibit.

Original art inspired by literature will be showcased during the month of **October** when members of the Friends of the Library introduce their annual **One Book One Community** program. This year's inspirational source was Naomi Benaron's debut novel, *Running the Rift*, set in Rwanda during the Hutu-Tutsi conflict. It is the story of a Rwandan boy, training as a runner to represent his country in the Olympics, who soon finds himself running for his life. The art show, on display in the computer room of the Library, is comprised of nineteen pieces by Northwest artists in various media.



Quilt Display. The **October** quilt will feature the famous Irish Chain pattern. Made by local resident Jo Ann Tannock, it has beautiful red and cream colors for fall. This design can be traced back to colonial days and was also popular with Amish quilt makers in the mid-1800's.

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

October 2 Story time with Miss Marion: Critters and Creatures

October 9 Story time with Children's Librarian Kay: Dogs

October 16 Special Guest Story time: North Plains Veterinarian Dr. Thomas Tsui

October 23 Story time with Youth Librarian Jackie: Elephants

October 30 Story time with Youth Librarian Jackie: Cats

Read to the Dogs. First graders and up can gain confidence reading aloud to Taylor, a volunteer pet-therapy dog. Taylor and his owner Ben Benally are a registered team with Pet Partners. This free program offers a friendly, non-judgmental environment for young readers to practice their reading skills. This program will start on **October 2** and will take 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.

Library Board Meeting. The annual potluck dinner and orientation to the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), presented by Director Eva Calcagno, will take place at the North Plains Public Library at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **October 2**, and will include Library Board members from the Banks City Library.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, **October 3** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

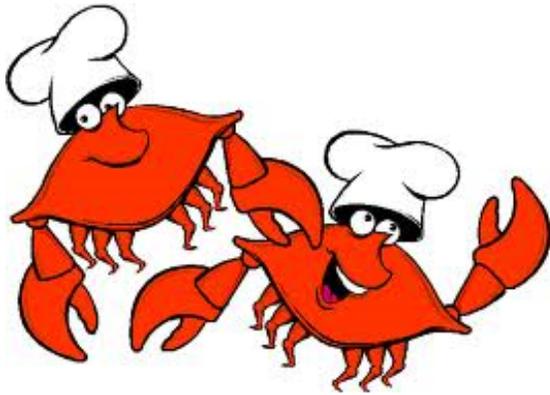
First Friday Flick. The PG-rated film to be shown on **October 4** at 6 p.m. was created by Tim Burton. *Jack, the Pumpkin King*, opens a portal to Christmas Town and proceeds to take over the festivities of that holiday – all in the spirit of Halloween. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Teen Read Week – October 13-19. This year's theme is *Seek the Unknown* and is sponsored by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services. Stop by the North Plains Public Library during the week to pick up a free teen book (while supplies last). Read and release it for another reader to discover. Just follow the instructions inside the book.

Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, October 14 at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Library Book Club. *The Razor's Edge* by W. Somerset Maugham will be discussed on Thursday, **October 17**. This classic 20th century novel of self-discovery and search for meaning features a man battered physically and spiritually by the Great War. His physical wounds heal, but his spirit is forever changed. This story recounts his post-war experiences as he leaves his betrothed, studies philosophy and religion, lives various lives of hardship and poverty, all the while spurning the comfort and privilege of the Roaring '20s. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Craft night (No craft night this month. Happy Halloween!)



January 18, 2014

Seatings at
3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 pm

Jessie Mays Community Hall
30975 Hillcrest SE

North Plains Senior Center Crab and Steak Feed

Tickets Available in Advance at Senior Center 31450 NW Commercial SE

drop by Halloween evening for our annual hot dog barbecue. Creepy, crawly, crispy treats will be served to our visitors. Put on your best costume and come on down.

**Senior Center
HOLIDAY**

**BAZAAR—
November 16**

9:00 to 3:00

Call 503 447-1025
and reserve your 8'

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

OUR KITCHEN REMODEL

Bidding process is beginning and work is expected to begin the end of October. During the remodel meals will continue to be served at the Center as long as possible and then at the Community Room of the Senior Plaza Apartments next door. We anticipate a very merry Christmas reopening.

HARVEST HOEDOWN TO BENEFIT CENTER—October 19, 7:30 to 11:00

Enjoy the music and merriment of a real old-fashioned hoedown Saturday, October 19th at Jessie Mays. There'll be a costume contest for those willing to "don their Halloween togs," a door prize and a 60/40 raffle. Admission is \$5; refreshments available, including ice cream and pie baked by the Senior Center. Dancing from 7:30 to 11:00. Come and kick up your heels!

PUMPKIN PANCAKE BREAKFAST—October 26, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Senior Center will start off the pumpkin-filled day by serving Fluffy Pumpkin Pancakes (with or without spiced apple compote & whipped cream), Sausage, Juice and Coffee for only \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Meals on Wheel program which provides meals to homebound seniors in our area and hot lunches every day at the Center.

HALLOWEEN BARBECUE—October 31 @ 4:30

Ghosts, goblins, kids and parents of North Plains,

table and chairs now if you have items to sell. Tables are \$10 each; payment due no later than November 9. Make checks payable to North Plains Senior Center; no refunds. Each vendor is asked to contribute one item for a door prize. Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. All baked goods must be wrapped, priced and contain the following warning: Food not prepared in a commercial kitchen which may contain traces of nuts, milk, etc.

CRAB FEED—January 18, Jessie Mays

Save the Date!! Join us for crab, steak *or both* plus entertainment and a no-host bar. Tickets available online at mealsonwheelspeople.org or at the Senior Center. 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 p.m.

MAKE US YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE

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 167, North Plains, OR 97133. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS STILL 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.



Enjoy the music & merriment of an

OLD-FASHIONED HARVEST HOEDOWN

with the classic country sounds of

D.T. AND COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct 19, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Jessie Mays Community Center

Admission: \$5

(a fundraiser for the North Plains Senior Center)

Halloween Costume Contest

Refreshments - 60/40 Raffle - Door Prize

Fresh Pie & Ice Cream for Sale



Council Agenda

October's agenda items will include discussions of: Street Fee in Lieu, draft city policies and employee handbook, signs in the rights-of-way, URA finances. Agendas may be found on the city's website: www.northplains.org.



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Calendar

- 10/2 Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street
- 10/2 Library Board Meeting** 6:00-Library
- 10/3 Writer's Group** 6:30 a.m. at the Library
- 10/4 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 10/7 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/9 North Plains Garden Club**
9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 10/9 Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 10/9 Chamber of Commerce**
12 noon at the Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street
- 10/9 Planning Commission Meeting**
7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/10 NP Food Pantry Open** 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 10/12 One Book One Community Preview** 6:30 at the Library
- 10/13-10/19 Teen Read Week** at the Library
- 10/14 Friends of the Library Meeting**
7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 10/16 Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 10/17 Annual Chili Cook-Off** 6 p.m. Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 10/17 Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 10/19 Harvest Hoedown** 7:30-11:00 p.m. Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 10/21 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/23 Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 10/23 Parks Board** 6:30 p.m. at NP Senior Center
- 10/25 NP Food Pantry Open** 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 10/26 Pumpkin Run and Costume Parade** at Jessie Mays Community Hall & Pancake breakfast at Senior Center
- 10/30 Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 10/31 Halloween BBQ** 4:30 p.m. @ Senior Center