

May 2013

Community News



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

St Edward Catholic Church 49th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 5, 2013
8 a.m. – 12 noon

All you can eat Sausage, Eggs, and Pancakes
Adults cost \$8.00, Children (6-12 years old) cost \$6.00, and Preschoolers (0-5 years old) are Free.

Breakfast will be held in the Parish Hall located next to the church at 31235 NW Wascoe, North Plains, OR 97133.

There will be a raffle, too.

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Dates to Remember:

June 6 - Ice Cream Social

May 4 Events City wide Garage Sale

Sponsored by the City of North Plains and the North Plains Events Association. Call City Hall at 503-647-5555 or email info@northplains.org to sign up and be included in advertising in the *Hillsboro Argus* newspaper.

Participation is free and garage sale signs will be available at City Hall.

North Plains Community Garden Club Plant Sale

Jessie Mays Park
30975 NW Hillcrest Street
Tennis Court, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Jessie Mays Community Hall
309 NW Hillcrest Street
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free Compost Giveaway May 4 - 8:00 am -5:00 pm

Recology will provide free Compost to North Plains residents at the Community Garden, 31374 NW Commercial Street (across from the Fire Station and next to Robinson's Floral). **Please bring your own shovels and containers.** You can take as much as you can carry away.

Volunteer Recognition Night



Volunteer of the Year Russ Sheldon and Mitch Ward

A fantastic night was had by all, great food, great fun!

The North Plains community offered its appreciation of the many
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Annual Clean Up Day May 11 ~ Jessie Mays Park

You could recycle some of your old treasures or dispose of unwanted items in dumpsters for a low cost.

Goodwill trailer will be available to accept donations of used clothes, appliances, toys, and household items. Goodwill will accept **e-cycles** such as TVs, computers, monitors, and electronics - working or not!

Shredding truck to destroy confidential documents (9:30 – 11:30). No limit on size.

Dumpsters for trash will be available courtesy of Garbarino Disposal. Nominal charges for waste help cover this cost of this event.

Volunteer Recognition (continued)

volunteers and countless hours they gave to organizations and the City. Organizations represented at the event included the NP Library, Friends of the Library, Garlic Festival Volunteers, NP Events Association, NP Chamber of Commerce, NP Police Reserves, Washington County Volunteer Fire Department, NP Christian Church, St. Edward Church, NP Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), NP Farmers' Market, Westside Quilters Guild, Knights of Pythias, and last, but not least, the creators of our delicious dinner, the NP Senior Center.



Our teenage volunteer for this year is **Evan King**; son of Stewart and Ann King.

The special public service recognition was awarded by David Hatcher to **Jesse Baker**, of the North Plains Police Department. **Mike Vandomelen**, a firefighter with Fire District 2, received the special public service award. Mitch Ward presented the Volunteer of the Year award to **Russ Sheldon**. Patti Burns awarded the lifetime achievement to **David Hatcher**, Mayor of North Plains.



Library News

Tom Jacquemin Photography on Exhibit.

Landscape and portrait photographer Tom Jacquemin of Hillsboro is exhibiting his work at the Library through May 31. His work may also be viewed at: <http://www.tomjphotos.com/portfolio.html>.

All of Jacquemin's photographs will be available for purchase and can be made in additional sizes.

Quilt Display The featured springtime-themed quilt that will hang over the checkout desk throughout May was created by Jean Noltensmeier, a member of the Westside Quilters Guild.

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

May 1 Storytime with Miss Marion - *Mother May I* – in honor of Mothers' Day.

May 8 Storytime with Children's Librarian Kay featuring popular Folk Tales.

May 15 Special Guest Storytime will feature Heidi's Chickens. Learn how they live and what they eat and hear stories about famous chickens.

May 22 Storytime with Children's Librarian Kay featuring Monkeys.

May 29 Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie featuring Dinosaurs.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, **May 2** at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome to join.

First Friday Flick. Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Library. The PG-rated, animated action adventure film to be shown on **May 3** features a group of immortal heroes, each with extraordinary abilities, who must join forces for the first time to protect the hopes, beliefs and imagination of children all over the world when an evil spirit threatens to take over the world. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Library Bake Sale Fundraiser. Offered in conjunction with the North Plains Citywide Garage Sale Day, this one-day sale will be held on Saturday, May 4. Library Staff and Volunteers will sell homemade baked goods, hot coffee, quilt raffle tickets, candy bars, and gift cards just outside the Library's front door from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thanks to Diamond Comic Distributors, there will also be 100 Free Comic Books to distribute to children while supplies last.

Selected homemade baked goods will be also be available for sale during the Friends of the Library Book Sale in the Jessie Mays Community Hall annex from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on this same day.



Library Plant Sale Fundraiser. For three Saturdays in a row, **May 11, 18, and 25**, Library Staff and Volunteers will sell premium vegetables and landscape plants just outside the Library's front door from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Here's your chance to get started on your garden with quality selections and to support the Library at the same time.

Super Saturday. Join us on **May 11** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall from 1-2 p.m. for a special program on Fitness and Nutrition Fun for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, May 13 at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Library Book Club. The Thursday, **May 16** selection to be discussed is Brooklyn by author Colm Toibin. Eilis Lacey is unable to find a job in Ireland in the years following World War II. An Irish priest from Brooklyn, New York offers to sponsor her to live and work in America, so she decides she must go, leaving her mother and sister behind. She adapts to her new life by working in a department store, and the pain of parting has subsided until she receives devastating news from home that threatens the promise of her future. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Craft Night. Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other personal craft projects to the Library on Thursday, **May 30** from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of camaraderie and dedicated handiwork time.

Library Information. Library open hours are Monday – Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website www.nplibrary.org for more information. You can also find us on Facebook!



*North Plains
Boy Scouts
Troop 175
test rockets they
built at North
Plains
Elementary.*

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to drive and deliver Meals on Wheels meals to seniors who are homebound. Hours for delivery are 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and you would drive the Senior Center van. We are also in need of kitchen help and minor janitorial work. 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.

TICK TOCK, WIN THE CLOCK

Stop by and purchase some raffle tickets on a beautiful hand-crafted saw blade clock with painted scene. The clock was made and donated by Larry Marker. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be July 4th.

KEEP UP YOUR DEFENSES!

Cheri Olson, former mayor of North Plains will be at the Center Wednesday, May 8 at noon to talk to us about defensive driving. Cheri has just authored a book, published in March. The book is specific to defensive driving for all drivers, but mostly centers on teens and seniors. It is critical for seniors to be aware of new and changing laws, of changes in their personal abilities to drive defensively, and to know when it is time for them to stop driving. Cheri's book will also be available for purchase. Come prepared with your questions.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Do you need relief from arthritis pain? Want to be more active? Need to lose a few pounds? Simply improve your overall health? The Arthritis Foundation's Walk With Ease program will teach you how to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life. The next 6-week Walk With Ease program (Mon, Wed, Fri at 10:30 a.m.) at the Senior Center will begin Monday, May 20 and end Friday, June 28. Stop by the Center or call 503-647-5666 and sign up to join the walking group. Join the fun! And bring a friend!

I'M A LITTLE TEACUP

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25 for our Spring Tea. We'll provide a typical English tea, hear guest speaker, Martha DeBry, North Plains City Manager, and judge the best hats. So show your creativity with a special "chapeau," and join us. Watch for flyers with more information.

Notice of Proposed Water Rate Increase

City Council will consider a recommendation to increase water rates by 3% as of October 1, 2013. The increase would affect all bills after that date. Both the meter rates and consumption charges would be increased by 3%.

A report about the discussion of water rate increases can be found in the Council agenda packet for March 18, 2013 (which can be found at <http://www.northplains.org/index.php/boards-and-commissions/city-council/agendas-and-minutes>).

A public hearing will be scheduled for May 6 to review the proposed increase. Any member of the public may speak at the hearing.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposal may send written comments to info@northplains.org, or Water Rates, c/o City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133.

www.NorthPlains.org

New Look

Have you looked at the City's website lately? It has new format. NorthPlains.org still has lots of information about City services, online payment links, and online forms. It now has links to many community services like Ride Connection and the NP Elementary School.

A special section is devoted to business in our community. It provides guidance for new and established businesses, including information about regulations and how to get loans.

The City has a mobile site, too, that can be easily viewed on handheld devices. This new interface allows one touch access to departments, forms, and events.

If you have an android phone you can download the North Plains app for one touch access to our website. Visit [http://appsgeyser.com/getwidget/North Plains](http://appsgeyser.com/getwidget/North%20Plains) or follow this QR code.



North Plains Farmers' Market

The market will be open Saturdays, June 15 – September 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thanks to a generous market grant from New Seasons Market, we will match SNAP/Oregon Trail Card purchases up to \$5.00 per person, per market day.

The Market Sprouts Kids Club will return due to a collaborative grant from New Seasons Market for Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove and North Plains Farmers' Markets.

The market will continue to accept WIC/Senior vouchers as well.

"Live" music every market!

The 2013 Farmers' Market handbook and vendor application are available on line at www.northplainsfarmersmarket.org and at City Hall.

The North Plains Farmers' Market board continues to seek board members and volunteers for the farmers' market.

Farmers' Market Wish List:

The Market seeks donations of the following items:

- An electric perk coffee maker
- Canning books from 1988 until present
- Canning pots, jars and utensils
- Food dryers

We gladly accept any used items listed above, call 503-989-8303 or drop them off at City Hall.

July 4th Celebration

Last July 4th saw thousands of visitors crowd Commercial Street for a car show, parade, lots of music, food, beer garden, wine tasting, crafts, free kids play area, and an old fashioned pie-eating contest. All of this was followed by a spectacular fireworks show.

We are looking forward to another 4th of July Celebration in 2013 (www.np4july.org) and we hope you will consider joining us for this popular one-day event. Applications for vendors can now be made online at: <http://www.planetReg.com/E122710414866287>.

The cost is \$25 for a 10 x 10 space. Community groups and non-profits receive discounted rates.





Knights of Pythias

Glencoe Lodge #22, 31520 NW
Commercial Street

Support Our Troops Care Package Project May 25, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Support Our Troops Care Packages is a Knights of Pythias community project. On May 25, donated items and funds will be collected at the Knights Hall, 31520 NW Commercial Street, to fill boxes and ship packages to our troops deployed throughout the world.

We will also offer BBQ burgers and hotdog lunch, with proceeds benefiting the project.



Please donate:

- **Baby Wipes/HOOAH 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**
 - **Chewing Gum**
 - **Doritos**
- **Hot Sauce** (Tabasco, Red Devil, etc.)
- **Seasoning Salt** (Lawry's, Cajun, etc.)
- **Travel-size Board Games**
- **Playing Cards**
- **Crossword Puzzles, Sudoku 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
 - Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
 - Foot powder
 - Q-Tips
- **Eye Wash/Drops** (Visine, etc. for flushing dust and sand out of the eyes)
- **Plastic Storage Bags** (Zip-Lock style in assorted sizes, heavier freezer style preferred)
- **Pre-paid Phone Cards**

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 Jim(jim@azdogs.com)

Dates to remember

- 5/1 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
5/2 **Writers' Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
5/3 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
5/6 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
5/8 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
5/8 **Chamber of Commerce** 12 noon at the Fire Station
5/8 **Planning Commission Meeting** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays
5/8 **North Plains Garden Club** 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays
5/11 **Super Saturday** Fitness and Nutrition Fun for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade, 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
5/13 **Friends of Library Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
5/15 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
5/15 **Recology Stake-Holders Meeting** 6 p.m. at the Library
5/15 **Library Board Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Library
5/18 **Compost Giveaway** at the Community Garden
5/20 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
5/22 **Parks Advisory Board** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
5/15 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
5/29 **Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library



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New Housing Boom

You may have noticed more construction in town. There are several infill projects occurring, adding single family homes on vacant lots. This development was spurred in part by a reduction in City system development fees to encourage new homes on vacant lots and a reduction in other fees to partition properties and adjust lot lines.

Additionally, there is a new subdivision of 24 homes under construction on Curtis Street and Highland Court. This project will also add a new park to the City that includes a water feature.

On May 8, the Planning Commission will be reviewing a subdivision application for McKay Fields which will create a subdivision for 35 homes near West Union Road and McKay creek. This is a significant modification of the existing subdivision map. It is proposed that 3 acres would be added to the City's open space as part of this project.

There is limited land upon which to build new homes in North Plains. Approximately 28 acres of R2.5 (high-density housing) is available for development. With another 22 acres zoned Neighborhood Community (a mix of low and high density housing) in the far east part of town. (At this time there is no acreage for new R5 or R7.5 neighborhoods, which is typical of the bulk of existing housing.)

Council Suspends Street Fee In Lieu of Improvements

City Council has suspended the Street Fee in Lieu of Improvements for 6 months. This fee was typically charged to residential and commercial development on existing streets. In some cases, the cost of half-street improvements and sidewalks added substantially to the cost of expanding a business or remodeling a home, making projects cost prohibitive. The Council voted to suspend the fee until it can be evaluated further to ensure it is consistent with the City's goals of supporting and expanding existing businesses and encouraging strong neighborhoods by adding pedestrian improvements.