

COMMUNITY NEWS



October 2011

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Table listing Mayor and Council members: DAVID HATCHER (MAYOR), TERI LENAHAN (COUNCILOR), MICHAEL BROOME (COUNCILOR), MICHAEL DEMAGALSKI (COUNCILOR), ROBERT KINDEL (COUNCILOR), ANA SINGH-GILL (COUNCILOR), GLEN WARREN (COUNCILOR)

Event Calendar: All events are held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, unless noted otherwise.

City Council—October 3 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce—October 11 at Noon (at the North Plains Fire Station)

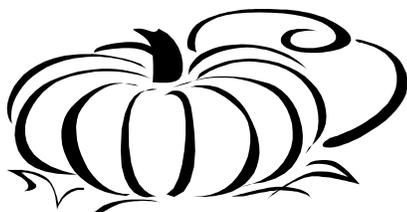
Gathering of Women—October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission—October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Court—October 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Library Board—October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library

Parks Advisory Board—October 26 at 7:00 p.m.



NORTH PLAINS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER GRAND OPENING!

The remodel has been completed and the dust has settled. Come join the Senior Center in their Grand Opening celebration and check out the new look on October 10, 2011, from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Come see your neighbors and enjoy cookies and punch!

CHILI COOK-OFF:

Get your best chili recipe out and compete! The 2011 Chili Cook-off will be held October 20, 2011 at Jessie Mays Community Hall at 6:30p.m. If you are interested in competing, please visit the City's web site at www.northplains.org to register for the cook-off. This event is supported by

ARTWORK DISPLAY

Artwork based on the novel, Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese, is now on display at the Library. The paintings were produced by Lake Oswego artists, and this showing is a preview event for the ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY program which will be based on the book and will occur in February 2012. This is the 5th year that The Friends of the Library have organized a diverse and entertaining community reads program. All are invited to view the artwork this month and attend the programs next February.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of North Plains is seeking interested citizens who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise on the Budget Committee and Planning Commission. If you are interested in applying, please visit the City's web site at www.northplains.org.

CITY INFORMATION & WEB SITE

Check out our website changes at www.northplains.org. The city has added information to assist residents wanting to start a business.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Transportation Utility Fee (TUF), shown on your water bill, may be changing soon. The Council adopted a change to the methodology which will result in TUF rate reductions and increases to most customer accounts. Also on your water bill, you will have the ability to make a tax deductible contribution toward the Parks and Library Departments. Just check the box on the water bill and indicate the amount. Letters of acknowledgment will be provided to persons making a \$25.00 or greater contribution.

## UPCOMING NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**First Friday Flick.** Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. at the Library. The G-rated Disney movie to be shown on Friday, October 7th is about a group of puppy litter mates who find themselves in a mysterious mansion where they have to stop a warlock from his plans for world destruction! Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

**Storytime.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to join us for Storytime every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. On the first Wednesday of each month, a special Storytime is presented by Miss Marion. Come on October 5 to hear her read pumpkin stories. On the third Wednesday of each month, Storytime is presented by other guests. Come to hear new City Manager Martha DeBry reading her favorite stories on October 19th.

**Hispanic Heritage Month.** This celebration continues to October 15th. Each year, Hispanic culture and heritage in the United States is recognized. The North Plains Public Library is featuring its children's Spanish language picture book collection and its new juvenile books in Spanish during the weeks of this celebration.

**Teen Read Week.** October 16-22 is the week designated by the American Library Association for celebrating Teen Read Week, but for all those teens who like to read, like trivia, and like prizes, the North Plains Public Library is celebrating the whole month of October with The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest. Come to the Library to find out how to participate!

**Last Thursday Craft Night.** Bring your handicraft projects to the library on the last Thursday of each month from 5:30-8 p.m. Join us on October 27th to meet new friends and learn new skills.

**Library Book Club.** The October selection will be the book, Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. This story centers on twin brothers born to an Indian nun and a British surgeon at a mission hospital in Ethiopia. Each shares a fascination with medicine and a love for the same woman. Join us on Wednesday, October 26th at 7 p.m. at the library for a discussion of this engaging work of fiction. Refreshments will be served.

**Happy Halloween.** Children are welcome to come to the Library in costume any time on Monday, October 3rd, to receive a Boo!kmark and a candy treat!

**Library Information.** The library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Open hours are Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at [www.nplibrary.org](http://www.nplibrary.org). You can also find us on Facebook!

## CITY PARKS NAMED

Three new city parks were named-Pacific Purple Park (NW Pacific Street/NW Main Street), Frank Wing Memorial Park (NW Commercial Street/NW 321st Avenue) and Vern Galaway Memorial Park (NW Highland Court/NW 313th Avenue).

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#### WANT TO SAVE A STAMP? TIRED OF WRITING A CHECK?

Sign up to have your water bill paid by Direct Debit. This is a FREE service to you. Come into City Hall and fill out a Direct Debit Authorization form and attach a VOIDED CHECK. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 503-647-5555.

#### STREET SWEEPING

The North Plains streets are swept the third Thursday of the month. Please remove all basketball hoops, cars and skateboard ramps from the street.

*Thank you from the City of North Plains*

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