

City of North Plains

COMMUNITY NEWS



JULY 2011

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Notice of Meetings: All meetings are held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall and convene at 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

City Council – July 5th and 18th

Planning Commission – July 13th

Chamber of Commerce– July 12th, at Noon at Fire District #2 Station

Library Board– July 20th at Library

Municipal Court – July 14th, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering of Women– July 12th

Walking Trail Advisory Committee– July 27th

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FIREWORKS

The Oregon Revised Statutes define legal fireworks as, “A firework that produces only smoke, sparks, or fire which does not explode, eject balls of fire, or fly into the air, or travel more than twelve feet on smooth ground.”. Examples of legal fireworks include: smoke bombs or snakes, base or cone fountains, ground bloom flowers, or sparklers (preferably wood core sparklers, they burn at lower temperatures). Illegal fireworks are those that fly into the air or travel more than twelve feet on the ground.

In attempt to prevent injuries and the loss of life and property, the North Plains Police Department will have officers patrolling neighborhoods on July 4th. They will be looking for possession and use of illegal fireworks. They will seize illegal fireworks and impose fines if they find a person selling, possessing or using illegal fireworks.

Work with North Plains Police Department to make this Fourth of July a happy and safe holiday. Use legal fireworks safely and responsibly. Always be aware when using fire to do so with the thought in mind that fire is a tool which has tremendous power to be both beneficial

WELCOMING NEW CITY MANAGER

The City welcomes new City Manager Martha DeBry who began work with the City on July 1, 2011. Martha comes to the City from the City of Hillsborough, California. She and her family recently moved to the City and are looking forward to meeting the community during a reception in her honor scheduled from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2011, in the North Plains Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street.

NORTH PLAINS FARMERS' MARKET CALL FOR VENDERS & VOLUNTEERS!

Saturday, July 30th through Saturday, October 1st, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

For more info & for the vender application contact us at: northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com
or call (503) 431-0976
northplainsfarmersmarket.org

WATER RATE INCREASES

Water rates will increase 2% this year. The City Council conducted a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 1641 at its June 6, 2011, regular meeting. The new water rates will become effective July 1, 2011.

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

Municipal Code 4.10.035 Removal of Dog Waste.

No person shall allow a dog owned by or under the person's control to defecate on property other than the owner's without immediately thereafter picking up and disposing of the excrement.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Please be aware that home owners are responsible for maintaining their property up to the street surfaces. Help others enjoy the community by trimming those overgrown trees and shrubs up to a height clearance of eight feet and away from the sidewalks. Be aware of overgrown vegetation and prune it back away from corners and driveway entrances to help improve visibility of pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles.

NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story time. Story times for children 6 and younger are at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. On the third Wednesday of each month, a special guest is featured. The theme for the June 1st Story time is "Animals Around the World."

First Friday Flick. Free movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month. Join us on Friday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Library to watch the G-rated film, Toy Story 3. Refreshments will be served.

Calling All Artisans and Crafters. Bring your handicraft projects to Crafters' Night on Thursday, June 16th from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the library. Items made will be sold at a Handicraft Fair on Saturday, June 25th in the library parking lot.

Cultural Pass to Adventure. Use your library card to check out a one-day pass from the North Plains Public Library for free admission to any one of these destinations: A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Pittock Mansion, Portland Children's Museum, Portland Japanese Garden, Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals, and the Washington County Museum. Call ahead to reserve your pass.

Library Information. The library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Open hours are Monday—Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday—Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Budget Committee - 2 openings, Library Board—1 opening, Planning Commission - 1 opening, unlimited openings Walking Trail Advisory Committee. For more information please contact City Recorder Lisa Gibson (503) 647-5555, or via e-mail at lisa@northplains.org.

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.

We're on the Web!
www.northplains.org

City to the Sunset

SUMMER VACATION SAFETY

Reminder from the police department. Anyone under the age of 16 is required to wear a safety helmet when riding a bicycle. If you are not wearing your helmet you could receive a \$25.00 fine. HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER VACATION

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.

CYCLIST TRAFFIC SAFETY

As a reminder, please watch closely for cyclists when you are driving. With the warmer summer months upon us we will all see an increase in the numbers of cyclists on the road. Please remember safety first and be considerate in sharing the road. North Plains is a popular area for cycling and is even being considered as part of the proposed Tualatin Valley Bikeway, which is currently under development.

CHANGE IN SERVICE HOURS

Due to a vacancy in the City's Utility Billing Clerk/Clerical Assistant position, there will be a modification in service hours, with service for Municipal Court occurring 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, for the month of July.

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