



Community Newsletter Nov 2014

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[Michael Broome](#), [Michael Demagalski](#), [Robert Kindel](#), [Charlynn Newton](#), [Glen Warren](#)

VOTE: Election Day is November 4

The City of North Plains has three openings on City Council for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The six candidates running are Michael (Mike) Broome, Sandi King, Greg Kuhn, Sherrie Simmons, Glen Warren, and Scott Whitehead. BE SURE TO VOTE! For learn more about each candidate go to www.northplains.org.



SPEEDING VEHICLES



There have been recent citizen contacts with the North Plains City Council regarding vehicles speeding on NW Pacific Street and other streets. There have also been citizen contacts with the North Plains City Council regarding motorists failing to stop for pedestrians attempting to cross NW Commercial Street at 311th and Main Street. The

Council has asked the police department to monitor vehicles traveling on these streets for compliance with applicable traffic laws. Please remember to be mindful of your speed in town, as well as pedestrians attempting to cross the road. You must stop to allow pedestrians to cross the street. Thank you for helping to keep all of our citizens safe!

Parks Board Vacancies

There are two vacant positions on the Parks Board. If you have an interest in the development, operation and maintenance of public parks, open spaces and trails in North Plains, please consider applying. Applications are available on-line or at City Hall.

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Curbside Street Tree Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Recently the North Plains City Council approved the purchase of a leaf vacuum. This has become a necessary item as keeping our streets clear helps reduce flooding caused by leaves clogging storm drains.



The City of North Plains is starting its first annual curbside street tree leaf pick-up program this fall. To help us better serve you, place loose street tree leaves curbside by the first day of 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. Please do not park vehicles, or leave refuse bins or other obstacles near the leaf windrows.

Our first scheduled day of pick-up will be Tuesday, November 4. If your street tree leaves are not in the street on the scheduled date we will not have the opportunity to provide you with this curbside service.

A second pick-up date is scheduled Tuesday, December 9.

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.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISIONS

Conversations Continue!

Thank you to all the citizens who have been providing input on the City's Facebook page on the direction you would like to see the city move. These comments have been shared with the City Council and the Planning Commission at the Joint Work Session that took place on October 13, 2014. The City of North Plains has been reviewing an update of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of North Plains since August 2013. The Plan is the guiding document for the City's future growth.

There are still more opportunities to voice your opinion about how the City should grow. Residents should be aware that applications for annexations are likely in the near future. Voters will be determining the pace and direction of growth. More importantly, residents can advise the City Council and Planning Commission about what kind of growth is desirable.



More information, including drafts of the plan and ordinance changes is available at <http://cityofnp.org/index.php/departments/public-meetings/planning-commission/comprehensive-plan-update/>

Movies at Jessie Mays

On the first Friday of every month, the North Plains Public Library sponsors a family movie - FREE for all who want to attend. This is a great way to get out with your kids and enjoy a movie on the big screen right here in our home town. Check it out at 6:00 p.m. on November 7th. Stop by Jessie Mays Community Hall for an evening of popcorn and a movie. For the title of each month's movie check with the North Plains Public Library at 503-647-5051.



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

Kim's Styling Korner

We have a new Esthetician Vicki!
Specializing in Microdermabrasion and Body Wraps

*For first time clients she is offering a
mini microderm for \$45,
which includes cleanse, toner, microderm, hot towel
wrap, massage with moisturizer*



Body wrap with Facial \$85

Gift Certificates are available.

Come schedule your appointment today.

Call Vicki at 503-789-9444 for an appointment

LIBRARY NEWS

Win Your Holiday Tree from the Library. The Wizard of Oz upside down spinning tree that was featured last holiday season in the Library will be given to the winner of a raffle to begin on November 1. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn on Monday, November 24, and the tree (and legs belonging to the Wicked Witch of the West) will be available for pick-up two days before Thanksgiving.

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

- **Nov 5** Storytime with Miss Marion: Colors Galore
- **Nov 12** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Oceans
- **Nov 19** Special Guest Storytime: Fairytale Princess
- **Nov 26** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Cats



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

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, November 7**, come see a PG family action adventure by Walt Disney Studios in which the king's daughter Aurora, cursed by the vengeful fairy Maleficent, is found to hold the key to peace in the kingdom and peace for Maleficent herself.

Super Saturday. Once per month during the school year, the Library hosts free, hour-long performances for children and their families held at the Jesse Mays Community Hall. On **Saturday, November 8** at 1 p.m., staff from the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals will bring amazing rocks and fossils to share and will offer an interactive activity in which everyone is welcome to participate.

LEGO Palooza! Monday, November 10 is a No School Day. Come to Jessie Mays Community Hall and use your imagination to make fantastic LEGO creations. Drop in between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Kids, teens, and adults are welcome to the Library's first LEGO Palooza! We will provide the LEGOs (for ages 6 and up) and DUPLOs (for ages 3 and up), so please leave yours at home and ours at Jessie Mays!

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, November 10** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.



FRIENDS
OF NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art Exhibits. The art exhibit on display in **November and December**, will feature 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>. A free, public reception will be held for the artist on **Friday**,

November 14, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display over the checkout desk throughout the month of **November** is a Grandmother's Flower Garden set in Garden Path pattern (the green pieces). This prize-winner was hand-quilted by area resident Jo Ann Tannock. It is a documented quilt in the Oregon Quilt Project, organized by a committee of the Willamette Heritage Center (Salem) and dedicated to documenting, collecting, and preserving information about the quilts and quilt-makers of Oregon, past and present.

Library Book Club. Join us on **Wednesday, November 26** at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss the novel, The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel James Brown. "This book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. It traces the story of the team that defeated elite rivals at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics, sharing the experiences of their enigmatic coach, a visionary boat builder, and a homeless teen rower."-- Provided by the publisher.

North Plains Annual Chili Cook-Off



The North Plains Annual Chili Cook-Off was held on Thursday, October 16 at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. We had a great turn out and those participating in judging ate some incredible chili. A special thank you to the North Plains Senior Center for preparing chili and cornbread for the whole group.



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.

Want to know what was said? Listen to audio recordings of City Council and Planning Commission meetings at www.northplains.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.



2014 Chili Cook-Off winners:

Ann King: Best Traditional Without Beans
Markham Hyde: Hottest
Rachel Newton: Best Chili by a Kid
Charlynn Newton/Rachel Newton: Best Overall

News and Views from the Senior Center

HALLOWEEN AT THE CENTER October 31st, 4:00

Ghosts, goblins, kids and parents of North Plains, drop by Halloween Evening for our annual hot dog barbecue. Treats will be served to our visitors. Put on your best costume and come on down.

RESERVE A TABLE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—November 8th

Make your reservation now for our Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 8, 9:00 to 3:00. Eight-foot tables are \$10 each; chairs are provided. Make checks payable to North Plains Senior Center; no refunds. Payment due no later than November 1st. Each vendor is asked to contribute one item for a door prize. Set-up begins 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. Call 503-369-8951 to reserve a spot.

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER—November 27 Thanksgiving Day



Bring your family and join us for our annual traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the 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 are always welcome. Please RSVP a week prior by calling the Center at 503-647-5666.

**At Thanksgiving
be thankful for the basics:
food, clothing and comfortable shelter;
the rest is a bountiful bonus.**

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.

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



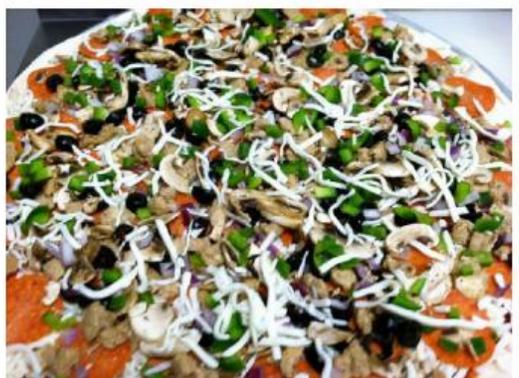


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We just got a 100% score on our health inspection.
Come in and celebrate with us!



Enjoy a large Mama Gerald's Pizza for \$15.

Like our Facebook page for specials too!
Gerald's West in North Plains

Volunteers needed to plan 4th of July
Please contact martha@northplains.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>

11th Annual Jingle

December 4, 2013 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



Do you remember the First Holiday Jingle back in 2004?

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.

November Calendar

See community events at NPfun.org

- 11/03 Historical Society Meeting**
1 p.m. Call 503-648-9597 for details.
- 11/03 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/04 Election Day-VOTE**
- 11/04** Curbside leaf pick-up
- 11/05 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 11/06 Writers' Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 11/07 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Hall.
- 11/08 Christmas Bazaar** 9:00-3:00 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center
- 11/11 Veterans Day (City Offices and Library Closed)**
- 11/12 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 11/12 Planning Commission** 7:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 11/13 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.
- 11/17 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/19 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 11/24 Drawing** for winner of the Wizard of Oz Christmas Tree at Library.
- 11/26 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 11/26 Parks Board Meeting** 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street.
- 11/26 Library Book Club**
- 11/27 Thanksgiving (City Offices and Library Closed)**
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Dinner at the North Plains Senior Center** beginning at noon.
- 11/28 Thanksgiving holiday (City Offices and Library Closed)**
- 11/28 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.
- 12/04 Holiday Jingle** at 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays

Those were the good old days...



The Great Depression By Melvin VanDomelen— Mountaindale, Oregon

The above title may be somewhat misleading, I am not going to get into the hard times of the 1930's, although I could. I was just a kid in

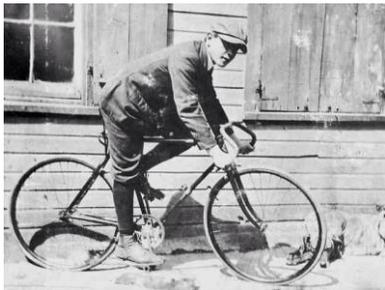
those days and lived through it.

No, let's look into a big depression, or hole in an eight acre field near Mountaindale on a farm my brother once owned.

This strange phenomenon has puzzled me for years. It was a saucer shaped, almost perfect circle some 90 feet across and at one time was 4 feet deep.

The story handed down by the Old Timers is that this bowl shaped hole was suspected to be the result of a meteorite hitting the earth. There seems to be no other explanation as to how this place was created or why it was there.

My father told me when he was young, boys would



gather here—from as far away as Roy on Sundays to race their bicycles around in this depression. The sloping sides made a natural Velodrome, a banked bicycle racing circle.

This strange hole in the field was much more prominent when I was a child. I rented this farm in the 1950's and farmed around the crater because it was always wet. Later on, my brother bought the farm and had some fill dirt hauled in, but there was still a distinctive hole there.

Today, they farm with huge equipment and this old landmark is getting filled in more every year.

Another piece of local history also shows up in this same field. Over the years I have been trying to tell anyone who will listen that East Dairy Creek once flowed a different course through the Mountaindale area.

Just north of the Raffety Cemetery it is very evident to see where a landslide, long ago, pushed the creek over to where it is today. The sunken outline of this ancient stream bed could be traced to the Roy area when I was young. Roads have been built over it, some farmers have filled it in to eliminate wet spots in their fields. Many signs of where the water once flowed still exist.

The Native Americans left their mark along this old creek bed by evidence of their campsites. Crude arrowheads and stone bowls have been found in these places.



Learned archaeologists from the Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde have dated these arrowheads found near the banks of this original stream to be around 4,000 years old. This gives an idea as to when the water once flowed here. This old creek bed also shows in the same field as the suspected meteorite hole but they are not connected.

I realize this article may not rate as a real zinger to some, but I think it is important that these abnormalities did once exist at Mountaindale. There are so few of us left to tell about them.

And, the Great Depression- I believe there is something down there!

NORTH PLAINS PARKS BOARD— JESSIE MAYS HALL AND PARK

The North Plains Parks Board has been in discussions regarding the uses and layout of Jessie Mays Community Hall and Park. They have recently hired Woofter Architecture to complete a feasibility study for possible renovations and remodeling of the building and the park. The Board is looking for community input for the design and features that should be included in a remodel project. The Board presented diagrams at the Chili Cook-off of possible plans. These diagrams and a questionnaire are available on the city website under the "city" tab then click on "Parks Board" or go to:

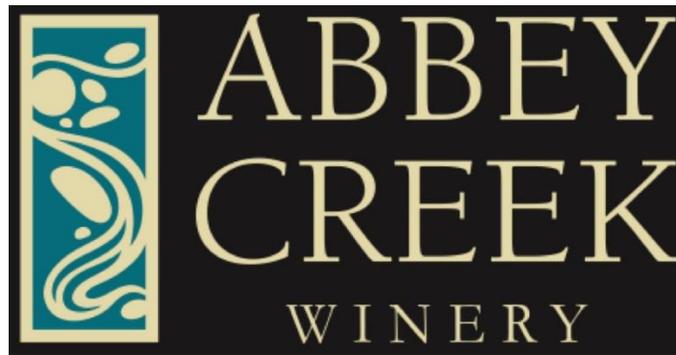
http://cityofnp.org/files/4614/1356/7100/2014.10.16_NP_JMCH_Community_Questionnaire.pdf

Existing Building - Needs Assessment Diagram



CITY OF NORTH PLAINS - JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY HALL + PARK
Facility Needs Assessment - Preliminary Conceptual Design

Woofter Architecture
October 16, 2014



Presents...
An Artists Spotlight

Join us Friday November 21st as we showcase our artist of the month Henry Buchanan

Our monthly artist spotlight evenings are back! The great harvest is over and we have plenty of wine to share with all. Join us and a young passionate artist on a Friday evening starting at 6pm. Henry Buchanan is an Oregonian artist who grew up in Forest Grove and received an art degree from Southern Oregon University. His artwork features a mixture of the organic and inorganic and blends biological organisms with mechanical systems in black and white abstractions. Linoleum printmaking is his focus and he draws inspiration from Ernst Haeckl and the work of MC Escher. He works to interconnect the sharp and geometric shapes of the modern world with the fluid and irregular shapes of the natural world. He is now living and working in the Portland metropolitan area.

<http://henrylbuchanan.daportfolio.com/>

We will also be joined by Megan from Sweet & Sassy Sugar Shop. She is known for her ability to combine unique flavors from sweet to savory, leaving us with a decadent experience.

Customary tasting flights and wine by the glass and bottle will be available.

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



JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY HALL + PARK

Facility Needs Assessment + Preliminary Conceptual Design

Community Questionnaire

The City of North Plains Parks Board is undertaking a feasibility study/preliminary concept design to consider ideas for improving Jessie Mays Community Hall and Park. As a member of the North Plains community, your thoughts and feedback are important to make this study a success.

Please take a moment to complete the questions below.

You can drop it off at City Hall, email it to info@northplains.org,

or complete the online form at www.northplains.org

Thank you!

1. How often do you and your family visit Jessie Mays Park/Community Hall?
2. How do you currently use Jessie Mays Park? How do you currently use the Jessie Mays Community Hall?
3. What are the best aspects of the Park and Community Hall?
4. What aspects of the Park/Community Hall could be improved?
5. As a shared public resource, how can the Park and Community Hall best serve the City of North Plains? How can they help to strengthen its sense of community?
6. Is there anything about the current Park and/or Community Hall that should not be changed or removed?
7. Any dreams for the Park/Hall? (A vision of what they could be if money was no object....)?
8. Any other thoughts on a project to improve the Park and Hall?