

# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

## Mayor's Message

Thanks again to Mike, Dave, & Terry for all their help with watering and caring for the flower baskets over the summer. And thanks to everyone else who helped make that project such a success, particularly the North Powder FFA for donating the baskets.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Christmas Celebration project. We are in the process of building a permanent in-ground stand for the City Christmas tree. We are still accepting donations for new lights for the tree and for the wreaths. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so at City Hall. Our annual Christmas Celebration will be Sunday, December 10th starting with a lighted parade at 5PM, followed by the tree lighting and caroling at City Hall, finishing with a hayride to the Rural Fire Station for a chili feed.

We hope to start installing the wiring for new street lights sometime within the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, please contact City Hall.

The City has purchased a small used dump-truck. We plan to purchase a blade so that it can be used to plow snow in place of the big orange dump truck.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone as you prepare for winter, please don't forget to move all vehicles and items off the city right-of-ways (streets and alleys) so they are not in the way of the snow plows. And please keep your things clear of fire hydrants.

## Wastewater Project

As the Wastewater System Improvement Project nears completion, the City Council will hold a 2nd Public Hearing to obtain public comment about the project.

The project was primarily funded by a Community Development Block Grant. The Public Hearing will be Monday, November 6, 2023 at City Hall during the regular Council meeting at 7PM. Written comments may be submitted to City Hall no later than 12:30PM on Friday, November 3rd, or mailed to PO Box 309, or emailed to [cityofnp@eoni.com](mailto:cityofnp@eoni.com). Oral comments will be accepted at the hearing.

## Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6PM on Monday, November 6, 2023, at City Hall to consider applications for a Conditional Use Permit for a new City Library and a Variance for Off-Street Parking.

City Zoning Ordinance #1983-3 identifies a Public Institutional Facility (such as a library) as a Conditional Use in the Public Zone.

The City Council will also consider an application for a Variance regarding Off-Street parking for the new library. Copies of the applications and information related to the applications can be reviewed at City Hall during business hours, Monday thru Friday.

Persons wishing to comment may submit written comments to City Hall (340 E Street) no later than 12:30PM on Friday, November 3. Written comments may also be submitted by mail at PO Box, emailed to [cityofnp@eoni.com](mailto:cityofnp@eoni.com) or presented at the hearing. You may also testify in person at the hearing. Comments received over the phone or in conversation will NOT be considered by the council as a basis for appeal.

### Daylight Savings Time ENDS



Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Don't forget to set your clocks back.

## City Brush Pile

Again, we need to remind everybody that the City Brush Pile is for yard debris ONLY!

Someone left a pile of tires on the burn pile. This is NOT acceptable. Tires and other junk can be disposed of during Spring Clean-Up. If we continue to get unacceptable items, we will go back to locking the gate and doing appointments only.

Appointments will be limited to Monday thru Friday during office hours and will be done at the convenience of the public works crew.

Please don't be one of those people who ruin this privilege for everyone!

*"Enjoy the little things, for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things."*

*-Robert Brault*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Nov. 2 Library Board Meeting  
5PM Library
- ◆ Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ◆ Nov. 6 Public Hearing 6PM City Hall  
City Council Meeting 7PM City Hall
- ◆ Nov. 7 Grange Meeting  
6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ Nov. 10 City Hall CLOSED
- ◆ Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- ◆ Nov. 13-17 PTCO Book Fair School
- ◆ Nov. 17 Food Bank  
2PM to 4PM Methodist Church
- ◆ Nov. 18 Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
1PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day  
City Hall CLOSED
- ◆ Nov. 24 City Hall CLOSED
- ◆ Nov. 28 School Board Mtg.  
6PM

### Public Hearing/City Council Meeting

November 6, 2023

6PM / 7PM City Hall

#### 6PM Public Hearing

Library Conditional Use Permit & Variance

#### 7PM City Council Meeting

Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment (allow 4 minutes each)

Amend/Accept Agenda

Amend/Accept Minutes

Accounts Payable

Library Report

Huckleberry Festival Report

Public Works Report

Ordinance Enforcement

City Recorder Report

Mayor's Message

Old Business-

- City Council Candidates

- Wastewater Project Update

2nd Public Hearing

Resolution #2023-R10

- Electronic Speed Sign

- Library/Meeting Room Update

- Street Light Wiring Bid

New Business-

- Appoint 2023-2024 Budget Officer

Council Comments

**\*Additions and/or Changes may be made to the agenda.**

If special accommodations are needed, please notify City Hall at 541-898-2185 by noon on Friday prior to meeting.

## Library News

Welcome to Lisa Aichele, our new City Librarian/Library Director. Lisa is a recently retired teacher. She has lived in North Powder for several years and is really looking forward to working in the library. Stop in and say "Hi".

Did you know:

- The first successful lending library in America was founded by Benjamin Franklin in November 1731.
- President Theodore Roosevelt read at least one book per day.
- There are more public libraries in the United States than there are McDonald's or Starbuck's restaurants.
- Librarians were once taught a special rounded style of handwriting to ensure uniformity and legibility in catalogs.

It's never too late to return a book. If you stumble across a forgotten or lost library book that has been hiding for weeks, months or even years, don't be afraid to return it to the library.

The next Library Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 2nd at 5PM at the Library.

### Library Hours-

Tuesday & Wednesday 2PM to 6PM  
Friday & Saturday 10AM to 2PM  
Phone 541-898-2175

Email: npcitylibrary1@gmail.com

"The library is an arena of possibility opening both a window into the soul and a door onto the world."  
- Rita Dove

## Community Thanksgiving

The annual Wolf Creek Grange Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be Sunday, November 19th at 1PM. The Grange will provide turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy. Community members are asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome! Come join your friends and neighbors for some good food, fun, and festivities.

If you are experiencing problems with your water or sewer, please contact City Hall.

City Hall Phone: 541-898-2185  
(8:30AM-12:30PM)  
Public Works: 541-786-4600  
(7:00AM-3:30PM)  
Monday thru Friday

After Hours Emergency: 541-786-4600  
Mayor: 541-975-0422

\*Please call during business hours if at all possible as a fee will be charged for after hours calls.

## Dogs

The City has been getting a lot of complaints about dogs, again. Please do not let your dogs roam free. City and County ordinances require that all dogs must be under control at all times. This means either by physical means, such as on a leash or contained by a fence, or by voice or signal from a person capable of controlling the dog. Dogs are NOT allowed to run at large. They cannot be on the premises of a person other than that of the animal owner without the consent of another owner or occupant. Dogs are NOT allowed in the City Park, cemetery, school grounds, or other public grounds.

If you take your dog for a walk, please clean up after them.

You are not allowed to have more than 3 dogs per residence, regardless of how many dog owners may live there. More than 3 dogs per residence requires a Kennel License.

If your dog bites or harms a person or another animal it is considered to be a public nuisance and may be, by order of Municipal Court, removed from the city or destroyed.

All dogs in Union County over 6 months of age or have a set of permanent canine teeth are required to be licensed. Licenses may be obtained from the Union County Sheriff's office.

If you have a complaint about a dog, please contact the Union County Animal Control at 541-963-1017.

## City Hall Meeting Room

Work has begun on the City Hall Meeting Room. The division wall between the meeting room and the proposed new library has been erected and the frame work to replace the roll-up door is done. New windows will be installed in the front of the building to match those at City Hall. The windows in the back will also be replaced.

The meeting room will be accessible from City Hall, from E Street and from the new library.

The proposed plan will eventually include a unisex handicap accessible restroom and a small vestibule that will be accessed for both the meeting room and the new library.

"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."

- Irv Kupcinet



"Being grateful isn't just a happy reaction to life going well. Gratitude is a way of thinking, a way of approaching life with wonder and endless appreciation."

-Will Bowen

## Council Applicants

The City received two applications to fill Position #3, vacated by Jeff Grende. The Council will vote on the applications at the next Council meeting on Nov. 6th. Applicants are Mike Wisdom and Don McClure.

## Coming Attractions:

- Grange Christmas Bazaar- December 2.**  
(Contact Susie at 541-403-1930 for more information or to reserve a table.)
- Santa Shop- December 6**
- Community Christmas - December 10**
- School Christmas Concert- December 13**

### Church Services:

**Cornerstone Baptist Church-**  
Sundays 10AM & 11AM and 5PM  
Wednesdays 6PM

**St. Anthony's Catholic Church-**  
Sunday Mass- 11:30AM

**United Methodist Church-**  
Sundays 10AM

### "Lunch Bunch" -

Fridays Noon to 12:30PM at the Wolf Creek Grange. \$3 per meal. Open to the public.

### City Council Members-

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| #1 Vicki Townsend | #4 Justin Wright    |
| #2 Jeff Nielsen   | #5 Lindsey Thompson |
| #3                | #6 Logan McCrae     |

Mayor John Frieboes

### City Hall Office Hours

8:30AM to 12:30 PM  
Monday thru Friday  
Phone 541-898-2185  
Fax 541-898-2647  
Email: cityofnp@eoni.com  
www.northpowderoregon.org  
Closed Holidays

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