

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Mayor's Comments

With Spring just around the corner, people are starting to think about spring clean-up and new projects. As you begin work in your yards and gardens keep in mind that the city brush pile is available for yard and garden debris.

April is National Safe Digging Month so don't forget to call 8-1-1 for utility locates before you begin a project that requires digging.

And don't forget about the City Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 20th for all of your other clean-up needs.

Safety is always a concern for the City. The new Ordinance person for the City is Dave Hoene. Dave is eager to help and will work with you to try to help solve your issues. If you need to get in touch with Dave, please contact City Hall and we can pass your message on.

Water Reservoir Cleaning

Last month, the City had the water reservoir tanks cleaned and inspected. Using an underwater drone with a robotic vacuum attachment, the tanks were cleaned and inspected without having to drain the tanks.

The overall condition of the tanks seem to be in good condition but the older tank is beginning to show signs of delamination and chalking on the exterior walls and roof.

The overflow pickups on both tanks were in good condition and free of obstructions.

There was a coating of silt on the floor of each tank ranging from approximately 1/8 inch in the newer tank to 1/2 inch deep in the older tank. The newer tank is made of bolted steel and therefore created some issues for the vacuum attachment to thoroughly clean the bottom around the bolts. A second cleaning will hopefully be done later this fall.

Using the underwater drone with the vacuum attachment was not only quicker and easier than using divers, it was about half the cost of divers.

Annual water line flushing should begin later this month or early May. Watch for posted notices for a more exact schedule.

Congratulations to the Powder Valley Girls Basketball Team for a 3rd Place win at the State Tournament!

8-1-1 Call Before You Dig

Avista reminds you that safe digging is no accident!

Third party damage to underground utilities for municipalities and private utility companies continues to be an issue.

Before beginning any outdoor digging project, call 811 at least two business days before you dig. Calling 811 will get a professional locator to your site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines. There is a two-foot tolerance zone on each side of the line, and it is required to hand dig to determine the precise location of the utility in this tolerance zone. This service is FREE. Remember, you may also have your own utilities that require a private locate request at 811.

Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury, prevent damages to utilities and service disruptions (to you and your neighbors), and avoid potential fines and repair costs. Underground utility lines can be just about anywhere, so keeping your shovel in the shed or garage and calling 811 first is a smart move (and IT'S THE LAW).

Every digging job requires a call—even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area.

Here are just a few examples of when to call for locates:

- Installing a mailbox
- Putting in a fence
- Planting trees or shrubbery
- Building a patio or deck
- Excavating a new garden area
- Building and construction projects
- Building new or replacing sidewalks

Be safe! Before you dig, call 811 or go to www.digsafelyoregon.com.



"Spring is the time of year when it feels like summer in the sun and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Apr 1 City Council Meeting
7PM City Hall
- ◆ Apr 2 Grange Meeting
6:30 PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ Apr 3 Huckleberry Fest Committee
6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ Apr 4 Library Board Meeting
5PM Library
- ◆ Apr 19 Food Bank
2PM to 4PM NP Community Church
- ◆ Apr 20 City Clean-Up Day
8AM to 4PM
Grange Chili Cook-Off
- ◆ Apr 22-26 PTCO Book Fair
- ◆ Apr 23 School Board Meeting
6PM
- ◆ Apr 27 Prom

*Public Hearing/City Council Meeting
April 1, 2024
6PM/7PM City Hall*

6PM Public Hearing

Conditional Use Permit—Zink

7PM City Council Meeting

Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment (allow 4 minutes each)

Amend/Accept Agenda

Amend/Accept Minutes

Accounts Payable

Library Report

Public Works Report

Ordinance Enforcement

City Recorder Report

Mayor's Message

New Business-

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Old Business-

- *Street Light (5th & A)*

- *Wastewater Project Update*

- *Library Update*

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

April 6th is National Library Day. Help us celebrate by bringing a pretty or unusual rock to the library so that we can put in a rock garden.

The City is accepting applications for a new library assistant. The position is part-time, 4 hours per week, and pays minimum wage. Applications are available at City Hall or at the Library. Applications along with a resume must be submitted at City Hall.

The next Library Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 4th, at 5PM at the Library. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Library Hours-

Tuesday & Wednesday Noon to 4PM
 Friday & Saturday 10AM to 2PM
 Phone: 541-898-2175
 Email: npcitylibrary1@gmail.com

Wolf Creek Grange
Chili Cook-Off & Pie Sale
 Saturday, April 20th
 Serving at 4PM
 Prize awarded to the winner.
 \$5 entry
 Call Barbara at 541-962-5376 to enter.
 Whether you want to judge, or just eat,
 join us for a "hot" time.
 \$2 for bowl of chili with corn bread.

OR Trail Writer's Group

The public is invited to attend a special open meeting for Oregon Trail Writers on April 13, 2024, at Wolf Creek grange, 3-4:30 p.m. Steve Hahn, writer and member of OTW will present information on The Memoir. Please plan to join us.

On April 27, OTW will be accepting new members. We have space for two more people. If interested and for more information contact Glenda at 541-898-2332 before April 24, 2024.

If you are experiencing problems with your water or sewer, please contact City Hall.
 City Hall Phone: 541-898-2185
 (8:30AM-12:30PM Monday thru Friday)
 Public Works: 541-786-4600
 (7:00AM-3:30PM Monday thru Friday)
 After Hours Emergency: 541-786-4600 or
 541-975-0422
 *Please call during business hours if at all possible as a fee will be charged for after hours calls.

Clean-up Day

The annual City-wide Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 20th from 8AM to 4PM.

As always, the City will provide dumpsters. They will be located at the brush pile (below 2nd Street behind Badger Mart & Gas Station). There will be a small load-based fee to help cover the cost of the dumpsters.

Along with some city volunteers, this year the North Powder Rural District will be helping people with clean-up. Union County has pledged to match expenses up to \$2000.

Examples of acceptable items for the dumpsters are: furniture, small appliances, carpets, old clothing, garden hoses, old fencing materials (without nails), old or broken toys, open and DRIED paint cans, old or broken flower pots, old dishes or pots and pans, etc.

We will also accept old tires from passenger vehicles or small trucks. All tires must be off the rims.

E-cycle items, such as TVs, computers, printers, etc, will be accepted but monitors and TVs cannot have broken screens. There will be a scrap metal dumpster for large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, washers, dryers, etc.) and other scrap metal like wire, metal tire rims, bicycles, barbeque grills (without briquettes), aluminum or tin cans, copper or metal tubing, pipes, sheet metal, etc.

Empty hazardous household material containers, such as bleach bottles, cleaners, aerosol cans, etc. must be separated from other items.

We cannot accept oil, ashes, or regular household garbage (Ex: diapers, kitchen scraps, wastepaper, etc.)

Normal recycle items, such as card board, milk jugs, glass jars, newspapers, magazines, and misc. paper should be taken to the recycle center (on 1st Street).

The brush pile will be open for yard and garden debris such as grass clippings, weeds, sticks and small tree branches, shrubbery, etc.

If you need or would like some help hauling stuff to the dumpsters, please contact City Hall at 541-898-2185 before noon on Friday, April 19th.

"Sometimes the little things you do give happiness to someone else. So, never stop doing little things."
 -Unknown



Huckleberry Festival

Plans for the 17th Annual Huckleberry Festival are under way. The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM. Anyone and everyone interested in helping with the festival is invited to attend.

This will be the second year the festival will be a two day event.

This year the North Powder Community Church will take over hosting the reunion breakfast.

Other events in the planning are a water-slide bounce house, horseshoe tournament, parade, bed races, street vendors, and a street dance.

At this time, there are no plans for a Mud-Volleyball tournament due to lack of participation in the past few years and nobody to co-ordinate the event.

The Huckleberry Festival committee has received a grant to purchase some generators, garbage cans, chairs, canopies for cooling stations, brooms & water hoses.

Church Services:
Cornerstone Baptist Church-
 Sundays 10AM & 11AM and 5PM
 Wednesdays 6PM
St Anthony's Catholic Church-
 Sunday Mass—11:30AM
North Powder Community Church-
 Sundays 10AM

Community Lunch- Fridays at Noon at the Wolf Creek Grange. (cost is by donation)
 Open to the public.

City Council Members-
 #1 Vicki Townsend #4 Justin Wright
 #2 Jeff Nielsen #5 Lindsey Thompson
 #3 Don McClure #6 Logan McCrae
 Mayor John Frieboes

City Hall Office Hours
 8:30AM to 12:30 PM
 Monday thru Friday
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 www.northpowderoregon.org
 Closed all Major Holidays