

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Mayor's Comments

We've been fortunate to have a really nice fall so far, but winter is just around the corner. Along with winterizing your lawns and gardens, its time to start winterizing your homes. Be sure to clean your gutters and chimneys, have your furnace serviced and filters cleaned or replaced, put up storm windows if you have them, and check the batteries in your smoke alarms. And don't forget to winterize your water pipes and faucets, both indoor and outdoor to prevent freezing. Be sure to drain your hoses before you put them away for the winter. Many times, you can shut the water off to outside faucets and drain them. Insulating water lines will help to prevent freezing, particularly in areas where lines are exposed, like in basements, crawl spaces, or attics.

And don't forget to clear the alleys and right-of-ways for the snow plow.



November 3, 2024

Don't forget to set you clocks back!

Wastewater Project

The bio-solids removal (dredge) is in progress and expected to be completed within one to two weeks. The project is on schedule and should be well within budget. The deadline for completion, set by DEQ, is November 15th.

Election Day

Don't forget to Vote! Tuesday, November 5, 2024 is Election Day. It is the LAST day to return your ballot. You can drop your ballot in the ballot box next to City Hall or return it to the County Clerk's office by 8PM. Ballots must be received at the County Clerk's office or in an official drop box by 8PM on Election Day. If mailed, the ballot must be post marked by 8PM on November 5th (Election Day). Ballots postmarked after 8PM will not be counted.

You can track the status of your ballot on the Oregon Secretary of State website.

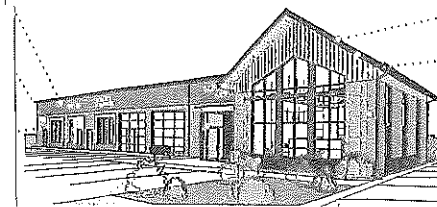
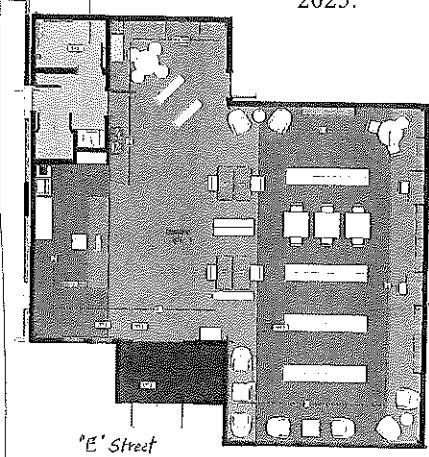
New Library

An Open House was held on Thursday, October 3rd to share the proposed plans for the new library. A representative from Pinnacle Architecture presented the proposed plans and fielded questions and comments from community members. A few minor changes have been proposed to the plans, based on some comments received.

The proposed plan includes a restroom, that will be shared with the City Hall meeting room, a janitorial closet, some built in book shelves on the outer walls, and a built in bench in the children's section.

Along with the building and floor plans, Pinnacle Architecture provided samples of interior and exterior finishes for walls, carpet and flooring, book shelves and cabinets. They also presented plans for landscaping and parking around the new library.

Once the city has given final approval of the design and issued consent to proceed, the project will be put out to bid. Construction is still expected to start next spring and be completed by the end of 2025.



"Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good. 'Tis but one step more to think that one vote will do no harm."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ◆ Nov 4 City Council Meeting
7PM City Hall
- ◆ Nov 5 Election Day
Grange Meeting
6:30 PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ Nov 11 Veteran's Day
City Hall CLOSED
No School
- ◆ Nov 11-15 PTCO Book Fair
- ◆ Nov 12 Library Board Meeting
5PM City Hall Meeting Room
- ◆ Nov 15 Food Bank
2PM to 5PM Methodist Church
- ◆ Nov 24 Community Thanksgiving Dinner
1PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ Nov 26 School Board Meeting
7PM
- ◆ Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day
City Hall CLOSED
- ◆ Nov 29 City Hall CLOSED
- ◆ Nov 30 Christmas Bazaar
9AM to 4PM Wolf Creek Grange

*City Council Meeting
November 4, 2024
7 PM City Hall*

- Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance*
- Public Comment (allow 4 minutes each)*
- Amend/Accept Agenda*
- Amend/Accept Minutes*
- Accounts Payable*
- Public Works Report*
- Library Report*
- City Recorder Report*
- Mayor's Report*
- New Business-*
- ODOT (re: handicap ramp project)*
- Linda Dixon*
- Resolution #2024-RJ2 (Budget Officer)*
- Barry Princevalle*
- Old Business-*
- Library Update*
- Wastewater Project 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

Hey Everybody! Come join us at noon in the City Hall meeting room on Friday, November 8th to make a "Book Vase". There is no charge and the class is open to all ages, kids and adults, but you must sign up ahead of time so that we can be sure to have the necessary supplies available to everyone. Stop by the Library to see samples and to sign up for this fun and unique craft project!

The Library Board has been working on some new policies regarding internet use, mobile hotspots, and privacy and confidentiality of library records. Please be sure to review these policies when you visit the Library.

November is filled with literary "holidays" including National Family Literacy Day, National Author's Day, Young Reader's Day, and High Five a Librarian Day. Why not take some time to treat yourself to a good book. Or stop by the Library to "High Five" a librarian? Visit the School Book Fair, November 11th thru 15th with your kids.

Be sure to check for over due books and videos and get them returned to the library as soon as possible to avoid additional fines.

The next Library Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5PM in the City Hall meeting room.

Library Hours-

Noon to 4PM - Tuesday & Wednesday
10AM to 2PM - Friday & Saturday
Phone 541-898-2175

Email: npcityli-

Free Wolf Creek Grange
Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 24, 2024
1PM
Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes and Gravy will be supplied.
Community is asked to bring salads, vegetables and deserts.
Everyone is Welcome!

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 Thursday)
Public Works: 541-786-4600
(7:00AM-3:30PM Monday thru Friday)
After Hours Emergency: 541-975-0422

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

New Council Member

Congratulations to Josh Guthrie, the newest member of the City Council. Josh was appointed by the City Council to fill Position #2 at the last City Council meeting on October 7th. He is replacing Jeff Nielsen, who resigned September 9th. Josh will serve the remainder of the term which ends January 2027.

Christmas Bazaar

The Wolf Creek Grange will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 30th from 9AM to 4PM at the Grange. Vendors can reserve a small table for \$5 or a large table for \$10. To reserve a table or for questions, contact Barbara at 541-962-5376. Vendor space is limited so reserve your table early.

ODOT Ramp Project

An ODOT representative will be at the Nov. 4th Council meeting to talk about plans for the handicap curb/ramp project along 2nd Street (Hwy 237). The project is scheduled for summer 2025 thru 2026.

EOCIL

The Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL) is a global disability resource and advocacy center that provides an array of services for people living with any type of disability.

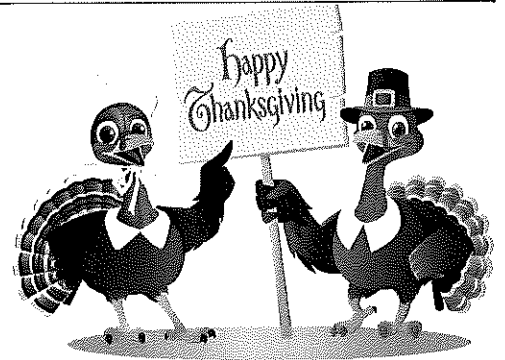
The Harm Reduction Program, a part of EOCIL, specializes in substance use, infectious disease, and other harms associated with drug use. They offer services for things like needle exchange, connection to Detox and treatment, wound care supplies, HIV testing and services, NARCAN training and distribution, and more. The services are FREE and anonymous.

The EOCIL Harm Reduction Ambulance will be in North Powder on Thursday, November 7th from 1:30PM-3:30PM. They will be parked near the Huckleberry Playground Park (4th & D Streets). Come by and say hi. Enjoy a snack and a warm drink!

Even if you don't have a substance use problem, come by to learn more about the Harm Reduction Program and other programs offered by EOCIL. Find out how they could help you or a loved one who is living a disability.

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is a miracle."

-Albert Einstein



"They should change the name of Thanksgiving to something more fitting, like say... Turkeypocolypse or Stuffing-cide."

-Unknown

Burn Ban Lifted

The burn ban has been lifted. Burning in barrels, as well open burning, is now allowed between the hours of 6AM and 6PM. Burn Permits are required for all burning inside City limits. Permits are available free of charge at City Hall.

Please don't burn on windy days and don't burn plastics, rubber, wet garbage, or anything else that may create excessive smoke or foul odors.

Be sure your burn barrels and fires are completely off any City right-of-way.

**In honor of all of the men and women who served and continue to serve,
Happy Veteran's Day.
Thank you for your service and your sacrifice!**

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

**"Lunch Bunch" - Fridays Noon to 12:30PM at the Wolf Creek Grange.
\$5 donation per meal. Open to the public.**

City Council Members-
#1 Midge Clause #4 Justin Wright
#2 Josh Guthrie #5 Lindsey Thompson
#3 Don McClure #6 Alan Brown
Mayor John Frieboes

City Hall Office Hours
8:30AM to 12:30 PM
Monday thru Friday
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