

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

Mayor's Message

With spring just around the corner, I am excited to start planning our annual Spring Cleanup Day. This is a great opportunity for us to come together, beautify our town, and prepare for the warmer months ahead. More details will be shared soon!

I am also looking forward to what 2025 will bring. We have some exciting projects in the works, including the new library and the ODOT Curb Ramp Project. These improvements will enhance our town and benefit our community for years to come.

New Library

After reevaluating and scaling back plans, we are excited to announce that we have met our budget for the new library!

We are now set to go to bid at the end of February, with the bidding process open for six weeks. This is an exciting step forward in bringing this important resource to our community. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward with this project. Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder to please avoid unnecessary activity in the alleyways as extra travel and heavy vehicles can cause damage due to moist ground conditions.

No parking or blocking alleyways—these must remain clear for access and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Business Licenses

Business Licenses issued for 2025 are as follows:

- 3 Creek Cabin
- Al's Gun Repair
- Badger Mini Mart
- Bev's upholstery
- Byrnes Oil Company, INC
- CJ's Country Store
- Happy Campers Mini Mart
- Jeff Grende Heating & Air
- KaitMade Sourdough
- North Powder Café
- North Powder Trading Post
- Oregon Trail Seeds
- Parker Pooches
- Powder Valley Scales, LLC
- Rich's Portable Cabins
- Rural Oregon Backflow Testing Suite Blue
- Time Warp Adventures, LLC
- Thunderstick Firearms
- Vintage & Old Stuff
- Unverferth Manufacturing
- Wagon Tracks RV and Storage
- Ziplly Fiber

Let's support our local businesses!

A Big Thank You to North Powder

Rural Fire Protection District!

We want to extend our deepest thanks to the North Powder Rural Fire Protection District for their incredible hard work in helping residents clear their properties and make them more defensible in the event of a fire. Your dedication to keeping our community safe is truly appreciated!

If you are interested in receiving assistance to improve the defensibility of your property, please contact Colby Thompson at 541-910-0006. You can also visit the Oregon State Fire Marshal website to schedule a free defensible space assessment.

"Where there is love, there is life." —Mahatma Gandhi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ February 3 City Council Meeting 7PM City Hall
- ◆ February 4 Grange Meeting 6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ February 5 Huckleberry Festival Committee Meeting 6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ February 11 Library Board Meeting 5PM City Hall Meeting Room
- ◆ February 13 Powder Valley Historical Foundation Meeting 6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ February 14 Valentine's Dinner Wolf Creek Grange 4PM-7PM
- ◆ February 17 President's Day City Hall Closed
- ◆ February 21 Food Bank 2PM-4PM Community Church
- ◆ February 25 North Powder School Board MTG. 7PM-9PM

*City Council Meeting
January 6th
7PM City Hall*

*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
New Business-
- Spring Clean up Date
- Fire Wise Community
- Union Sanitation- Rate Increase
Old Business-
- Surplus Equipment Resolution
- Payment Update- Wastewater Project
- Public Works back pay-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

Our librarian, city staff, library board members, council members, and dedicated community members have been working hard to set up the temporary library. Huge progress has been made, and we are excited to announce an opening date soon!

Lisa would like to send a big thank you to everyone for their hard work and assistance in making this possible. Your support is truly appreciated!
Upcoming Event:

Family Literacy Night – February 5th at the school from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Join us as we make corner bookmarks out of book pages.
Stay tuned for more library updates.

**Library Hours-
TEMPORARILY CLOSED.**

Phone 541-898-2175
Email: npcitylibrary1@gmail.com

NOTICE

**REMINDER TO CITY RESIDENTS
PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS CONTAINED**

For the safety of our community and pets, please ensure your dogs are properly contained and not roaming freely. If you have any issues or concerns please contact Union County Sheriffs Office– Animal Enforcement
541-963-1017
sheriff@union-county.org

Fun February Facts

February is the shortest month: It only has 28 days, except for leap years when it has 29. That’s why we always get an extra day every 4 years.
Leap Year: When it’s a leap year, February has 29 days. Leap years happen every 4 years to help synchronize the calendar with the Earth’s orbit.

Groundhog Day: On February 2nd, people celebrate Groundhog Day, a fun tradition where Punxsutawney Phil predicts whether there will be six more weeks of winter. If he sees his shadow, winter lasts longer!

Black History Month: February is recognized as Black History Month in the United States and Canada.

Valentine’s Day: February 14th is celebrated as Valentine’s Day, a day for love and affection toward partners, friends, and family. It’s a day filled with cards, candy, and flowers!

American Heart Month: February is also American Heart Month, which focuses on raising awareness about heart disease, its prevention, and the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

National Pizza Day: February 9th is National Pizza Day! It’s the perfect excuse to indulge in a slice (or two) of your favorite pizza.

The Birthstone of February: Amethyst is the birthstone for February, known for its beautiful purple color and symbolism of calmness and balance.



Huckleberry Festival

Volunteers Needed for the 2025 North Powder Huckleberry Festival!

The North Powder Huckleberry Festival is a cherished annual event that relies on the support of volunteers. Currently, we have just two volunteers, and we need at least 10 more to keep the festival going this year. Without enough help, the event simply can’t take place.

Volunteer Information:

Meeting Dates: First Wednesday of every month, starting February 5th, at 6:30 PM

Location: Wolf Creek Grange

Deadline: If we do not have enough volunteers by March 5th, we will unfortunately not be able to hold the festival.

Please consider volunteering to help us continue this amazing community event! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Shiloe Weston at 541-403-3308 or come to the meeting on February 5th to sign up.

Let’s work together to keep the Huckleberry Festival alive!

Newly Elected Officials

Elected officials were sworn in on Monday, January 6, 2025 at the regular City Council Meeting. Newly elected officials are: Mayor– John Frieboes; City Council Position #1– Midge Clause; Position #4– Tonya Dias; and Position #6 Alan Brown.

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

City Council Members-

#1 Midge Clause #4 Tonya Dias
#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
Phone 541-898-2185
Fax 541-898-2647
Email: cityofnp@eoni.com
www.northpowderoregon.org
Closed Holidays

North Powder is an Equal Opportunity Provider



Fundraiser
Friday, February 14, 2025
Wolf Creek
Grange #596
215 E Street,
North Powder
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
\$20 per plate
Live Music
Menu: Marry Me chicken served over pasta, vegetables, garden salad, garlic bread and homemade Chocolate Cherry Cream Puff.

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.

The City Hall is seeking community input on what you'd like to see featured in the newsletter. If you have suggestions, you can: Stop by City Hall (Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM) Email Emily at cityofnp@eoni.com Call 541-898-2185 Your ideas are welcome!