

# NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2025

### Mayor's Message

Spring is around the corner, and I encourage everyone to take part in the Spring Community Clean-Up scheduled for April 26, 2025. Small efforts make a big impact! Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

Additionally, plans for the Huckleberry Festival are underway! This cherished event brings our community together, and we're looking forward to making it another great year.

### Garbage Service

The City has approved a rate increase for Union Sanitation for garbage service pickup, effective March 1, 2025. This increase is due to rising disposal fees. The Baker Landfill is raising its disposal fee, leading Waste Pro to increase its tipping fee. The Union County Commissioners have approved a 3.3% increase in disposal rates for Waste Pro. In response, Union Sanitation has requested a 2.7% rate increase to cover these rising disposal and operational costs.

North Powder Route Prices (Effective March 1, 2025)

42-Gallon Roll Cart (Weekly Pickup): \$29.04

68-Gallon Roll Cart (Weekly Pickup): \$34.09

96-Gallon Roll Cart (Weekly Pickup): \$39.15

42-Gallon Can (Once-a-Month Pickup): \$14.25

Drop Box Services:

20-Yard Box: \$112.55 plus mileage, and \$81.25 per ton

Demurrage Fee: \$6.50 per day after the 6th day (applies to drop boxes and containers)

Additional Notes:

Services in rural areas may include additional mileage charges.

Prices do not include the fuel surcharge.

**What's the main reason for going to the doctors in March?**

**Spring Fever**

### Firewise

For Union County residents, it's not if wildfire happens, but when. By working together, we can share the responsibility of understanding and preparing for wildfires. The national Firewise USA® recognition program provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level. Firewise® is a voluntary program and does not focus on specific homes but rather engages the community as a whole in finding workable, agreed upon solutions to reduce our collective wildfire risk. Using the Firewise® framework, neighbors work with wildfire preparedness partners to first understand their risk and then collaborate on community-wide projects like evacuation planning, fuels reduction, and hosting neighborhood events. Every community creates their own priorities, action plans, and annually submits their volunteer hours and investments to Firewise USA® to keep track of progress.

Firewise® communities:

Provide a forum to increase public awareness of the wildland/urban interface (WUI) fire problem.

Work neighbor-to-neighbor to develop local solutions to the issue.

Form partnerships among problem solvers and interest groups.

Promote safety for firefighting resources and the public.

Learn more by visiting the regional or county

Firewise websites:

[www.neoregonfirewise.org](http://www.neoregonfirewise.org)

[www.unionswcd.org/firewise](http://www.unionswcd.org/firewise)

Get involved with our community Firewise effort, by contacting Teri Brown,

[teribrownj@gmail.com](mailto:teribrownj@gmail.com) or Anna Lindquist,

the Firewise Community Coordinator with the Union SWCD at [alindquist@unionswcd.org](mailto:alindquist@unionswcd.org)

We will be hosting a Firewise community meeting soon!

*"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover—hard to find and lucky to have." – Irish Proverb*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♣ March 3 Public Hearing 6PM/ City Council Meeting 7PM
- ♣ March 4 Grange Meeting 5:00PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ♣ March 5 Huckleberry Festival Meeting 6:30PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ♣ March 11 Library Board Meeting 5PM City Hall Meeting Room
- ♣ March 13 Powder Valley Historical Foundation Meeting 630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ♣ March 15 Halibut Feed
- ♣ March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- ♣ March 21 Food Bank 2PM-4PM Community Church

#### 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

City Recorder Report

Mayor's Message

New Business-

-Code of Ordinances

Old Business-

-Employee Recognition

-VAC Truck

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

The temporary library will be opening in the next couple of weeks.

Everyone has been working hard, and Lisa and Jozette appreciate all the help from council members, community volunteers, and city staff in making this move possible.

We now have internet and are working on getting the phone line moved. If you have any questions, you can call City Hall at 541-898-2185  
M-F 8:30-12:30.

### Library Hours- TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

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



According to **The Old Farmer's Almanac**, the March equinox occurs on **Thursday, March 20, 2025**. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season. In the Southern Hemisphere, autumn begins. At this time, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north. Also, on this day, the Sun rises exactly in the east and sets exactly in the west—a good thing to know if you get lost in the woods. On the equinox, day and night are nearly equal in length all over the world. Birds start migrating back north, flowers begin blooming, and animals come out of hibernation.

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.

### Fundraiser

23rd Annual Alaskan Halibut Feed

Girls' Volleyball/Basketball

March 15, 2025

Powder Valley Gymnasium

4 Sessions:  
1:00 to 2:00 P.M.  
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.  
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.  
6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Tickets can be purchased through any female athlete.

\$30.00 per plate.  
(Please make checks payable to NPC)

Includes: Alaskan Halibut, baked potato, coleslaw, French bread, and drink.

Hot dog tickets are available for \$5.00. This includes hot dog, chips, dessert, and drink.

Benefits:  
Powder Valley Girls' Volleyball and Basketball Teams— Campus activities.

For more Information, please contact the school at 541-898-2244 ext. 8821.

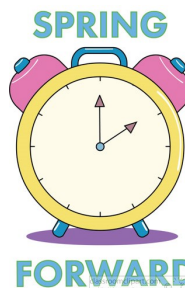
REMINDER TO CITY RESIDENTS  
PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS CONTAINED

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

Don't Forget!  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday  
March 9, 2025



### Friendly Reminder:

Please avoid unnecessary activity in the alleyways and off designated streets. The extra travel and heavy vehicles can cause damage due to moist ground conditions. Let's all do our part to protect our local roads and properties.

### Lost and Found

A black Roadmaster bike with blue writing was found in the park approximately a year ago and has been at City Hall since then. If you believe this bike belongs to you, please contact City Hall.

Mark Your Calendars!  
**North Powder's Spring Clean-Up Day**  
**April 26, 2025**  
Stay tuned for more details!

**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  
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Fax 541-898-2647  
Email: cityofnp@eoni.com  
www.northpowderoregon.org  
Closed Holidays

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