

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

Mayor's Comments

This season has been full of activity and community spirit here in North Powder! A big thank you goes to the North Powder Rural Fire Protection District (NPRFD) for providing watering kits to residents, helping us create safer spaces around our homes during fire season. The Huckleberry Festival was once again a highlight of the summer, and we're so grateful to everyone who pitched in to make it a success. I also deeply appreciate the support of our City Council and community members who have stepped up to help during staffing changes. It's this kind of teamwork and dedication that makes our town such a special place to live.

Reminder to the Community

The season is here where many residents are taking advantage of the beautiful weather to garden or clean up their yards. Those of us who have lived elsewhere truly appreciate the free, local brush pile and yard debris area that our community provides.

Unfortunately, we are still seeing people use this area for items that do not belong there, some of which are potentially hazardous. Recently, the following were found and had to be removed:

- Hypodermic syringes with needles
- Rotting fish carcasses on a metal stringer
- Rotten bales of straw with twine still attached

- An inner tube
- Take-out food containers
- Chains and various lengths of rope
- Diapers
- And more

The vast majority of North Powder residents value this close, convenient, and free service, and we ask everyone to do their part to keep it available. If dumping non-yard debris continues, the city may be forced to close the area or lock the gate, requiring appointments with a city representative to inspect loads before entry.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping this space safe and available for everyone.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Neighborhood Spotlight

A big thank you to the North Powder Rural Fire Protection District (NPRFD) for delivering watering kits to every household in the city. These kits were made possible through a grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal to support wildfire mitigation efforts. Each kit included hoses, sprinklers, and watering timers. The NPRFD hopes residents will use the kits to help keep grass and bushes green, creating a defensible space around homes in the event of a wildfire.



FIREWISE USA®
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

Clear: Remove ignitable material such as needles and leaves from roofs, gutters, eaves, porches, and decks.

Repair: Fix any loose or missing roof shingles or tiles, and caulk gaps or openings along roof edges.

Cover: Install 1/8-inch (or smaller) metal wire mesh over exterior attic vents, under-eave, and soffit vents to block embers.

Relocate: Move items stored under decks or porches. Replace vegetation in these areas with nonflammable materials like rock or gravel.

Replace: Use hardscaping—rock, gravel, or stone—in place of combustible mulch near structures.

Remove: Clear ignitable items within 30 feet of all structures, including firewood piles, portable propane tanks, and dry or dead vegetation.

Protect: Keep grass and shrubs watered, trim dead or brown vegetation, and properly dispose of yard waste.

Prune: Trim low-hanging branches (6–10 feet for taller trees, or up to one-third of total height for smaller trees). Remove tall grasses, vines, and shrubs growing beneath trees.

Contact: Work with neighbors to create a shared plan for wildfire safety in your area.

Please join us August 28, 6 p.m. at the Grange hall for the next Firewise meeting to learn more about how you can help our community become more resilient to wildfires. For more information contact Teri Brown at teribrownj@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 4 City Council Meeting
7PM City Hall Meeting Room
- August 5 Grange Meeting 5 PM
Wolf Creek Grange
- August 12 Library Board 5PM
City Hall
- August 14 Historical Foundation 630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- August 16 Huckleberry Festival
Committee Meeting 630PM
Wolf Creek Grange
- August 15 Food Bank 2PM-
4PM Community Church
- August 26 North Powder
School Board Meeting 7PM-
- August 28 Firewise Wolf Creek
Grange 6PM

City Council Meeting
July 7, 2025
7PM City Hall

Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment (allow 4 minutes each)
Amend/Accept Agenda
Amend/Accept Minutes
Accounts Payable
Huckleberry Festival Report
Library Report
Public Works Report
City Recorder Report
Mayor's Message
New Business-
Old Business-
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 North Powder City Library raised **\$400 from its quilt raffle** and **\$132 from plant sales** during the Huckleberry Festival. These funds will go toward purchasing items for the new library, helping us create a welcoming and well-equipped space for the community to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, plants, or otherwise supported the library's efforts. Your contributions are making a real difference!

Winners:

Quilt Raffle – Emily Hart

Silent Auction Basket – Shawna Grende

Dinner Tickets – Kathy and Don Clark

Upcoming Events:

Friday, August 8, 2025 – 11:00 A.M.

North Powder Gazebo

Find Out About Zoology – Free Presentation

Join us for an engaging Zoology Presentation with Maurizio Valerio from The Ford Family Foundation. Learn fascinating facts about animals and the natural world in this fun, family-friendly event. Stop by the North Powder City Library for more information.

Friday, August 15, 2025 – 11:00 A.M.

North Powder Gazebo

Face Painting and Banana Splits

Bring the kids and enjoy a sweet treat while taking part in a fun, family-oriented morning at the gazebo.

A huge thank you to all the amazing kids who helped out throughout the week at the library. Your efforts truly make a difference, and we appreciate you!

– North Powder City Librarian

Location: 340 E Street

SUMMER HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00-2:00

Phone: 541-898-2185

Email: npcitylibrary1@gmail.com

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.

Public Notice

Liquor License Renewals

The North Powder City Council will hear Public Comments regarding the renewal of liquor licenses for the following businesses:

Badger Mart

North Powder Café

CJ's Country Store

Comments will be heard during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Meeting Room.

MED-Project®
Medication Education & Disposal

Dispose of Medications Safely – Free Packages at City Hall

Help keep our community and environment safe. Free mail-back medication disposal packages are now available for residents.

Pick yours up at City Hall today as part of the Approved Med Take-Back Project.

Accepted: Medications in any dosage form including pills, capsules, liquids, and patches. Items must be in their original container or sealed in a bag.

Not Accepted: Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, and other personal care products. Emptied medical devices, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, sharps, illicit drugs, pet pesticide products, animal medicines, and biologics.

Utility bills are due on the 15th of each month. Payments can be made at City Hall, by phone, mail, or via the drop box located outside the building. Please note that late fees will be applied to any unpaid balances after the due date.

Community Courtesy Reminder

Please remember to keep sidewalks, alleys, and public spaces clear of weeds, trash, and debris. A little effort goes a long way in keeping our town clean and welcoming for everyone!

Thank You

Coffee Hour at the Grange

Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Come down, socialize, and chat with friends and neighbors!



Burning Reminder

Don't forget that burning restrictions went into effect on July 1, 2025, and will remain in place until October 1, 2025.

Burning is only allowed in an approved burn barrel with a mesh lid, and may only take place between 6 AM and 10 AM. Please make sure your fire is completely out by 10 AM, and do not burn on windy days.

Burn permits are available free of charge at City Hall.

Community Lunch- Fridays at Noon at the Wolf Creek Grange.
Cost is \$5.00

Open to the public

Church Services:

Cornerstone Baptist Church–

Sundays 10AM & 11AM and 5PM

Wednesdays 5PM

St Anthony's Catholic Church–

Sunday Mass—11:30AM

North Powder Community Church–

Sundays 10AM

City Council Members–

#1 Midge Clause

#2 Josh Guthrie

#3 Don McClure

#4 Tonya Dias

#5 Lindsey Thompson

#6 Alan Brown

Mayor John Frieboes

City Hall Office Hours

8:30AM to 12:30 PM

Monday thru Friday

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