

# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

## Mayor's Comments

The new North Powder City Library is really taking shape- it's exciting to see this wonderful addition to our community come together!

The Huckleberry Festival is right around the corner, and we're looking forward to celebrating this cherished town tradition with everyone.

Reminder: Please **DO NOT** park vehicles, equipment, or recreational vehicles in the alleyways. We need to keep these clear for city business and emergency vehicles.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Rick Lawyer for his service as our Public Works Director. Thank you for your years of dedication to our city. Your leadership and steady presence have been invaluable not only to our staff but also to every resident who depends on the essential services you helped provide. We wish you all the best in your retirement and hope you enjoy this new chapter to the fullest.

## Retirement Announcement

### Rick Lawyer, Public Works Director

The City of North Powder would like to congratulate Rick Lawyer, our dedicated Public Works Director, on his upcoming retirement effective July 4th! We thank Rick for his many years of hard work, leadership, and dedication to North Powder. His contributions have made a lasting impact on our community, and he will be greatly missed by city staff, council members, and residents alike. Please join us in wishing Rick a wonderful and well-deserved retirement!

A retirement party is being planned-stay tuned for details on the date and time.



## Neighborhood Spotlight

**Name of Organization:** Wolfcreek Grange #596

**Name of Person Interviewed:** Susan Wirkkala, Master, Wolfcreek Grange #596

**What is your organization's function?**  
Our mission is to provide as many services as possible for the many activities in our community, which includes working to enhance our seniors' daily well-being and offering other activities for the community of North Powder.

### What services do you provide for our community?

Friday community lunch  
We provide space for the Fresh Alliance food bank every week.  
Wolf Creek Grange prepares and serves Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners every year for residents of North Powder.  
Space for the local writers' group and historical society meetings  
Halloween pumpkin painting for youngsters to enjoy  
Space for the Santa Shop, so children can purchase gifts for their loved ones free of charge  
Our facility is available for birthday parties, anniversaries, memorial services, family reunions, etc.  
We host special celebration days (e.g., St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.).

### What are your organization's greatest needs?

New members  
Funds for roof repair  
Funds to expand programs for seniors  
Funds for operating expenses throughout the year  
Funds for our Friday community lunches (our cooks are volunteers and usually supply the food out of their own pockets)  
Funds to upgrade old stoves and the refrigerator

### Contact Information:

Susan Wirkkala, Master  
susiew1930@yahoo.com  
541-403-1930

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ⇒ July 1 Grange Meeting 5 PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ⇒ July 2 Huckleberry Festival Committee Meeting 630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ⇒ July 4 Independence Day City Hall Closed
- ⇒ July 7 City Council Meeting 7PM City Hall Meeting Room
- ⇒ July 8 Library Board 5PM City Hall
- ⇒ July 10 Historical Foundation 630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ⇒ July 16 Huckleberry Festival Committee Meeting 630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ⇒ July 18 Food Bank 2PM-4PM Community Church
- ⇒ July 22 North Powder School Board Meeting 7PM-9PM

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

### Summer Hours Correction:

The North Powder Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

### North Powder Library Book Anthologies Project:

The library is excited to announce a new project: we will be publishing a series of books featuring collections of short stories, poems, photographs, and artwork created by members of our local community. These anthologies will be organized by age group (K–6th grade, teens, adults), by theme, or by genre.

Publishing will be done through Amazon's platform, which involves no upfront costs. Debby Schoeningh and Heather Zickefoose have generously volunteered their time and skills for formatting, editing, and publishing. Other community members are welcome to contribute their time and expertise as well!

This project will promote community engagement, increase library activity, support local writers, inspire writing clubs and workshops, raise funds for the library, and offer a source of personal pride and memorable gifts.

*Reach out to your Librarian to learn more!*

**Location:** 340 E Street

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

Phone: 541-898-2185

Email: [npcitylibrary1@gmail.com](mailto:npcitylibrary1@gmail.com)

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

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.

## Huckleberry Festival

**Huckleberry Festival – July 27 & 28**

### Festival Committee Meetings:

July 2 at 6:30 PM

July 16 at 6:30 PM at the Wolf Creek Grange

### Festival Clean-Up Days:

July 21–24

Meet in front of the Powder Club at 6:00 PM each evening. Join us as we get our town ready for the Huckleberry Festival!

## REMINDER

### City Brush Pile is for Yard Debris ONLY!

Garbage, wood with nails, painted wood, plastic bags, tires, etc. are absolutely unacceptable.

Please dispose of yard debris only- such as tree and shrub clippings, grass clippings, and garden waste.

Please note: There is a separate pile for grass clippings.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## WE ARE HIRING!

For the following position:

### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Wage: Starting at \$20.50/hour, compensation depending on experience Hours: Full-time

Visit our website to download an application, email [cityofnp@eonl.com](mailto:cityofnp@eonl.com), or stop by the City Hall to pick one up!

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

340 E Street North Powder, OR  
M-F 8:30-12:30

*From the City of North Powder, we wish everyone a joyful and safe Independence Day. As we celebrate our nation's freedom, let's come together in gratitude for the blessings we share and the wonderful community we call home. Have a fantastic Fourth of July!*



## Coffee Hour at the Grange

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



## Water Bill Payment Options

The City Hall accepts the following payment methods for water bills:

Debit Card

Credit Card (3.3% surcharge applies)

Check

Money Order

Cash

For any questions or assistance, please contact City Hall. Thank you for keeping your account up to date!

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

-Harry S. Truman

## 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

#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

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

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