

# NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

## Mayor's Comments

As we welcome the warmer months, I'm happy to share a few updates from around town. Our beautiful FFA flower baskets are now hanging downtown, bringing a splash of color to our streets. You'll also notice the senior banners proudly displayed—congratulations to our graduating class! We're proud of you.

Excitement is building for the upcoming **Huckleberry Festival**, a cherished tradition in our community. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details—it's going to be a great time for all ages.

Lastly, I'm pleased to report that the **new library** is coming along nicely. This project represents a big step forward for our town, and I look forward to seeing it serve our residents for years to come.

Thank you all for your continued community spirit and support. Let's have a safe and joyful summer season!

## North Powder Food Bank

The North Powder Food Bank is here to support individuals and families in our community. Whether you're facing a temporary hardship or simply need a little extra help making ends meet, we're here for you—no questions asked.

### Distribution Days:

The Food Bank is open **every third Thursday of the month**, with emergency food boxes available upon request.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please stop by—or reach out for more information. Together, we can make sure no one in North Powder goes hungry.

### Location:

390 E Street North Powder, OR 97867

Why do bananas use sunscreen in June?  
*Because they peel!*

## Neighborhood Spotlight

### North Powder Rural Fire Protection District

**Name of persons interviewed:** Fire Chief Colby Thompson and Assistant Chief Casey Martin

#### *What is your organization's mission?*

The mission of the North Powder Rural Fire Department is to promptly and professionally serve the needs of our community as first responders for fire protection and emergency medical services where failure is not an option and to be involved in, and provide support for education in our schools, and community activities and events.

#### *What services do you provide to the community?*

- Fire protection at a level that minimizes fire losses and meets standards to help keep insurance premiums lower.
- First Responder EMS service within the city, on the freeway, and throughout the district.
- Life Flight landing site.
- Fire prevention and safety education in the schools.
- Fire Cadet program to engage our youth and provide job training and education to encourage volunteerism and provide quality firefighters for our department and others.
- Fuels reduction services to help protect property and reduce fire danger.
- Sharing our building and facilities for meetings, community and school events, regional fire training, and other uses.
- Support for and involvement in community activities, events, parades, and celebrations

#### *What is your organization's greatest need?*

Our greatest need is simply the respect and appreciation of the community for what we do and their acknowledgement of our earnest efforts to keep our community safe and cared for.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* June 2 City Council Meeting  
7PM City Hall Meeting Room
- \* June 3 Grange Meeting 630PM  
Wolf Creek Grange
- \* June 10 Library Board 5PM  
City Hall
- \* June 11 Huckleberry Festival  
Committee Meeting 630PM  
Wolf Creek Grange
- \* June 12 Historical Foundation  
630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- \* June 19 Juneteenth
- \* June 20 Food Bank 2PM-4PM  
Community Church
- \* June 24 North Powder School  
Board Meeting 7PM-9PM

City Council Meeting  
June 2, 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

### North Powder Library News

Summer is here, and the North Powder Library has some exciting things in store for our community! Whether you're looking for a quiet place to read, a fun activity for the kids, or a way to stay engaged this summer, we've got you covered.

#### Summer Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

#### Summer Reading Program – "Level Up at Your Library!"

This year's theme is all about games—board games, reading games, and fun challenges that will keep kids learning and laughing all summer long.

#### Program Dates:

- June 13, 20, 27
- July 11
- August 1, 8, 15

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Take & Make Activities:

Can't make it during program hours? No problem! Stop by during open hours to pick up a **"Take and Make"** craft or activity kit to enjoy at home.

We hope to see you at the library this summer—come level up with us!

**Location:** 340 E Street  
**Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday 10:00-2:00

Phone: 541-898-2185

Email: npcitylibrary1@gmail.com



Summer Solstice – June 20, 2025

According to the *Farmer's Almanac*, the June solstice marks the official start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. This year, it occurs on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 10:42 P.M. EDT.

The summer solstice happens when the Sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky, and the North Pole is tilted closest to the Sun—about 23.5 degrees. This results in the longest day and shortest night of the year, with more hours of sunlight than any other day on the calendar.

In contrast, for those in the Southern Hemisphere, the June solstice signals the start of winter, as the Sun appears at its lowest point in the sky.

Enjoy the extended daylight, and welcome in the season of warmth, growth, and community gatherings!

**May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**

#### Wolf Creek and Bean – Every Wednesday!

Join us every Wednesday for a specialty coffee and a tasty treat — free of charge and open to everyone!

Come take a break, enjoy a warm cup, and relax with friends and neighbors. We'd love to see you there!

We're excited to share that construction of the **new North Powder Library** is officially underway! Progress is moving steadily, and the building is beginning to take shape.

This new space will provide a welcoming and expanded environment for readers of all ages, community programs, and educational resources. We're looking forward to offering a modern, comfortable place to gather, learn, and connect.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project so far. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue building a library that will serve our community for generations to come!



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

Check Out North Powder's City Website  
Stay informed about city news, events, and updates by visiting our official website:  
[www.northpowderoregon.org](http://www.northpowderoregon.org).

#### 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-

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| #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)

Closed all Major Holidays

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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.