

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

## Mayor's Comments

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing community and volunteers for making Clean Up Day a tremendous success! Your hard work, time, and dedication truly made a difference. We are especially grateful to the following individuals for their contributions:

Alan Brown, Teri Brown, Anna Lindquist, Don McClure, Midge Clause, Josh Guthrie, David Rosingana, Rick Lawyer, and Colby Thompson.

Your support helped make this event not only productive, but a shining example of what our community can accomplish together.

We're also thrilled to share that the City of North Powder has officially awarded the contract for the Library Addition Project to Team Construction LLC. This marks a major milestone, and we look forward to seeing the project come to life. A groundbreaking ceremony is in the works — stay tuned for details!

Lastly, a friendly reminder: if you're planning to build a fence, please contact City Hall in advance to review the current ordinances.

## Ordinance Review

We are forming review groups to help update the City's Code of Ordinances. This is a great opportunity to get involved and have a direct say in shaping important city regulations.

### Interested?

Stop by City Hall to sign up or call 541-898-2185.

Your input matters — help us ensure that our ordinances reflect the needs and values of our community.

## Upcoming Budget Committee Meeting

The first Budget Committee meeting for the 2025–2026 fiscal year will be held on May 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the City Hall meeting room.

The purpose of this public meeting is to receive the budget message and review the proposed budget. Community members are encouraged to attend.

## Neighborhood Spotlight

**Name of person interviewed:** Molly Smith - Principal

### What is your organization's function?

We are here to educate students. Here is our mission statement: To provide for all students – the educational excellence for promotion of skills, self-esteem, life-long personal growth, and the fundamental knowledge for becoming responsible citizens with parents and community.

### How does your presence build community?

Relationships are extremely important to me, and making connections with my students, staff, families, and communities will only help our school. Being a part of any community group also helps us accomplish many things at our school.

### What is your organizations greatest needs?

Currently, we are concerned about the budget. With so many changes nationwide with the educational system, we are unsure how that will affect our school here in North Powder. Our small schools adjustment was discontinued, and we have heard of other funding possibly going away. The unknown is hard, and we have great programs that we want to continue to build upon.

### What would you like people to know about the school?

We have a small, but mighty school. Our staff are top-notch and work hard every single day to create a welcoming and loving environment for our students. We offer a variety of classes and opportunities for our students, and feel proud of what we have.

## What did Spring say when it was in trouble? May Day.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ May 5 City Council Meeting  
7PM City Hall Meeting Room
- ◆ May 6 Grange Meeting 630PM  
Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ May 7 Huckleberry Festival  
Committee Meeting 630PM  
Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ May 13 Library Board 5PM  
City Hall
- ◆ May 15 Historical Foundation  
630PM Wolf Creek Grange
- ◆ May 16 Food Bank 2PM-4PM  
Community Church
- ◆ May 26 Memorial Day– City  
Hall Closed
- ◆ May 27 North Powder School  
Board Meeting 7PM-9PM

### City Council Meeting

April 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–

Vicky Day Property

Old Business–

Logan McCrae Land Partition

Library 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

We're excited about the upcoming construction of the new North Powder City Library—a space designed to better serve and grow with our community. In the meantime, the library continues to connect residents in meaningful ways.

We're thrilled to participate in the Oregon Humanities' *Dear Stranger* project—a letter exchange that connects Oregonians through handwritten letters. Write a letter to an unknown friend and receive one in return. It's a simple way to share your thoughts and hear someone else's story. Supplies and prompts are available at the library.

We're also proud to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This wonderful program delivers free books every month to children from birth to age five—no cost, no catch. Sign up your little one and help spark a lifelong love of reading. Visit City Hall or the library to learn more or enroll online at [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com).

**Location:** 340 E Street

**Hours:**

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Friday & Saturday:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Phone: 541-898-2185

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

### Fire Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrant flushing will take place in mid-May and typically takes about a week to complete. You may notice temporary discoloration or changes in water pressure during this time.

We appreciate your patience as we perform this important maintenance to keep our water system running safely and efficiently.

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.

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!

### Seasons of Change

As the days grow longer and the hills turn lush and green, there's a renewed energy in the air. Late spring in North Powder brings more than just warmer weather—it brings gardens in bloom, kids on bikes, and neighbors catching up over fences and front porches.

It's a season of growth, not just for the natural world around us, but for our community, too. With new projects underway, like the upcoming library construction, and familiar events returning, we're reminded of how lucky we are to live in a place where tradition and progress walk hand in hand.

So take a deep breath of fresh air, plant something new, wave to your neighbor, and enjoy all the beauty this season brings.

### Annual Drinking Water Report

The 2024 Annual Drinking Water Report is now available. Copies were included with the April water/sewer billing, and additional copies can be picked up at City Hall or the Post Office.

You can also view the report online by visiting the City website at [www.northpowderoregon.org](http://www.northpowderoregon.org).



## MED-Project<sup>®</sup>

Medication Education & Disposal

Mail-back packages for safe and free medication disposal are now available at City Hall. Help keep our community safe — stop by to pick up a package today!



### Community Lunch- Fridays at Noon at the Wolf Creek Grange.

Cost is \$5.00  
Open to the public.



THE LUNCH BUNCH

*"I'm only wishing to go a-fishing;  
For this the month of May was made."*  
— Henry Van Dyke

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-

#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

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