

2026 28th Annual Garlic Festival

This year's theme is:
"We're back on track"



Admission is always free!

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again! That's Right, the North Plains'

Annual Garlic Festival

FUN STINKS!

The North Plains Events Association Inc. (NPEA) invites you to participate in the *28th Annual Elephant Garlic Festival PARADE!*

The festival will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 7, 8, 9 2026. *OUR PARADE will start Saturday, August 8th at 10am. Enclosed is a PARADE entry form for your convenience. Staging is located at the NORTH PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL., 32030 NW North Avenue in North Plains with participants arriving at 8:30am.*

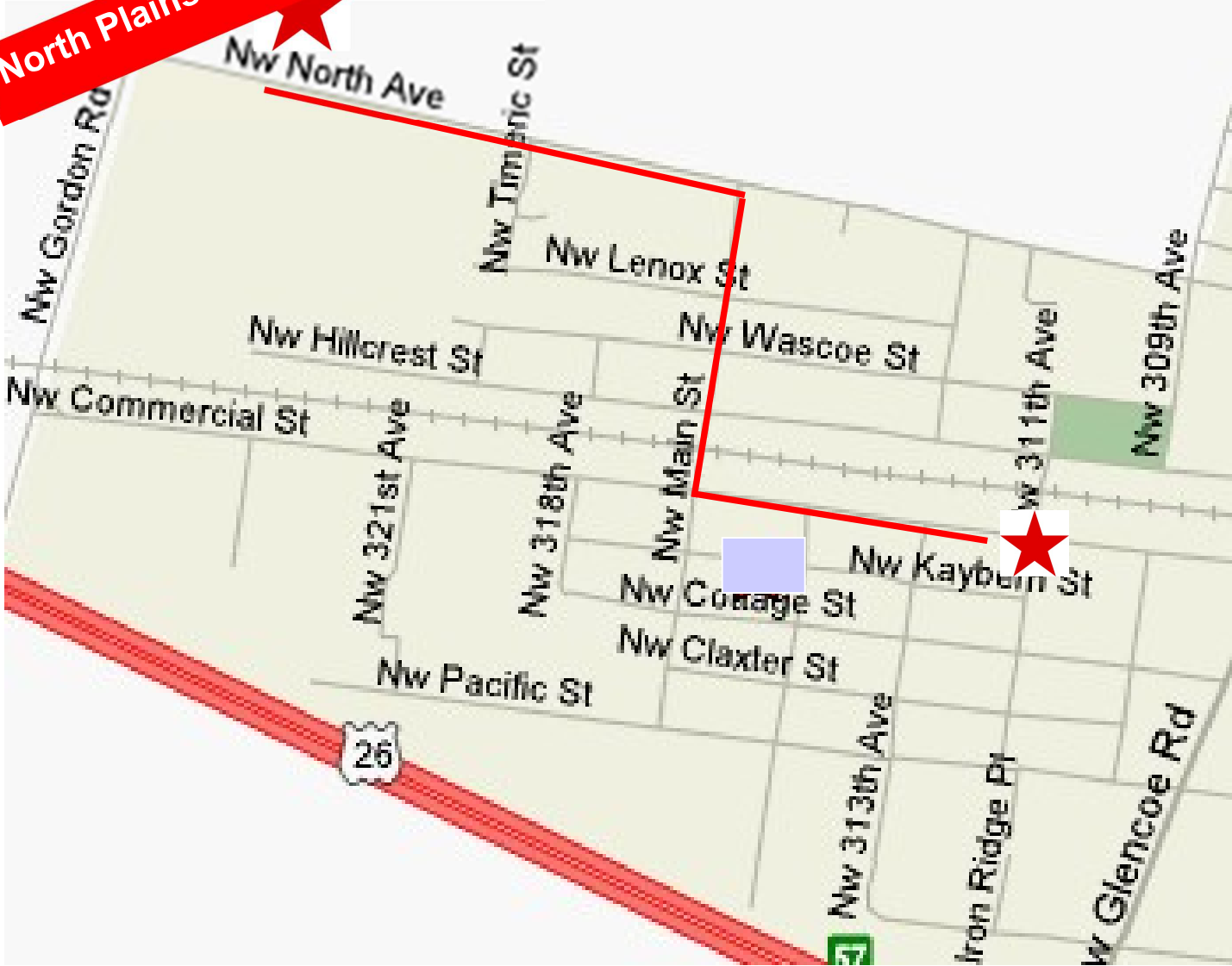
Please return your completed forms to PO Box 484, North Plains, OR 97133, or drop them by North Plains City Hall or at the Tri-Star Properties Realty office in North Plains.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Patti Burns Event's Coordinator at 503-319-5428 or at lochlolly1@aol.com

Please have all parade entries turned in
no later than August 5, 2026



North Plains Elementary School



Waiver & Adult Responsibility

I understand and agree that I and any children with me are voluntarily participating in the North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival Parade at our own risk. As the responsible adult, I shall encourage full cooperation and participation. I agree that me, nor my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, waive, release and discharge any and all rights, claims or damages against the North Plains Event Association (NPEA) Festival of North Plains, Oregon, of Washington County, and any other personnel in any way assisting or connected with this event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved and that I am physically fit to participate in this event. I also give permission for the free use of my name, picture and voice for publicity or promotional purposes. Anyone can join the parade. There is no entry fee or residency requirement. Entries must be suitable for viewing by young people (e.g. no nudity, displays of profane materials, or excessive noise.)

Entrants are solely responsible for their entries in the parade. Participants must sign liability waivers.

Risks, Hazards and dangers associated with parade participation involve inherent risks, hazards and conditions that maybe dangerous to life, limb and property and that can arise in an incalculable variety of unforeseeable or foreseeable ways which may include (as examples, but not necessarily as a complete list) the following:

The presence and use of horses and other animals, motor vehicles, machinery, firearms, floats, fireworks, acrobats, projectiles, aerial demonstrations, baton twirling, wind, rain, hail and other forces of the elements, and other threats to life and limb, such as the possibility of slipping and falling and complications associated with weather conditions and physical exertion (such as heat stroke, fainting, collapse, exhaustion or other more serious complications).

In consideration of being granted a position as an entrant and/or permission to participate in the North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival parade, (the "Parade"), or on behalf, of a minor child, the undersigned agrees, and states as follows:

The undersigned is aware of and understands the inherent risks, hazards and dangers associated with parade participation (which are printed below and incorporated here as though appearing above the signature of the undersigned) and, notwithstanding that the actual conditions at the Parade may pose more or less risks, hazards and dangers than those so enumerated, the undersigned nevertheless elects, voluntarily, to enter and/or participate in the Parade on the terms, conditions and covenants set forth herein. In this regard, the undersigned, for himself/herself/itself and for his/her/its heirs, successors, assignees, personal representative and next of kin, hereby releases, waives, discharges, covenants not to sue and agrees to hold harmless the City of North Plains officers, directors, agents, volunteers and employees; from all liability for any and all causes and claims of every type and nature whatsoever, including but not limited to property damage, injury to person and/or death, or otherwise without limitation, arising out of or alleged to be arising out of the conduct of the Parade,

The pre-Parade formation, staging, placement, judging, organizational meetings, post-Parade ceremonies and any other Parade event sanction by the City of North Plains & NPEA. The undersigned hereby promises that the state of his or her physical health (if this release is on behalf of an individual), or the physical health of the persons representing the undersigned in this Parade, (if this release is on behalf of an organization) will, on the day of the parade, be sufficiently sound to permit such person(s) to safely participate. If such person(s) will be handling any animal, any motorized vehicle, apparatus, device, firearm, or other thing in the parade, he/she/they is/are possessed of sufficient experience in doing so such that the life, limb or property of self and others will not be exposed to unreasonable risk of harm. The undersigned is aware that the Parade may be electronically recorded be distributed on the internet or as part of a public access program on television, and understands that by participating in the Parade, the undersigned, (or his/her minor child) is likely to appear in the Parade recording. The undersigned hereby grants his/her consent to the City of North Plains, NPEA, and any producer, co-producer or presenter of the Parade recording, in perpetuity, to display the likeness of the undersigned (or his/her minor child) in the Parade recording and in any related promotional use.

The undersigned has read and understands this release and covenant not to sue in its entirety and voluntarily signs same, without reliance on any representations, statements or inducements, express or implied, made by any party whomsoever.

Signature _____ Date _____ rev. 2/2015

Rules of the road: Staging area opens 8:30am (everyone must check in).

Judging ends at 9:30am/Parade begins at 10am.

Portable toilets will not be available, nor facilities for changing clothes, nor trash receptacles. Parade staging area is located at North Plains Elementary School (32030 NW North Avenue). Bicyclists wear bike safety helmets; All antique automobiles should have signs on each side of the vehicle with your name and make of the car. The parade will end at Commercial Street and NW 311th Ave.

All units should hold proper intervals in the procession (approx. 20 feet). Do not crowd and do not stop on Railroad tracks. Make sure decorations are safe. Fireworks and water guns are not permitted at staging areas or along the parade route; Candy/flyers may be distributed by people walking curbside. Candy tossed from vehicles must land near the spectators preferably adults. People running into the street for candy during a parade can be hazardous.

How do you determine the parade order?

The parade order is designed to ensure optimal enjoyment of the parade by spectators and participants. The official parade route (not including distance between staging areas and the official start/end points of the parade) participants should expect to walk, ride or drive a minimum of thirty minutes from the time the parade start. Please prepare by having water on hand if needed.

Saturday, August 8, 2026

“We’re back on track”

Line up at 8:30 AM
Parade begins at 10:00 am



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Name of Entry: _____

Description: _____

* Announcer Information, as your entry reaches the announcers area, a few short words will be said to introduce your group or float. Is there anything specific you would like our announcer to say about your entry and organization? (Please limit your description)

Category: (Please circle the entry category)

- 1. Commercial (business 2. Children/Youth 3. Musical
- 4. Horse Group (Bring Pooper Scooper) 5. Automobiles
- 6. Clubs, Civic, Veteran’s, Religious

* Will you be playing live music? Yes/No

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

**NO FIREWORKS, ALCOHOL, OR VEHICLES WITH EXCESSIVE FUMES
ALLOWED**

I understand that the City of North Plains or NPEA assumes no responsibility
for any Injury or liability involved with entry into this parade

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staging area North Plains Elementary School, 32030 NW North Avenue,
and the parade concludes on 311th Avenue

Drop off points:
North Plains City Hall
North Plains Tri-Star Properties

Entry can be mailed to:
Parade Entry
PO Box 484
North Plains, OR 9713

Questions:
Patti Burns
503-319-5428 any time

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