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VOTER GUIDE

2026 General Election Edition



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November 3, 2026, General Election

Below you will find the drop site locations and the available days and hours, the sites will be open for you to drop off voted ballots. You have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated drop site in the state. The voted ballot must be received in any county election office or designated drop site by 8:00 p.m. on election night or postmarked by 11/3/2026. Your ballot must be received inside the ballot return envelope with your signature on the outside.

Each ballot is inspected carefully, and signatures are compared to the voter registration on file.

LOCATION	DAYS	HOURS
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Pacific City Drop Box - **Kiawanda Community Center** 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive Pacific City, OR 97135	10/14/2026 to 11/3/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
CENTRAL		
Tillamook County Clerk's Office Tillamook County Courthouse 201 Laurel Avenue Tillamook, OR 97141	10/14/2026 to 11/2/2026 11/3/2026 Tue.	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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NORTH		
Bay City - City Hall Drop Box 5525 B Street Bay City, OR 97107	10/14/2026 to 11/3/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
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Manzanita – City Hall Drop Box 655 Manzanita Ave Manzanita, OR 97130	10/14/2026 to 11/3/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.

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Welcome to the General Election Tillamook County Voter Guide 2026

Ahead of the November 3 general election, the *Headlight Herald* reached out to candidates for state and local offices in Tillamook County and offered them the opportunity to participate in a voters' guide. State Senate District 16, where Republican Suzanne Weber is ineligible for reelection following a 2023 walkout, is being contested by three candidates, Republican Courtney Bangs, Democrat Rachel Armitage and Independent Lisa Finkle. In the House of Representatives 32nd District, incumbent Democrat Cyrus Javadi is facing a challenge from Republican Max Sherman in one of the more hotly contested legislative races across the state. In each of Tillamook's seven cities, the mayoralty is open, along with at least some city council seats.

We asked candidates in each of these races to respond to the following questions:

What is your name, how old are you and how long have you lived in Tillamook County?

What is your work background and what professional, volunteer or personal experiences do you feel make you qualified for the position you are seeking?

What is the biggest issue facing the district you are running to represent? How would you address this issue?

What would your priorities be if elected?

Candidates for state office were offered 500 words to respond, while candidates for local offices were offered 300.

Important Dates

October

13 Last day to register to vote - update or register online at MY VOTE, mail a voter registration form, or register in person. Mailed registration forms must be post marked today.

14 First day ballots can begin to be mailed to voters. Official ballot drop sites open.

16 Certification Test of the Ballot Counting Machine

November

13 **Election Day** - Tillamook County Elections office will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Official Ballot Drop Sites will be closed at 8 p.m. Ballots must be post marked or received at an Official Ballot Drop Site before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Returning your ballot to Tillamook County Elections Office



Mail your ballot so it is postmarked by Election Day November 3, 2026.

**Do not put your ballot in a mailbox after 5 p.m. on election Day.

OR

Deposit your ballot in an official Oregon ballot dropbox by 8 p.m or election Day November 3, 2026. List of official ballot dropsites in the front of this Vote Guide or on the County Clerk's website.



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CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

Measure #29-187

QUESTION

Shall the City of Rockaway Beach amend the existing City Charter?

SUMMARY

The Rockaway Beach City Charter defines the City's governmental structure, the powers and responsibilities of elected and appointed officials, and procedures for elections and City legislation.

If passed, the Charter would be amended as follows:

- Explicitly recognize the City's "home rule" power
- Remove the Mayor/Councilor responsibility related to "heads of departments" to align with Council-Manager form of government
- Stagger terms of City elected officials so that approximately half of the positions are up for election each general election
- Change the Mayor's term from 2 years to 4 years, beginning with 2030 election
- State that Mayor and Councilor offices become vacant upon incumbent's death, adjudicated incompetence, or recall
- Add that a municipal judge may commit to jail or admit to bail anyone accused of a City offense
- Change formatting, delete repeated text, and make grammatical and cross-reference edits

The City Council referred this measure to the voters. Charter amendments require voter approval. A complete copy of the proposed Charter amendments is available at City Hall and at www.rockawaybeachoregon.gov.

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Rachel Armitage, OR Senate, District 16
Cyrus Javadi, OR House, District 32

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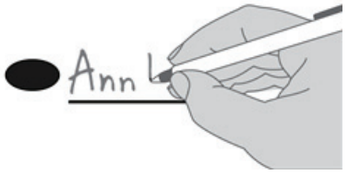

- Fill in the write-in oval
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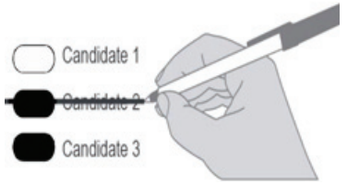

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A Vote for Rachel Armitage is a Vote for **Real Results!**

Rachel grew up helping her single mom raise her three siblings. She understands the struggles rural working families like ours face, and she's tired of Salem politicians who talk a big game but don't deliver. Rachel is an independent voice who will work across the aisle to Stop the Salem Squeeze on Rural Working Families and put money back in your pocket.



"Rachel secured critical funding to make Nehalem Bay Health Center a reality. We trust her to deliver on housing and health care because she's done it before."
—Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County Commissioner



"It's obvious to anyone who knows her that Rachel cares deeply about Senate District 16 and does her homework. She will listen and take action in Salem."
—Erin Skaar, Tillamook County Commissioner



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Candidates

State Senate District 16 - Independent



Lisa Finkle

My name is Melisa Finkle, and I'm 57 years old. I'm a lifelong Oregonian, and my family has been part of the Rockaway Beach community since 1968. I made Rockaway my full time home roughly three years ago.

I have worked for the State of Oregon for the past ten and a half years as a Client Care Surveyor in the in home care agency program within Health Licensing. My role centers on protecting vulnerable Oregonians by conducting investigations, assessing care concerns and ensuring agencies meet state standards. I also participate in rule advisory committees, contribute to drafting rule language and track legislative changes related to caregiving and in home care. In addition, I serve as a chief steward for my union, where I apply contract knowledge to support employees and resolve workplace issues. I hold a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, an associate degree in paralegal studies, and I am approximately ten weeks away from completing my Master of Science degree. These combined experiences give me a strong foundation in investigation, policy, advocacy, and practical problem solving, all of which directly support the position I'm seeking.

I believe the most pressing issue for our district is wildfire preparedness. Our communities are increasingly vulnerable, and we need reliable, well coordinated response systems. One of the most effective tools we currently have is the partnership between South Fork Forest Camp and the Oregon Department of Forestry, which supplies around 100 trained adults in custody to support wildfire response. I would work to ensure the camp is fully funded, adequately staffed and able to continue providing this critical workforce. Strengthening this partnership, along with supporting broader preparedness efforts, will help protect residents, property and natural resources throughout the district.

My priorities would be to ensure that our rural, coastal and urban communities have real access to the services they rely on. I would also invest significant time in building strong relationships with community leaders, because effective representation starts with listening. I'm running as an independent candidate without endorsements because I believe our political culture has become too divided, and I want to stay focused on people rather than political pressure.

State Senate District 16 - Republican



Courtney Bangs

I'm Courtney Bangs. I'm 47 years old. I do not live in Tillamook County; my husband, Derek, and I are raising our three kids on our sixth-generation family farm in Knappa, in Clatsop County. I have lived in Senate District 16 for nearly two decades. Tillamook County is part of this district, and I have shown up here throughout this campaign because rural Oregon needs a senator who will show up and listen.

I am an educator and Clatsop County Commissioner, first elected in 2020 and now Vice-Chair. I have a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in agricultural education from Oregon State University. For almost 25 years, I have worked with students of all ages as an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, dance or tumbling instructor, academic director and substitute teacher. On the Commission, I have advocated for fiscal responsibility, local control and common sense. I have challenged state overreach, demanded accountability for taxpayer dollars and fought to protect natural resource industries and the rural jobs that support families and fund schools and public safety. I serve on forestry, conservation and economic development committees, and I have been Chair of Northwest Senior and Disability Services and a past president of the Clatsop County chapter of Oregon Women in Timber. I have been fighting for Northwest Oregon for decades, and I will continue that fight in the State Senate to protect our way of life and help bring costs down for families.

The biggest challenge is the ever-increasing cost of living due to continued overreach from Salem. One-size-fits-all policies neglect our schools, close our mills, come after our wallets, and threaten the working lands Tillamook families depend on; timber, dairy, fishing and farming. Aging dikes and levees, the costly transportation tax, unaffordable housing and childcare, and roads that our tax dollars never seem to fix all flow from that same problem. I will read the bills, say no when Salem tries to force rural Oregon into a Portland-shaped box, defend natural resource and industry jobs, cut red tape so housing can actually get built, and fight for dikes, roads and bridges that protect coastal homes and farms. Just as I helped put the $4.3 billion gas tax on the ballot and asked voters to reject it, I will reject any more increases in costs to Northwest families that the government tries to pass without accountability.

My top priorities would be protecting working natural resource and industry jobs. Cutting red tape so housing can actually get built and supporting practical childcare solutions for working families. Working to fix rural roads, bridges and dikes for flood and slide protection. Demanding accountability for every tax dollar sent to Salem. Supporting local law enforcement. Defending local control of our schools, lands and livelihoods. I'll never stop protecting what matters.

LINDA BADE,
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president and assumed the role of mayor.

One of the biggest issues facing the city is completing overdue financial audits. City management and the council must keep this work a priority, monitor progress, and prevent further delays. The city must also ensure that sound financial policies governing the budget are in place and functioning so that residents and decisionmakers have a complete financial picture.

Garibaldi deserves a clear plan and leadership that delivers results. I will work to create a strategic plan backed by a five-year financial plan, giving the city a practical roadmap for where we are going and how we will get there. We will aggressively pursue grant funding, build strong partnerships with other organizations and expand opportunities for residents to shape city decisions. By working as one team—mayor, council, management and the public—we can move Garibaldi forward with accountability, purpose and confidence.

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ground, managing resources responsibly and being willing to do the work that strengthens a community.

I believe Bay City's greatest challenge and opportunity is managing change while maintaining the qualities that make this such a special community. That means making sure growth is responsible, infrastructure can support it and residents have a meaningful voice in decisions that affect them.

The most important responsibility of a mayor is to make sure that city government works for the entire community. I want to foster city council meetings where people feel welcome to participate. I would also prioritize maintaining and improving communication between city hall and residents.

Finally, I would use the grant-writing and resource-development skills I have honed through my career to pursue outside funding for projects that improve Bay City's quality of life, including safer walking and biking connections and support for the Salmonberry Trail.

Bay City has an excellent Comprehensive Plan. As mayor, I would work to follow its principles: listen to residents, consider long-term impacts, protect our natural environment, and make sure any development serves the community as a whole.

Candidates

State Senate District 16 - Democrat



Rachel Armitage

My name is Rachel Armitage, I'm 25, and I've lived in this Senate District since 2020. In 2022, I was appointed to represent this district in the Oregon State Senate.

I've always cared about looking out for others. I remember packing food boxes for families who lost their jobs in a local Medford sawmill fire at a young age. Growing up I frequently visited and prayed for seniors in the hospital, and planned activities for foster children during the holidays.

I know what it's like to work hard. I started earning my own money in the sixth grade doing basic office work and cleaned houses throughout high school. My first "real" job was as an early childhood educator. After I graduated from the University of Oregon, I worked as a Legislative Aide in the Oregon Legislature and worked on a number of campaigns for elected officials across Oregon. I returned to education with a role in Advancement at Reed College. During that time I was appointed by county commissioners to serve as this district's State Senator. I went on to serve as the North Coast Program Officer at the Oregon Community Foundation, and connected with non-profit organizations doing critical work in food security, health care, education, and the arts. I've also worked as a waitress and am now a substitute educator. I also volunteer at my local senior center and am especially passionate about food security and senior meal delivery programs.

I'm endorsed by County Commissioners Erin Skaar and Mary Faith Bell, as well as many other county commissioners and elected officials of both parties across Senate District 16. I'm endorsed by organizations representing working people, including the Teamsters, Columbia Pacific Building Trades, SEIU home care workers, OEA educators, and UFCW Local 555 grocery workers.

Most importantly, I have spent the last year asking voters to tell me what they really think. I can vote independently on any issue knowing that I am acting in the best interests of my district, because you have told me what you care about. Thank you for trusting me with your stories and worries. It would be an honor to represent you in Salem.

Affordability and cost of living are, by far, the biggest issues facing the district. People are working harder than ever and struggling to get by. I am running to hold Salem accountable and make sure tax dollars are spent wisely. I will put a stop to nickel-and-dime policies—especially taxation by fees. I will cut the bureaucratic red tape that increases the cost of housing and health care and deliver value for taxpayers.

I am headed to Salem with a checklist of priorities to address.

Health Care: Right now we need to protect rural health care and food programs in the face of drastic federal cuts. I will do that. I championed funding for the Nehalem Bay Health Clinic, and I will work tirelessly to expand health care access—especially in rural Oregon.

Food Access: I experienced food insecurity growing up. No child should have to go hungry at school like I did. I will make sure SNAP benefits, food banks, and school meals are fully funded. I have already committed to introducing a bill to fund the meal delivery programs rural seniors rely on.

Education: We need to improve classroom outcomes, especially for rural students. I will oppose unfunded mandates that keep dollars out of the classroom and make sure we are accurately measuring student progress. I was successful at school because I had opportunities like outdoor school, choir, and art to apply what I was learning. Programs like band, theatre, art, FFA, and shop class keep students at school, and rural students don't have access to the same opportunities as their peers in other parts of the state. That needs to change. I will also support the organizations filling those gaps, like the Tillamook YMCA.

Jobs and Infrastructure: Investing in rural infrastructure, especially wastewater, means that we can build housing at a lower cost and create more family wage jobs. We need to fund our roads, but not at the expense of rural working people who commute long distances out of necessity. You deserve a fair deal in Salem and I will fight for one. I also championed the Private Forest Accord and will continue to protect rural jobs as your State Senator.

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Candidates

House District 32



Max Sherman

I'm Max Sherman. My wife, Lynda, and I live on our farm in Hebo. I have been deeply rooted in this North Coast community for 25 years. House District 32 is home. I taught at Tillamook High School, farm here, volunteer here and I am not asking Tillamook County to take a chance on someone who only shows up at election time.

I'm not a career politician. I'm a retired teacher, farmer, husband, dad, grandfather and neighbor. I taught agriculture, welding and biology for 35 years at Tillamook and Canby High Schools and mentored hundreds of students into technical and agricultural careers. My students earned more than 75 State FFA Degrees, more than ten American Degrees and over $300,000 in scholarships. I was Tillamook County Educator of the Year and a national finalist for FFA Agri-Science Teacher of the Year. Beyond the classroom I served on the Oregon FFA Board of Directors, as a legislative representative for Oregon's vocational agriculture teachers and as a Tillamook Farm Bureau delegate and legislative affairs representative. I am a charter member of the Tillamook Jr. Livestock Association and a Village Missions volunteer. For nearly 40 years I have testified in Salem on agriculture, natural resources and education. Lynda and I grow produce and raise poultry that we donate to local families, churches and food pantries. When trust was broken over the gas tax, I gathered signatures and joined the lawsuit as the Tillamook County plaintiff so voters would still have a say. I am rooted here and will never change my values or beliefs when political winds shift.

The biggest issue is that Salem has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. Families are working harder and keeping less under rising taxes, fees, unaffordable housing and healthcare costs. The backbone of this district—family farms, fisheries, timber and coastal tourism—is under pressure from regulation and taxation. Voters also lost trust when their representative cast the deciding vote for a massive transportation tax and later switched parties. I will stop new taxes and hidden fees, cut regulatory burdens that do not improve safety or productivity, and make sure that rejected tax stays gone instead of coming back under another name. I will hold ODOT and other agencies accountable and put infrastructure money into highways, bridges, and broadband for the people who live and commute here, not political insiders.

My top priorities will be lowering the cost of living. Protecting jobs in agriculture, fishing and timber. Getting schools back to basics and strengthening career & technical education so young people can build a life on the coast. Fully funding local law enforcement. Protecting farmland and water. Bringing honesty, accountability and common sense to Salem. If elected, I will donate my legislative salary to charities and community organizations throughout District 32. I'll keep my word, and I will always put the North Coast first.



Cyrus Javadi

My name is Cyrus Javadi. I am 49 years old and I moved to the North Coast in 2008.

I am a practicing dentist, small business owner and State Representative since 2023. Before health care, I studied accounting and worked in finance. Those experiences shaped how I serve. I know what it means to meet payroll, manage a team, care for people one-on-one and make hard choices when money is tight. In the legislature, I have tried to bring that same grounded approach to public service.

In office, I have worked to deliver practical results for the North Coast. That includes passing legislation to bring more funding for our coastal roads, water, sewer and other basic city and county services that people depend on every day. I also introduced and passed legislation that supported more resources and options for rural health care, especially for families, seniors and women who often have fewer options and longer drives to get care. I also backed efforts to keep prescription drug prices lower, increase the earned income tax credit for working families, exempt tips and overtime from taxation for workers, keep drugs off our streets and increase the housing supply so people can actually find and afford to live here.

The biggest issue facing our district is affordability. Tariffs, foreign wars and tax breaks for the wealthy are driving up costs for Oregonians. Housing costs too much. Health care costs too much. Groceries, utilities and transportation all cost too much. Families on the North Coast feel squeezed from every direction. If reelected, I will keep working to expand housing, protect local health care access, improve roads and infrastructure, and find new ways to reduce burdens on families, seniors and everyone who lives, works and goes to school on the Coast.

My other priorities would be tax reform, public safety, support for small businesses, and protecting the economic future and character of the North Coast. I want government to be more practical, more accountable, and more focused on results. I also believe many voters are tired of leaders who would rather inflame people than solve problems. They are tired of leaders who think every policy, every tweet, every speech or every social media post should be about how to get elected rather than how to get results that matter to Oregonians and the communities where they live and work. They want someone who will think for himself, tell the truth and do the work. That is the kind of representative I have tried to be, and it is the kind of representative I will keep being.

I am running because this district deserves steady leadership, not slogans. I still believe good government is possible. I believe we can be honest about the challenges in front of us without becoming cynical about the future. This district deserves someone who understands real life, respects people who disagree and is willing to stand up to bad ideas no matter which party they come from.

City of Tillamook



Tillamook - City Council

Jeff Spink

I'm Jeff Spink, Candidate for Tillamook City Council, Ward 4. I've been living on the Oregon Coast for 33 years with the past 22 years as a Tillamook County, City of Tillamook resident. Having lived in multiple areas throughout the US and abroad, I bring to the table a varied background of experiences, ranging from military service, broadcasting, business management, small business owner (publisher), law enforcement and professional motorsports.

I am currently a Board Member with the Tillamook County Economic Development Council, former Co–Chair with Americans for Prosperity, committee member with the Tillamook Friends of NRA and member of the Tillamook Odd Fellows (everyone's heard of the Pumpkin Patch).

Over the past 22 years I've seen Tillamook's economy slowly degrade. We have lost workforce in all areas of our local economy, agriculture, natural resources and manufacturing. Those job losses contribute to a declining revenue base, resulting in reduced community services, deteriorating infrastructure, housing, homeless and the list goes on. My main priority is growth in the private sector economy. I'm in favor of however or wherever we can grow and develop sustainable business models with living wage employment.

The problems we face within the city are broad and varied. Do I have the solution or the magic bullet to end the problems? No, I bring to the table background experience that will contribute to the already sitting city council members. I will be making decisions based on a few basic principles, how will it impact the taxpayer, how will it impact the residents of Tillamook and how will it impact the City of Tillamook.

Over the past 43 years being involved in law enforcement, the automotive and publishing businesses. I've dealt with a multitude of people from all types of cultural and economic backgrounds; it's all about building relationships and trust.

Think Spink for Tillamook City Council, Ward 4.

Candidates

City of Manzanita

Manzanita - Mayor



Shawn Koch

I am Shawn Koch, 62 years old and have lived in Tillamook County for two and a half years.

I had three careers in my work life – I practiced law as a civil litigator; I managed large corporate employee benefit plans; and I had my own fee-only financial planning firm focused on retirement planning. I have worked on the Manzanita budget committee since 2025, and I volunteer with the EVCNB, where I qualified as a CERT.

As a mayor, I will have to focus on multiple high-priority issues simultaneously. I will work with fellow council members, our city manager, the Manzanita community and regional partners to find collaborative solutions.

We will meet as a council to set priorities as a group. Addressing various infrastructure needs, emergency preparedness, finalizing our short-term rental moratorium policy, and diversifying income sources are priorities I will bring to that discussion.

Manzanita - City Council



Nancy Turner

My name is Nancy Turner. My husband and I have lived in Manzanita for 14 years and have been full-time residents for the past six.

I spent more than 30 years in leadership and organizational development, including senior roles at Nike and Bank of America. For the past several years, I have run my own leadership consulting and executive coaching practice. Much of my career has focused on helping organizations navigate change, bringing different perspectives together and finding a way forward. As I begin to step back from that work, I have more time to devote to my community.

Locally, I serve as President of the Board of Nehalem Bay Community Services (NBCS) and as a member of the Board of the Hoffman Center for the Arts. These experiences have deepened my understanding of our broader community.

I believe our biggest challenge is preparing Manzanita for the future without losing what makes Manzanita, Manzanita. We need to think long-term about infrastructure, financial sustainability, emergency preparedness and growth while preserving the character and sense of community that make this town special.

Good decisions start with understanding the issue and hearing from the people it will affect. I tend to ask a lot of questions, look at the facts, and consider both the immediate need and the longer-term consequences. I also believe we make better decisions when different perspectives are part of the conversation.

My priorities are to understand our finances and infrastructure needs, strengthen our emergency preparedness, support a healthy local business community and keep residents involved in the decisions that affect them. Underlying all of that is preserving what makes Manzanita such a special place to live and visit.

City of Garibaldi

Garibaldi - Mayor



Linda Bade

My name is Linda Bade. My husband and I purchased our home in Garibaldi in 1993, and I have lived here in retirement since 2013. At 78, I bring decades of professional and community experience to my service to the city.

Throughout my professional life, I evaluated management and identified ways to improve it. My work covered programs and activities ranging from timber sales to public health, as well as financial audits. At Clark County, I audited programs in community services, community development, the sheriff's office and other law enforcement agencies. Through this work, I developed strong skills in planning, analysis, management and fact-based reporting.

I began volunteering with the city in October 2021 and served on the budget committee for two years. I ran for city council in 2022 and was sworn in as a councilor in January 2023. When the mayor resigned in March 2026, I was serving as council

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Garibaldi - City Council



Connye Corey

My name is Connye Corey. I am a retired teacher. I moved to Garibaldi in 2015.

I was voted onto the Council in May of 2026 to fill a vacancy. I have regularly attended the council meetings since moving here.

I am the lead of the Garibaldi Emergency Volunteers, Secretary of the Garibaldi Business Association, Member of TC4, Event Leader with SOLVE and I adopted Mile 290 with Coast Watch.

The number one priority is to hire a city manager.

After completing the past audits, we need to prioritize the following: water and wastewater systems, streets, strategic planning, emergency plan, fire department and a city hall upgrade.

Garibaldi - City Council



Norman "Bud" Shattuck

I am Norman "Bud" Shattuck. I served as city councilor for four years starting January 2015. I attended every city council meeting as a citizen between 2019 and 2023 before I was reelected to serve a 4-year term as city councilor starting in 2023.

I have lived in Garibaldi for more than 20 years. I spent summer weekends with my wife of 52 years in our RV participating in Garibaldi events and fishing from my boat for 20 years before moving here full-time. Sadly, I lost her in December 2020. We weren't lucky enough to have children, but we were actively involved in many of our nieces and nephews' lives.

I was a journeyman machinist and put my skills to use being a good neighbor helping with home and auto repairs. I have seen changes in leadership, business, residential issues and tourism. As a city councilor, I listen to every Garibaldi citizen when they talk about their vision for our city's businesses, residential growth and issues, complaints and ideas for the town's future.

I am running for Garibaldi City Council. Please vote for me this November.

Candidates

City of Bay City

Bay City - City Council



Stephen Owens

My name is Stephen Owens, and I am running for a seat on the Bay City City Council. I am 40 years old and have lived in Bay City since 2017. I was born in Tillamook County but have travelled and lived outside the county.

My experiences and career have revolved around serving my community and state, a philosophy that I will bring with me to the Bay City City Council. My past experience includes serving for ten years in the Oregon Army National Guard and being honorably discharged in 2016. I have also worked for the City of Tillamook Public Works department, which was invaluable for teaching me how a city's infrastructure operates, and since 2019 I have been a high school history and civics teacher, a career that I cherish and feel humbled by every day.

Bay City is more than just a city, for me it is my home and the birthplace of my three children. Our beautiful little town is growing rapidly and with that growth there are a myriad of issues that must be considered and dealt with. To be clear, these are not problems, but the same brand of issues that all growing communities might face. Those issues include, but are not limited to, infrastructure, urban growth limitations, middle housing or even the recent mosquito epidemic.

I tell my students every day that it is the duty of all who live here to be informed and play an active role in our local government. As such, I believe it is my duty to lend my voice and my love of this community to the city council. If elected, my priorities will always be to listen to the people of Bay City, keep their interests close at heart, and make every effort to keep this town safe, beautiful, and growing sustainably. Thank you for your consideration.

Bay City - City Council



Kathleen Leipzig

My name is Kathleen Leipzig. I am 41 and have lived in Tillamook County since March 2021. My husband and I are raising our two children in Bay City.

I have a political science degree from Emmanuel College and work as a vice president of sales, managing national accounts, budgets and long-term plans. In Bay City, I chaired the Pearl and Oyster Music Festival Committee and helped bring a new playground structure to Al Griffin Memorial Park. I have coached youth sports and volunteer with the Garibaldi Grade School parent group. These experiences taught me to bring people together, manage resources and show up when work needs doing.

Our biggest challenge is keeping water, sewer, drainage and roads reliable without placing an unreasonable financial burden on residents. I would work with staff to understand each system's condition, prioritize projects in a long-term capital plan, pursue grants and partnerships, and look for creative solutions that stretch our resources. In preparation for council, I have been studying Bay City's charter, budget, comprehensive plan and strategic plan, and learning firsthand about public works projects.

My priorities are affordable infrastructure, responsible growth that protects Bay City's natural resources and character, and public trust. I will examine whether proposals truly benefit our community and how they affect services, the environment and families. I will clearly explain the issues at hand and the solutions on the table, and invite residents into the conversation. As a mom, I think about the place our children will inherit. I'm asking for your vote because I will come prepared, listen, speak up and change my mind when better facts or solutions emerge.

Bay City - City Council

Helen Wright

My name is Helen Wright, and I have lived in Tillamook County for 38 years.

I have been a business owner in Tillamook County since 1990. My husband and I were owners of the Troller in Garibaldi until 2000. We purchased and operated The Landing in Bay City in 2004. I am currently retired. I have vast experience as a volunteer in our community, including cleaning up our community after the devastating storm in 2007, I was president of the Garibaldi Chamber of Commerce, I was the lead in planning and execution of Garibaldi Day for nine years, I volunteered to help plan the Bay City Centennial Day celebration, I served on the Bay City Council for eight years, I helped plan and obtained funding for the skate park in Bay City, and I have led the return of the Bay City Pearl and Oyster Music Festival after a three-year hiatus.

I believe the biggest issue facing Bay City is affordable housing that encourages families to move here. I believe we are an aging community and want to see children playing and learning in our neighborhoods. I was a strong advocate voice for our new playground and the Skate Park. (Did you see my picture on the front page of the Headlight Herald?)

I would support affordable housing to encourage families to move here and encourage citizens to get informed about what is going on so the council can make informed decisions.

I believe our current city council and staff; including public works and the city manager, are the best in the county, and I want to continue that path forward.

My priorities would be to listen and collaborate with the city council to make decisions that improve the quality of life for our citizens on all the issues in front of us.

Bay City - City Council



Derek McCarthy

My name is Derek McCarthy; I'm 52 years old. I've lived in Tillamook County almost four years.

I've been a chef/restauranteur for over 30 years. During that time, I've had a chance to travel our country and many others to learn from a wide variety of amazing people with different cultures, ideas, tastes and upbringings. Being open to learning new things, hearing another's point of view, direct positive communication, multitasking, participating in activities you normally wouldn't for the knowledge and experience are some important traits in a person.

I am running to be a voice of the people who stand for the greater good of our community/society. I will be an active listener, positive collaborator and lend a helping hand whenever needed. Honesty, hard work, determination and integrity are my foundation. Continued conversation about divisive issues, positivity, open communication and trust in each other are the keys to making our community a better place to live.

Candidates

City of Bay City

Bay City - City Council



Penny Eberle

My Name is Penny Eberle. I have lived in Bay City for 14 years, and in the Tillamook area for over 20 years. Currently, I work at the Tillamook Creamery as a Brand Ambassador, leading tours and providing information on all our area has to offer to guests. Prior to moving to Oregon, I worked for the State of Idaho for 20 years in the social services field. Following the move to this area in 2004 I worked at Hidden Acres Greenhouse for 15 years and ran my own landscape design business and working in tandem with the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce, I designed the new park at the Veteran's Memorial in the center of Tillamook.

The common thread that has remained constant throughout both my work and personal life has been focus on people. Experience has taught me and developed excellent communication, management, organizational and keen listening skills.

Volunteerism is important in being part of a community. I have been a long-time member of the Bay City Booster Club, helping with many projects the group is involved with, including being an integral part of the newly created Welcome Garden Park in Bay City. As a volunteer member of the Bay City Planning Commission for the past three years, I have become educated and familiarized with codes, ordinances and the many aspects of the planning process.

I feel all the lessons learned throughout my life will be invaluable in addressing the housing issues facing our community. Yes, growth is inevitable; it just must happen in an appropriate manner, ensuring a positive outcome for as many residents as possible. Bay City has developed a real sense of place, and I hope to maintain and develop this for the future.

Bay City - City Council



Kathy Baker

My name is Kathleen Baker, and I have lived in Bay City for thirty years. If age is relevant, I'm 58.

I've worked in the customer service industry and volunteered in public service all my adult life. Working for large corporations, small businesses and as an entrepreneur owning and operating my own two small businesses. I have been a member of the Bay City council for the past ten years and also sat on a number of other committees for the city during that time. I have cultivated a great working relationship with city staff and feel that the experience has given me a good strong background in city council oversight and governance. I understand the city budgeting and importance for fiscal responsibility. I come prepared for meetings and am able to make informed non-biased decisions. I do my best to live by a guiding principle: be curious, solve problems and do good. I apply this principle to my service on council and my daily life.

The biggest issue facing Bay City is maintaining the character and livability of the city while managing residential growth. Also, making sure our planning department and planning committee are adhering to not only the city's development plans but the state's ever-changing land use and housing bills, while being mindful of the needs and wants of the community.

My priorities would be pushing for more safe pedestrian friendly pathways in our community, strengthening the city's infrastructure resiliency and moving city hall out of the tsunami zone.

Bay City - Mayor



Parker Sammons

My name is Parker Sammons. I'm 40 years old, a fifth-generation Oregonian, I've lived in Bay City for over three years, and I am running to be Mayor of our wonderful city.

I have strived to live a life of service and that has been reflected through my career which has spanned outdoor education, tourism, business and local government. In my most recent role with Tillamook County, I worked with residents, elected officials and community partners to move projects forward, secure resources and navigate complex local issues. I also have more than ten years of combined board experience with non-profit and for-profit organizations. These experiences have taught me the importance of listening, finding common

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City of Nehalem



Nehalem - City Council

Hilary Howell

My name is Hilary Howell, I am 52 and I have lived in Tillamook County for 31 years.

My husband and I own Howell's Floor Covering, and I have been on the city council since 2016. Prior to that I was on the budget committee.

Currently I feel that the biggest concern for the City of Nehalem is updating our forest management plan.

Currently my priorities are the forest management plan and working with the public regarding our water shed.

Nehalem - City Council

David Browning

I am David Browning, city council member running for the remainder of the term for Position 2 on the Nehalem City Council. I am a retired mechanical engineer. My wife, Kay Altman, and I owned and operated a small engineering services company for over 30 years focusing on industrial machine design. Prior to engineering school, I was a carpenter and builder in the Willamina area for several years. We have been property owners in Nehalem for many years and full-time residents for two years. I have been an active participant in City Council meetings since moving full-time to Nehalem and was appointed to fill the vacant Position 2 seat this year.

My career as a professional engineer required me to solve complex problems with practical solutions for our customers. I would like to use my experience to support the future of our city.

I see two challenges currently facing our city. Nehalem is in a unique position of owning our own drinking water watershed. It provides very high-quality drinking water to the community. However, the watershed is quite fragile. It will be my goal to expand and improve the watershed to ensure the best drinking water for now and into the future. The other challenge I see is with citizen participation in determining the future of the city. It will be my goal to help citizens of Nehalem find ways to implement new ideas to shape the future of our city.



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Candidates

City of Rockaway Beach

Rockaway Beach - Mayor



Charles McNeilly

I am Charles McNeilly and I am running for reelection as mayor of Rockaway Beach with a focused agenda for the next two years centered on improving downtown parking, strengthening tourism and local businesses, and maintaining sound financial stewardship of city resources. I plan to build on the progress we have made while addressing key challenges that impact residents, visitors and businesses.

I strongly endorse Charter Amendment Measure 29-187. Developed through extensive review by city staff, the city attorney, the city council, and the public, it is a carefully considered proposal. A "yes" vote supports clarity, stability, and a more efficient Rockaway Beach.

As our community continues to grow and attract visitors, we must focus on practical solutions that improve access to downtown, support our local economy, and ensure taxpayer dollars are managed wisely.

My priorities include:

• Expanding and improving parking availability in downtown Rockaway Beach to better serve residents, visitors and businesses.

• Enhancing tourism opportunities and promoting local businesses to strengthen the city's economy and encourage year-round visitation.

• Continuing sound financial stewardship through responsible budgeting, transparency and careful management of city resources.

Finally, I pledge to continue working collaboratively with city staff, council members, residents and business owners to ensure Rockaway Beach remains a welcoming coastal community where families, businesses and visitors can thrive.

I am proud of the progress we've made and look forward to continuing to work with residents, businesses and community partners to keep Rockaway Beach a great place to live, work and visit.

Rockaway Beach - City Council

Pat Ryan

My name is Pat Ryan, I am 72 years old, I have lived in Tillamook County since 1993.

Much of my working career is related to the building and facilities field. I worked nearly 20 years as a carpenter and another 15 years as the Facilities Manager for a local camp and retreat facility. I finished my professional employment with 12 years as the Director of Human Resources, Facilities and Safety with Tillamook Bay Community College. I have served as an elected official for more than 20 years as a member of the Neahkahnie Board of Education and currently serve on the Board of Education with Tillamook Bay Community College. I also serve on the Board for Tillamook Family Counseling Center; and have served in a variety of volunteer roles over the years. Reflecting on these years of experience, my key takeaway is that good governance is a process by a group of elected or appointed individuals whose authority is only when the body is in session, and requires solid, well-informed decision making. Governance is a process and can take time to do well. Trust the process.

I was initially appointed to fill a vacancy on the Rockaway Beach City Council which is the position I am currently a candidate for. I applied for the vacancy because I believed in and supported the direction the council developed with the city's comprehensive five-year strategic plan. I feel good progress has been made on the strategic plan and would continue to support the direction set, and as part of the continuous improvement process review, adjust, and update as appropriate over time.