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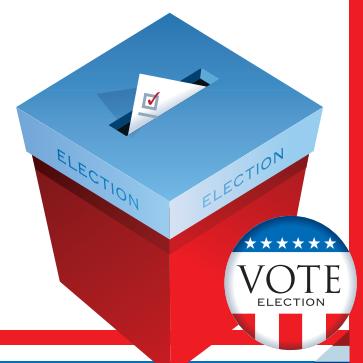
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2024 ★★★

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Position #5

"By working together, we can achieve far more for our small town."



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for Mayor

"Fostering a healthy and unified community, where everyone feels a sense of belonging and where our collective efforts lead to a brighter future."

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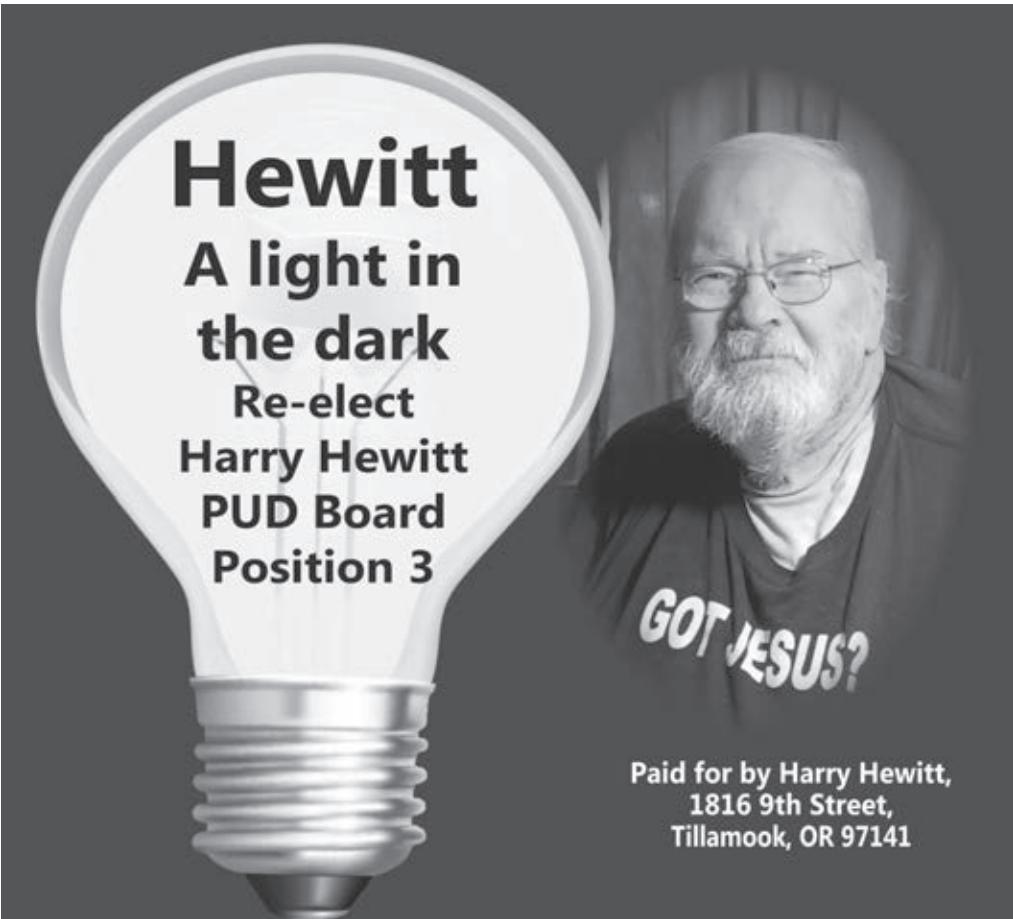
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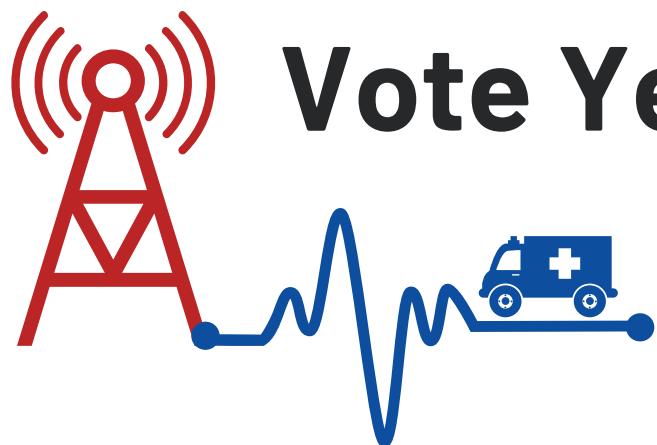
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Welcome to the 2024 Tillamook County Voters' Guide

With November's general election fast approaching, the Tillamook Headlight Herald reached out to all candidates in state, county and citywide races appearing on Tillamook County ballots with an opportunity to introduce themselves to the voters.

We asked all candidates the following four questions:

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

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

3. What is the biggest issue facing the city, district or department you are running to represent?

4. What would your priorities be if elected?

All responses received are included in the following pages.

Candidates & Measures

Voters will decide their representatives in Oregon's first United States congressional district, 32nd state house district and at the city level and weigh in on five statewide ballot measures and one countywide bond on November 5.

In Oregon's first congressional district, incumbent Democrat Suzanne Bonamici is facing off against Republican Bob Todd and Libertarian Joseph Christman. Bonamici has served in congress since 2012 and became Tillamook County's representative in 2022, after redistricting.

Incumbent Republican Cyrus Javadi will face Democrat Astoria City Councilor Andy Davis in the race for the 32nd state house seat. Javadi was first elected in 2022.

Statewide ballot measures up for consideration this year include giving the state legislature the ability to impeach executive branch officials, establishing an independent public service compensation commission to determine salaries for top state officials, transitioning to ranked-choice voting, issuing residents rebates from a tax increase on large

corporations and requiring marijuana producers and retailers to sign labor-peace agreements with unions trying to represent their employees.

Tillamook County is asking voters to approve a \$24 million bond to support an upgrade of the county's emergency radio system. Tillamook County Sheriff Josh Brown will be on the ballot running unopposed, as will Tillamook County Clerk Christy Nyseth.

Two director positions are open at the Tillamook People's Utility District, with Tamra Perman and Maile Samek vying to represent zone one, while Justin Aufdermauer, Lonnie Jenck and Harry Hewitt are squaring off in the race for position three.

In the city of Tillamook, four of the council's six wards are up for election. Garrett Noffsinger in ward one, Nicholas Torres in ward five and Sylvia Schriber in ward six are running unopposed. In ward three, incumbent Brian Reynolds is facing a challenge from Richard Reidt.

OFFICIAL TILLAMOOK COUNTY BALLOT DEPOSIT LOCATIONS November 5, 2024 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 11/5/2024. 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 card on record.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u> DAYS</u>	<u> HOURS</u>
SOUTH		
Cloverdale Drop Box - 34370 Hwy. 101 South Cloverdale, OR 97112	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Pacific City Drop Box - Kiawanda Community Center 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive Pacific City, OR 97135		
	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	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	10/16/2024 to 11/4/2024 11/5/2024 Tue.	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook City Drive-Up Drop Box NW Corner of 3 rd & Laurel Tillamook, OR 97141	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook City - Library Main Branch 1716 3 rd Street Tillamook, OR 97141	10/16/2024 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
NORTH		
Bay City - City Hall Drop Box 5525 B Street Bay City, OR 97107	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Garibaldi - City Hall Drop Box 107 6 th Street Garibaldi, OR 97118	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Rockaway Beach - City Hall Drop Box 276 Hwy. 101 South Rockaway Beach, OR 97136	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Manzanita - 5th & Laneda Bus Stop Across from Manzanita Police Station	10/16/2024 to 11/5/2024	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.



Candidates

City of Bay City

Mayor



Liane Welch

My name is Liane Welch. I have lived in Bay City for 17 years with my husband Carl. I will be 62 years old in October.

I have a bachelor's and master's degrees in

civil engineering and a Professional Engineer in the State of Oregon. My career experience includes 10 years with the City of Portland in various roles, lastly as the Principal Engineer for the Office of Transportation responsible for 4,000 miles of street maintenance. I spent ten years as Tillamook County's Public Works Director, three years as the City Engineer for the City of Tillamook, and two years as the City Manager for Bay City. I have a thorough understanding of municipal infrastructure, both design and construction. This knowledge allows me to understand the issues facing Bay City's infrastructure challenges and

opportunities. I have been on the Port of Garibaldi, Bay City, and Tillamook County Solid Waste Budget committees for several years. I have also developed large department and city budgets. This knowledge allows me to understand municipal budgets, how to develop them and how to administer them. Having lived in Bay City for 17 years, I really care about our community and citizens. We have a unique city in Tillamook County, and I want to help bring responsible development that meets the goals of the city and keep the feeling of our small community.

Sewer infrastructure is one of the biggest and most expensive issues

facing Bay City. Bay City is also looking at how to balance new housing opportunities and keeping our existing city "feeling". Our city parks need new playgrounds, bathrooms and other facilities. Finding the funding for park improvements is also a challenge we are currently facing. The new FEMA BiOp requirements are a challenge facing all of our communities in Tillamook County and we are working on how to best meet these new regulations that is in the best interest of Bay City.

My priorities will be new park improvements, addressing sewer and water infrastructure, and economic opportunities.

Council

Colin Jones

My name is Colin Jones, I'm 33 years old, and I've lived in Bay City for one year with my wife, Peyton.

I have a bachelor's in chemistry from Willamette University and a PhD in Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. I work at the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, where I manage the Habitat Assessment & Monitoring Program. In my current role I fund projects and staff through grant writing, manage the program budget, and coordinate long-term planning across several federal, state, and local organizations, all of which are directly applicable to city council work. My background in

environmental science also makes me a good resource for any related issues that Bay City faces.

Bay City's biggest issues revolve around housing. Bay City should do its part to address the coastal housing crunch and encourage building more housing. However, this will come with trade-offs, and the city council should ensure that Bay City maintains its high quality of life.

I would prioritize working productively with other city councilors to address pressing issues as they come up, assisting Bay City staff with grant writing to fund parks and other improvements, and ensuring that existing city codes reflect the community that we want to be.

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Bay City Mayor Liane Welch is running unopposed, and Tim Josi, Justin Howard and Colin Jones submitted their candidacies for three open positions on city council.

Garibaldi Mayor Kathryn Findling is also running unopposed, but voters in that city will have to select two from the slate of Sandra Tyrer, Cheryl Gierga and Terry Kandle for city councilor.

In Rockaway Beach, incumbent Mayor Charles McNeilly is facing two challengers, Dave Winchester and Rodney Breazile, in his bid for reelection. Councilor Mary McGinnis is running unopposed for position one,

while in position two, two incumbents, Kristine Hayes and Tom Martine, are squaring off. In position three, currently held by Hayes, Kiley Konruff and Stephanie Winchester are on the ballot, incumbent Alesia Franken is facing Justin McMahan for position four and incumbent Penny Cheek is being challenged by Debra Reeves for position five.

Wheeler will have a new mayor, with Clif Kemp opting not to run for reelection, giving voters the choice between Denise Donohue and William Goulardt. Four candidates, Mary Leverette, Garry Gitzen, Heidi Stacks and Gordon Taylor are running for three open positions on the city's council.

Nehalem Mayor Phil Chick is running unopposed,

while both open council positions are being contested, with Angela Hanke, Kristina Quintana and Lydia O'Connor running for position two and Dave Cram and Vern Scovell vying for position three.

Nehalem voters will also decide whether to renew a prohibition on psilocybin-related businesses in the city for two years.

In Manzanita, incumbent Mayor Kathryn Stock is running unopposed and incumbent councilors Thomas Campbell and Jerry Spegman are up for two open council seats.

Voters in Manzanita will also vote on whether to change the city's water billing from its current, quarterly cycle to a monthly one.





City of Garibaldi

Mayor



Katie Findling

My name is Katie Findling, I'm 34 years old, and I've lived

in Tillamook County since 2018. My family, heart and soul are here in Garibaldi. I've had the honor of serving Garibaldi as a city councilor since 2020 and as mayor since September 2023. In addition to my leadership roles, I'm an officer in the Coastal Mayors Caucus, where I advocate for regional issues. My experience balancing leadership with being a working mother gives me a grounded perspective on the challenges many of our residents face.

The most pressing issue for Garibaldi is regaining stability and continuing our path toward growth. It's important to hold the vision and trust the process

as we rebuild and move forward, together.

My top priorities include catching up on audits, fostering stability and collaboration among city leadership, and ensuring Garibaldi has a clear, sustainable plan for the future. I am committed to supporting our new city manager as we develop a solid path forward. This means revisiting master plans, reconnecting with our business and residential community, and collaborating with the Port of Garibaldi, Coast Guard, neighboring municipalities, county and state leadership. It's a time of rebuilding, and it's exciting.

Council

Terry Kandle

My name is Terry Kandle. I purchased my home in Garibaldi in 1988 and moved here permanently in 1994.

I am a retired Chief Officer from the Portland Fire Bureau where I served 30 years. I also served about

10 years a Garibaldi City Councilor ending in 2016. Currently, I am serving an appointed position as city councilor since 2022. I've been a national disaster responder with the Red Cross since 1998.

Even though we are making great progress in addressing our financial

problems, that process still needs to be completed so we can address other important priorities. There are many other issues for the city to address in the next several years including upgrades to our essential services i.e. water, waste water, streets, parks and the potential relocation of city hall.

Council

Cheryl Gierga

My name is Cheryl Gierga, I'm 43 years old, and I've lived here full-time since 2008. I own a local business, and I love coming up with creative ideas. Creative genius is on my business card. I care a lot about Garibaldi and want to help make it the best place for both residents and visitors. The biggest challenge is getting people in

Garibaldi to come together and work as a team. When we all work together, we can help Garibaldi live up to its potential. I want to help make Garibaldi a friendly place for everyone. I'd focus on keeping the city clean with the "Garibaldi Beautiful" program, so people feel motivated to keep the town litter-free. I also want to add more bike racks around town to make it easier for people to get around.



Candidates

City of Nehalem

Mayor



Phil Chick

My name is Phil Chick. I am 51 years old and have lived in Nehalem for 23 years.

My background in public service spans over two decades, working for the state of Oregon and various special districts and cities. This experience has allowed me to develop skills in local government, watershed protection, public contracting

and utility management. I was elected Mayor in 2022 and believe I have served the people of Nehalem with fairness and duty. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve, and together with the council, lead Nehalem in remaining a thriving coastal community.

Within the city limits, clearly the biggest issue is traffic. The confusion caused at the flashing light coupled with a speed limit that is too high makes Nehalem a challenging, if not unsafe place to navigate. The Transportation Plan envisions Nehalem as being a town welcoming to pedestrians. We've got work to do here.

Watershed Protection: Clean, abundant drinking water starts on the land. The City's Forest Management Plan is 25 years old and is due to be updated in 2025. The city must continue to manage the land as a work-

ing forest, but with a greater effort toward maintaining a reliable source of water for the future.

Safety Improvements on Hwy 101: Traffic calming/ pedestrian visibility improvements

Improved River Access: Nehalem has one of the best non-motorized river accesses in the County, with shops and amenities close by. Making improvements to the city's docks and adjacent gathering areas would greatly complement the good things already happening downtown.

Infrastructure: Neglected infrastructure costs more in the long term to remedy than making recurring, well-thought improvements to the city's systems. Replacing water meters and constructing a new public works building are top priorities, along with completing water and sidewalk projects we currently have underway.

City of Garibaldi

Council



Sandy Tyrer

My name is Sandy Tyrer, I'm 67 years old, resident

for 10 years. BA – Business/ Management graduated summa cum laude. U.S. Marine Corps, eight years, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves two years, military occupational specialty in the legal field, special court-martial reporter, & overseeing legal assistance matters. Twice honorably discharged. Two-time recipient of Good Conduct Medal and recipient of Navy Achievement Medal.

Professional career experience in business/team management & leadership roles for Fortune 500 companies including GE, Xerox & CVS. GE green belt certified in six sigma quality process improvement.

Elected official for Neah-Kah-Nie Board of Directors 2018 – present. Current Board Chair (chair position voted by Board of Director peers).

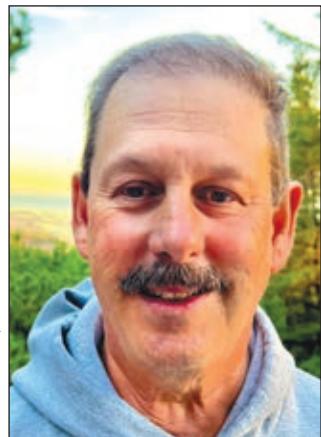
Active volunteer for Garibaldi businesses and events, Adventist Hospital, and church activities. Proven leader and collaborator. Professional background with transparent communication skills.

Bigest issues are damage to community relations (trust/ transparency) and financial status (deficits and previous lack of fiscal responsibility and good stewardship).

Candidates

City of Manzanita

Council



Tom Campbell

My name is Thomas "Tom" Campbell. I am 67 years old and have lived in

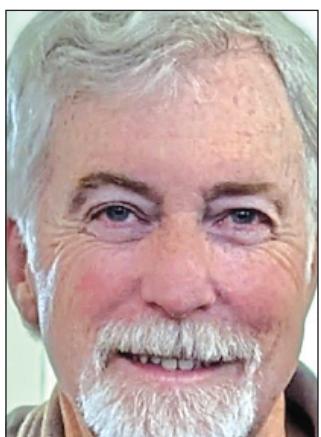
Manzanita, full-time for 10 years, owned in Manzanita for 12 years and had a vacation house in Neahkahnie for 8 years prior to that.

When I was working, I was a trial attorney. For most of my career, I operated a solo practice. My areas of practice were as a prosecuting attorney, then a defense attorney and represented injured people in personal injury claims. My years as a lawyer helped me to understand people when they presented me with their crises. I have a lengthy history of public service. I've held board positions with the Washington Association of Criminal

Defense Lawyers and the Tacoma/Pierce County Bar Association. I was the president of the South King County Bar Association. I was the President of the Auburn Rotary Club, served in other leadership positions and ran the Club's golf tournament. I was the President of the Auburn Fire/ Medic Campaign for two years. I was a trustee for Green River College in Auburn, Washington and served as the Board Chair for two years. The Green River College position was a gubernatorial appointment.

■ See **CAMPBELL**

Council



Jerry Spegman

My name is Jerry Spegman, I am 68 years old, Manzanita resident since 2017.

I spent my career in public interest law and public health policy. I was a lawyer, hearings officer, policy advocate and grants manager, primarily in the nonprofit and government sectors.

Now I volunteer with the Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy (board chair), Oregon Community Foundation (grants reviewer), and Guardianship Partners (case monitor). I think the skill set I've developed in these various roles helps me approach issues in a balanced and analytical manner on council.

I believe the biggest issue facing Manzanita is reaching a workable consensus on what kind of community we want to be. We have far more houses than residents, and with that comes more complexities to address than in a more typical town of 600. We need to reach a community consensus about who and what we are, and then reflect that in our revised comprehensive plan.

That document will drive policy decisions in the years ahead impacting our finances, housing stock, environment, commercial

development and demographics.

During my first term I served with eight different councilors and three different mayors. After having one city manager from 1996 to 2016, we've had three since. Despite all this turnover – and in some cases, because of it – we've made significant progress in many areas. (see the city manager's budget message for a sampling of this progress).

I am one of thirty volunteers serving our community on one of our hard-working committees. My priorities in a second term will include lessening our reliance on STR tax revenue and promoting more affordable housing options so that more people who work here can live here. But my primary job as a councilor is to respectfully and collaboratively help make our citizen-driven government work.



Kathryn Stock

My name is Kathryn Stock, I am 67 years old. I have owned a home here since 1995. Moved to fulltime residency following retirement in 2010.

I worked for Nike in Supply Chain Management for 26 years. In that time, I moved from a customer service job

■ **CAMPBELL**, Continued

In Manzanita, I have been on the board of the Nehalem Valley Historical Society, serving as president for many years. When term limits in our Bylaws restricted my further service in that position, the board adopted a resolution to establish the position of Executive Director. I have served in that role for two years. There is also a community based 501(c)(3) that is Fulcrum Community Resources. I was their board for three years.

The biggest issue facing Manzanita today is continuing modernization. For too many years some important issues have been neglected. This is why we are

to senior management roles. Relevant experience from that time includes team development, strategic planning, short and long-term budgeting and meeting facilitation. All of my work required strong collaboration skills.

Manzanita public service:

- Served on Council since September 2023 and as Mayor since January 2024.

- Completed a 3-year term on the budget committee and was re-appointed for a second term until a vacancy opened on the City Council.

- Close observer of Manzanita's Council and Planning Commission for over 10 years.

I am a proud supporter of the Hoffman Center for the Arts, the Lower Nehalem Community Trust, the Pine Grove Community Center and our local Library. I shop local whenever and wherever possible. I am proud to be part of a community that includes

facing criticism associated with the increase in water rates. Our comprehensive plan is aged and is only now being considered for revision. We have been too dependent on TLT monies, and we are starting to look to different ways to diversify our income streams. I feel that a critical issue ahead of us is to organize our ordinances into a city code.

If elected, my priority is to continue to support the excellent work of our city manager. She has moved the city hall construction forward and devised a great method to pay for it. She has worked with local developers to create an area in Manzanita to provide for workforce housing. She has

Mayor

many resilient small business owners.

Continuing to seek balance for the present and the future as the community grows.

My priorities if elected:

- Continue to set an example for respectful and fact-based community discourse. Encourage community discussions that help us all understand the hopes and the concerns we each hold for our community.

- Create the next round of Manzanita's Comprehensive Plan.

- Develop the next long-range Infrastructure plan for our water utility and our roads. This includes identifying projects, prioritizing them and doing the work that is necessary to fund them.

- Work closely and collaboratively with Council members to come to good decisions for our community, now and in the future.

organized the committee to revise the comprehensive plan. She agrees that organizing our ordinances into a city code is another goal that should be addressed. She sees how to move Manzanita forward.





Candidates

City of Rockaway Beach

Mayor

Dane Winchester

My name is Dane Winchester, I am 52. We moved full-time to our beach house in Rockaway Beach in 2020.

I received my MBA from the University of Oregon before spending 17 years managing software development projects and teams at Boeing. After leaving Boeing I started an aviation software development company, growing it to 30 employees. My experience managing people and projects, especially cross-organizational teams where collaboration was critical, is a great preparation for the position of mayor. I have been on the board of directors of both

clubs and non-profit organizations.

I believe there are several key issues in Rockaway that need addressing, but if I need to pick one, I will go with something I am passionate about and that the current city council has done nothing substantive to address - workforce/affordable housing. Main Street is critical to small towns like ours, and having housing options for workers is necessary for our local businesses as well as residents.

My priorities will be to; Bring transparency, honesty, and consistency to Rockaway Beach government.

Encourage policy that results in the development of workforce / more affordable housing.

Continue to invest in our emergency services and evaluate the feasibility of bringing back our own police department.

Re-establish a Parks and Rec department to better serve our community.

Encourage the Businesses, Chamber, and City to work more cohesively together.

Get the removal of city council seat numbers in front of voters so they can tell us whether they want candidates to be able to run unopposed or to pick their preferred candidates.



Tom Martine

My name is Tom Martine. I have lived in Rockaway Beach since 1995 and have sat on the Rockaway Beach city council for eleven years, and four years on the Rockaway Beach Planning Commission. I spent twenty-five years serving Rockaway Beach as a Fire Captain and Medical Officer and four years as a member of

Council Position 1

they celebrated their successes. I learned when people thrive, their whole community thrives. These are lessons I take with me as I continue visiting with Rockaway residents and businesses.

I taught government/civics, and my master's degree is in teaching political science. I developed leadership skills as a mentor teacher, lead teacher, and creating and managing school/district programs and projects.

I learned the art of governing through League of Oregon Cities' training and Rockaway community involvement, serving on the Rockaway Planning Commission, Budget Committee, Emergency CERT Team, the Council Liaison to the Planning Commission and three years on City Council.

I am an early cofounder of North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection (NC-CWP) and a cofounder and board member of Rockaway's

cultural nonprofit, NCAM. I started Rockaway's Salmonberry Trail project, buying our drinking watershed and Lake Lytle improvements.

Rockaway is a thriving community. One issue critical for Rockaway to continue flourishing is building workforce housing. Our businesses, school district, and city government struggle with staffing because workers lack housing.

I will continue to work on affordable housing into my next term, having joined Tillamook County's Housing Commission's Legislative Committee. I am focused on city projects that help people in our community thrive: buying our drinking watershed, economic development, downtown enhancement and year-round recreation and wellness with the Salmonberry Trail and Lake Lytle Projects. Please vote for me as "Together We Build Community".



Mary McGinnis

I am Mary McGinnis. I am fortunate to make Rockaway Beach my home for 11 years.

I developed the foundation for being a City Councilor teaching public high school. I sat with thousands of families, listening and learning about what people need to succeed in their community.

I heard their challenges—job loss, housing issues and business struggles. I also joined as

Council Position 2

the Tillamook County Fire Investigation Team. I also have served as Deacon at the Rockaway Community Church.

I enjoy woodworking, wood carving, and playing the piano. I also strive to help others less fortunate, that may have difficulties with such things as grocery shopping, or just being a listening ear if they need to talk.

Our city is very productive and is firing on all cylinders. Some of the things that city council, together with our excellent city manager and city staff, have completed, or are in process of include:

- Completion of the Anchor Street Park Project (which includes ADA access)

- Completion of the Way-side Restroom Project and beginning of the ADA access construction to the beach

- Awarding \$165,951 of grants to local businesses

for marketing and façade improvements

- Implemented a cap on Short-Term Rentals (STR's) and a data driven process to review the balance of STR's in the future

- Began the important work of purchasing the Jetty Creek Watershed to protect and maintain clean water for all of Rockaway Beach

- Implementation of a five-year Strategic Plan, including significant community input, to provide direction to the city for its future

I believe our biggest priority is to continue to work on projects that balance the needs of all residents, such as the STR cap, to bring the community together and to always be looking for ways to better our city for all residents.

I ask for your support on November 5th, so I can continue the work.

Council Position 2



Kristine Hayes

My name is Kristine Hayes. I am 57 and have lived here for over 40 years.

An interior designer and general contractor for family

homes in Rockaway Beach. I am not a developer. I understand permitting processes, codes, zoning, and ordinances. I have worked with many municipalities. I work in different neighborhoods in Rockaway Beach and connect with the rich diversity of our citizens and beautiful history. More than 25 years of service to CORB, CASA, NKN Booster President Lions Club.

The most pressing issue in Rockaway Beach is the sense of division. A small, organized group currently holds the reins of decision-making, often without genuine citizen support. We have a \$26-million budget. Decisions must be inclusive and reflect the needs of the entire community. We

need more citizen committees, and those existing ones should have an open, honest, and fair application process to ensure an accurate representation.

I am 100% dedicated to positive balance and harmony in all of Rockaway Beach

- I fought relentlessly for the ADA access project to the beach for seven years

- Stronger emergency services & Park N' Rec for all ages. Do you miss our Police Department?

- A Historic Connection & Beautification Committee reinforced by the Oregon Main Street Program

- Respect and honor our past to shape the future, with

Candidates

City of Rockaway Beach *continued on page 10*

Council Position 3



Kiley Konruff

My name is Kiley Konruff, and I have worked, played, raised my kids and lived in Rockaway since 2006. I am a proud alumna of Neah-Kah-Nie High School and still spend time supporting the school that my daughter attends. I am mom to two daughters, I am a dog mom (3 dogs), sports

mom and an active-duty military mom.

My community involvement includes: President of the Neah Kah Nie Boosters Club, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member, Liaison and Volunteer for Friends of NCRD and former Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Rockaway Beach

There are several issues I want to address as City Councilor:

- Finding ways to increase available year round community activities for all ages
- Finding the appropriate balance for STR's to support our tourism economy while recognizing the need for neighborhood livability of all residents
- Continuing the work of the Council to protect Jetty Creek watershed to ensure sustainable, safe drinking water for generations to come
- Enhancing emergency

preparedness

• Looking for ways to increase community involvement in the business of the city

I believe the biggest issue for Rockaway Beach is housing demand in general, which is complicated by the lack of mixed-use housing, and the proliferation of Short-Term Rentals (STR's). I will be looking for ways for the city to help residents and developers meet this demand.

I am asking for your vote on November 5, and if you do, I promise more than anything to be approachable and always willing to listen to Rockaway Beach residents. I have raised my daughters here, and I want this city to continue to be the kind of place that will encourage my daughters to want to raise their children in the Rockaway Beach I love. This will be my north star as your city councilor.

Council Position 4



Justin McMahan

My name Justin McMahan, I am 47 years and I have lived in Rockaway for 3.5 years.

I bring a wealth of leadership experience and a commitment to service, qualities

that make me well-suited for a role as a city councilor for Rockaway. As pastor at Living Water Fellowship, I've had the privilege of helping guide a congregation, fostering community and leading efforts to address community needs. Prior to that, I spent 12 years with Aeropostale, where I served as a District Manager and regional trainer. I managed multiple stores, oversaw teams, opened new districts, trained new executives and spearheaded strategic business plans, all of which honed my ability to lead, problem-solve and manage complex systems.

Since moving to Rockaway, I've become increasingly engaged in the community, recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities we

face as a small coastal town. My experience has equipped me with a diverse skill set to serve our city. My passion for integral governance and desire to improve the lives of my neighbors are driving forces behind my decision to run.

Rockaway is a wonderful town filled with great people, but like any community, we face our share of challenges. Our most pressing issue is a leadership team that has struggled to foster unity and build consensus around critical issues. Effective governance demands more than just decision-making; it requires strategic vision, strong conflict resolution skills, emotional intelligence, and the ability to

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Debra Reeves

My name is Debra Reeves. I am 67 years old. We have lived in Rockaway Beach for 2 1/2 years. I had the

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opportunity to raise my children before going back to college and receiving a bachelor's degree in business. I have worked for 17 years in management and service in the automotive industry. I am a very passionate and caring individual and believe that my experience of owning Joe's Snacks and Beer has allowed me to see what this community's needs are. Some of the biggest issues I believe are keeping our fireworks program (some want to cancel it) and STR (short term rental) cap. Rockaway was founded on the fireworks show and parade and it brings in much needed revenue for all of the businesses here

including the short-term rentals. STR cap we currently have is not a balanced accurate number and needs changed to reflect what the owners and our town truly needs. Tourism Grants can be used for updating all of our downtown area facades. We are a tourist town, and our community needs tourists to keep our town thriving. Our Businesses need someone to be their voice on city council, I am the someone who will take your opinions and values and use them for decision making! Help me help our little community by making a difference here. Thank you for your consideration and vote in November.

Council Position 5



Penny Cheek

Penny Cheek: I have called Rockaway Beach home for twenty years. In that time, I was on the Planning Commission for nine years and have been a City Councilor since 2020. I have twice been a small business owner and know firsthand the highs and lows that small businesses experience.

In my free time, I enjoy

just roaming in Rockaway Beach, meeting with business owners and residents to keep up with what is happening, and what is on resident's minds.

Rockaway Beach is bustling with activity and running smoothly under the able leadership of our City Manager Luke Shepard in conjunction with city staff, and the city council.

Some of the projects that I have worked on and supported in the city just this last year include:

- Beginning the important work of purchasing the Jetty Creek Watershed to protect and maintain clean water for generations of Rockaway Beach residents
- Completing of the ADA accessible Anchor Street Park which is getting rave reviews from residents and visitors

- Working on, and helping Rockaway Beach be in the forefront of, develop-

ing the Salmonberry Trail project that will benefit local businesses, residents, and visitors

- Signing a long-term lease on, and obtaining a \$400,000 grant to improve Lake Lytle to create another opportunity for recreation for all residents

- Increasing opportunities for community involvement and input for projects and directions the city is taking

I believe our biggest challenge is the long and arduous process to buy the Jetty Creek Watershed. This work will be difficult, but together with the support of Rockaway Beach citizens, I believe we will make it happen.

I ask for your vote on November 5th, so I can continue representing you, and to continue to work on the common cause of making Rockaway Beach the best little city on the Oregon Coast.

City of Rockaway Beach

During the production of the *Tillamook Headlight Herald's Voters' Guide* three candidate responses submitted in advance of the deadline were mistakenly not included due to editorial oversight.

We apologize to the affected candidates as well as voters and are including the statements for Mayor Charles McNeilly, Mayoral Candidate Rodney Breazile and Councilor Alesia Franken here.

Mayor

I have had the honor of serving as Mayor for the last 21 months. Here are a few highlights from my first term:

- Spearheaded the increase in transparency and communication between city government and community members including Town Halls, Open Houses, annual State of the City messages, monthly Coffee with Manager and Mayor, and monthly updates on the city government activities and accomplishments.

- Took the lead in our City's efforts to acquire Jetty Creek Watershed and guarantee an abundant supply of clean water on into the future.

- On the forefront of establishing a balance between support for tourism and livable neighborhoods with a short-term rental cap.
- Provided easy access on smartphones for tourists to know where they can eat, shop, sleep and recreate

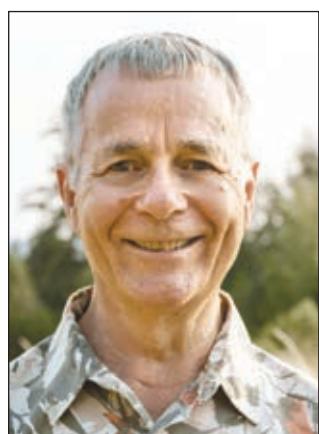
while in Rockaway Beach.

- Fully engaged in assuring Strategic Planning Initiative gathered input from across all segments of our community.

- Productive, collaborative partnership with our City Leadership.

I believe our biggest challenge is the rift in our business community; it creates a headwind which negatively impacts our community and city government. I will look for ways to heal this rift in my second term.

I ask for your vote so I can continue the work I began in January 2023 with a continued focus on taking control of the Jetty Creek Watershed so we have a clean, abundant supply of water, short term rental management, community engagement and communication, continued fiscal responsibility and a productive collaborative partnership with our city leadership.



**Mayor
Charles McNeilly**

I have lived in Rockaway Beach since 2018 with my wife Sue and our border collie/walking partner Abigail. I previously worked in banking, software development, and electric utilities for over twenty years managing projects, products, processes, and people before being elected Mayor in 2022. I work hard to deliver clear communication across diverse audiences.

Thank You

We thank the candidates and organizations that contributed to this Voter Guide.

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Mayor



Rodney Breazile

My name is Rodney Breazile, and I have gratefully lived in Rockaway Beach for 38 years.

I'm a co-owner/operator of a local custom-home build-

ing business. However, my unwavering commitment to Rockaway Beach truly sets me apart. I have volunteered for over 20 years as a parent, neighbor, community member, Lion, and committee member. My 6-year tenure on the Rockaway Planning Commission and as a general contractor has given me a deep understanding of infrastructure and city development. This, coupled with my experiences as a previous local employee on a commercial fishing rig in Garibaldi, a parent who raised children in NKN, a business owner, and my commitment to volunteering and listening to people, equips me with the qualities needed to serve as mayor.

One issue that has caught

my attention over the years is the unequal treatment of citizens by the City. It's concerning to see some citizens being held to every requirement of a specific request while others are not. If elected as Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that our city treats all citizens equally and is held accountable for its actions.

As your Mayor, I will prioritize transparency in all City operations and decisions. I will also work tirelessly to promote the health and prosperity of our community and businesses, ensuring that everyone has a fair chance to thrive. I also want to uplift our local workforce by implementing ways to increase housing opportunities, like through city-pre-approved accessory dwelling unit plans.

Council Position 4



Alesia Franken

My name is Alesia Franken, and I have lived in Rockaway Beach for four years. I am a small business owner here on the North Coast and have been a Rockaway Beach City Councilor for the past year and a half. My prior career was in high-tech in the Pacific Northwest as a Chemical Engineer with the last portion of

my high-tech career in upper management, primarily as the Head of Quality.

Volunteer work I engage in:

- Served on the board of Tides of Change in Tillamook County

- Volunteered for the Lower Nehalem Community Trust at Alder Creek farms from 2021 through 2023

- Member of the North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection

- Co-president for the PNW Coast Paddling Club

I believe that the biggest issue facing Rockaway Beach is the security of our Jetty Creek Watershed. There are multiple variables that can influence this life sustaining and crucial resource. It is imperative that our city continue its efforts in seeking the best solutions for securing and shepherding improvements to our Jetty Creek Watershed to ensure clean and abundant water for generations

to come.

Tangential to this is the city's infrastructure such that it robustly addresses impacts to the efficiency, availability, and transport of this valuable resource.

I humbly ask you for your vote. I promise to continue to lead with my core values of honesty, transparency, and integrity, while approaching problem solving in a pragmatic fashion. I will continue working collaboratively with my fellow city councilors, mayor, city manager, and excellent city staff to support community-based infrastructure improvement projects such as the state-of-the-art Anchor Street Park, Lake Lytle improvements, Wayside access improvements, and more. These types of projects make Rockaway Beach more livable for our residents as well as those that love to visit here.

Candidates

Tillamook PUD

Zone 1

Tamra Perman

My name is Tamra Perman and I moved to Tillamook in 2015 to be the Director of continuous improvement for TCCA.

I have over 35 years of leadership experience within industry including roles from the shop floor to corporate level. I was honored to be elected to the Tillamook Bay

Community College Board of Directors in 2017 and have served continuously since then. I am also part of the Tillamook Working Lands and Waters Coop. Earlier this year I was appointed to fill the Subdistrict #1 Director role for TPUD and am seeking to maintain that position.

Balancing the ever-increasing demands for power with the ever-changing

regulatory requirements to maintain our affordable and reliable power. Continue leveraging my professional experience to provide insight and learn as much as possible about the industry. I retired from TCCA to work full time at our family business (JAndy Oyster Co). This provides me the flexibility to attend the various external meetings and trainings

Zone 1

My life and work here have prepared me for this role. I have volunteered in various educational, fundraising and athletic capacities. I enjoyed getting to know many of our South County students and families as a long-term sub for the school district, art classes at Slug Soup and teaching young adults at St. Joseph's.

I have managed a copyright business, worked in all levels of food service and property management. Currently, I work as a broker for Kiwanda Coastal Properties and a school counselor for South Prairie School. These experiences have become great job qualifications as I am personally aware of the needs of our local families. My love and knowledge of our community will be the most valuable tools I will use to serve. Currently,

as a counselor, I am a trained listener.

I also enjoy serving on a utility board for the Cloverdale Water Board. This training, board experience and my dedication will bring a creative, fresh, hard-working director to represent our area.

The biggest issue facing TPUDs board would be preparation for the future and beginning the planning for future energy needs with growth, expansion and alternative energy sources. To prepare we can all be heard and help face this issue as we look to future successes. TPUD, Tillamook People's Utility District- our name is in there, it is the people's. Let's shine bright, vote Samek for a true ear and a voice, diligently representing the ideas and concerns of our area.

and management experience (corporate, government and school board related). Additionally, I am committed to helping to ensure an environment for all community members (business, family & guests) that is transparent, safe, welcoming and provides for the needs for healthy living and growth. I graduated from Garibaldi Grade School

and Neah-Kah-Nie High School. As a third-generation resident of Tillamook County I want to follow in the footsteps of my mother, Linda Terhune and grandmother, Val Harris to give back to my community in any and every way possible. It was my honor and privilege to serve my country, and it is my honor and privilege to serve my community.

Maile Samek

Hello, my name is Maile Samek. I would love your vote for TPUD Director of Subdivision #1. I have lived in Cloverdale, in the heart of the Nestucca Valley, for over 20 years. My husband Victor and I have raised our six kids here, with the last two students in Nestucca High School now.

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Priorities would include utilizing my skills and expertise to continue the current rebuilding of a foundation for Garibaldi that is forward thinking, transparent, fiscally responsible and sustainable. I have years of large budget preparation, accounting,



Lonnie Jenck

My name is Lonnie Jenck (57), a lifelong native of Tillamook. I have dedicated my life to serving our community in various capacities, with over 20 years' experience owning multiple retail businesses in our downtown to volunteering with our church finance council. I have served on various boards, including Urban Renewal and currently reside

Zone 2

on multiple water districts, which makes me uniquely qualified to bring fresh perspectives to the Tillamook People's Utility District (TPUD) board.

One of my top priorities is to ensure accountability and transparency regarding the future direction of our PUD. It's essential the community has a clear understanding of the company's goals, financial health and the strategies implemented. I have found it difficult to find current meeting minutes since 2019 which I believe undermines trust and makes the process harder for residents to be engaged in the decision-making process.

As we move towards an energy landscape that increasingly relies on electricity, TPUD must innovate and adapt to meet our community's needs while maintaining affordability. My commit-

ment to transparency means prioritizing open discussions about infrastructure development and community projects, allowing us to collectively shape the direction of our utility.

If elected, my goals will focus on enhancing communication within the community, ensuring their voices are heard and priorities are addressed. With my extensive background in business management and community service, I am dedicated to fostering a collaborative environment where we can work together to create a sustainable, efficient, and responsive utility.

Together we can transform TPUD into a model of accountability and community focus, building a brighter future for all of Tillamook County. I urge you to support my candidacy for the TPUD board.

Zone 2

dedicated myself to serving the community through various volunteer boards, including the Kiwanis Club, Tillamook School Board, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association and the Tillamook Revitalization Association. I've also contributed to public budget committees for the City of Tillamook, Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency, Tillamook County Transportation District and Tillamook Bay Community College.

As the Executive Director of the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 13 years, I've had the opportunity to serve on regional and statewide boards and engage with state agencies. When I first applied for the Chamber role, I wanted to serve the



Justin Aufdermauer

My name is Justin Aufdermauer, and I'm 39 years old. I'm a fourth-generation Tillamook native, and I am deeply committed to making our community a better place for future generations.

For the past 20 years, I've

community full-time—a passion that remains strong today.

I bring a broad range of skills, including finance and strategic planning, which are vital for serving on the Tillamook PUD Board. Most importantly, I possess a deep understanding of our community. I work closely with both commercial and industrial businesses and recognize that residents are at various stages of life, all deserving reliable, affordable power. This balanced perspective will guide my fair and equitable decision-making.

The biggest challenge is the upcoming contract with the Bonneville Power

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City of Wheeler

Mayor

William Goulardt

My name is William "Willow Bill" Goulardt, I am 55 years of age. Moved to Wheeler in 1996 and spent 12 years 2006-2018 between Nevada and California and Wheeler, 2019-2020 in Oregon fighting cancer, 2021-present Wheeler.

Tillamook County endorsed me in 2003 with financial backing to explore the Lewis and Clark 200th anniversary...\$200.00.....ten years later I returned with the national treasure.... Flying Eagle canoe....as owner/captain.

Seven years on the Wheeler Business Association we're we purchased gateway signs, the Wheeler kiosk, and thru events.....Wheeler Crab

and Salmon festivals.

25 years of communication with county and state representatives, along with an active positive relationship with the Botts Marsh developer and a great relationship with the Port of Tillamook thru past volunteering activities.....Actually, there are 2....

1. Water issue with Manzanita.

I will have this fairly resolved by Jan. 1, 2025.

2. Development of Botts Marsh/new train station.....North of town.

We will get water issues resolved, special session on Nov. 6.

The getting of a lawyer.....As mayor, by end of November, I'd put Port and developer on site (Botts Marsh)

.... I would suggest we install new toilets out near new train station/platform, I would suggest a trolley to be put in to transport people back to town(marine drive, 100 yards maybe. Back and forth....t2t trolley the Oregon scenic trail ride is one of the best businesses in town as far as bringing people to us.....

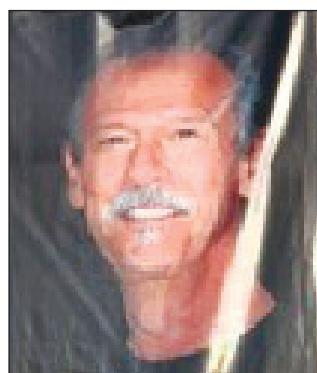
Reuse center of town and bring back Wheeler's history.....

Norm Laknes learning and cultural center

A dugout canoe in 30-foot-long cases on both sides of existing train station and one entering the new train station north of town.

I have many more ideas we have already started in Wheeler peace out...let's go.

Councilor



Garry Gitzen

My name is Garry Gitzen, a Vietnam veteran from April 1968-April 1969. I have lived in Wheeler since 1999.

I've been attending city council meetings for more than 20 years. I'm a former Wheeler business owner and past President

of the Wheeler Business Association. A vision committee member, 8 years on the Wheeler budget committee, and a past Chamber of Commerce member and volunteer. I've written 7 Oregon history books, and I am the current publisher of The Wheeler Voice, Wheeler's local news.

Wheeler's biggest issue, I believe from my research is that we have the highest water rates in the United States. We also have many vacant commercial properties which makes Wheeler appear seedy and unfriendly.

My priorities would be to lower the water rates, build a new water tank allowing for the poison chlorine from our well to 'burn off', as does Manza-

nita who shares our water system, before it enters our Wheeler public water system. We must provide an environment for the community and businesses to thrive, as we have done in the past, to highlight the city with the best views on the North Oregon coast.

Of course, I cannot do it all alone. Ben Franklin's brief comment we've all heard: "A republic, if you can keep it" should not cause us to under-value its essential meaning. He continued with: "Democratic republics, are not merely founded upon the consent [vote] of the people, they are also absolutely dependent upon the activity and informed involvement of the people. "

Candidates

City of Tillamook

Council

Richard Reidt

My name is Richard Reidt, I am 39 years old and have lived in Tillamook since January 2021.

My work background is primarily in operational management of food and hospitality. Most of my career has involved working with building relationships

and budgets, and focusing on identifying and addressing operational problem areas. I would like the opportunity to do the same for Tillamook.

Like communities all over the country people are having a hard time doing anything without permission, interference, regulation or oversight. The big-

gest issue facing Tillamook is the inability to fix the issues the citizens that live here want fixed.

My top priorities are to represent the values of this community, to get the government out of the way of the people and do my part as a neighbor to maintain a clean and safe place for our families to live.

City of Wheeler

Mayor



Denise Donohue

My name is Denise Donohue. I am 54 years old and have been a resident of Wheeler for seven years, although my family and I have proudly owned our home in the community for 18 years.

I bring 25 years of experience as a school counselor, beginning my career in Connecticut and Las Vegas before relocating to Wheeler seven years ago. My diverse background includes serving as a drug

and alcohol counselor and later as a crisis counselor and suicide prevention specialist for the Tillamook School District. I have also participated in the Southern Nevada Community Gang Task Force, coordinated Domestic Violence Awareness Month events, and planned initiatives for the Rape Crisis Center.

My involvement in the Education Policy Fellowship Program deepened my understanding of policy development. As the owner of Optimal Life Coaching, I gained valuable business skills that will aid my vision for Wheeler's growth.

I acknowledge the current council's efforts to improve Wheeler but recognize ongoing challenges, including high water bills, waterfront property protection, downtown flooding from Gervais Creek and vacant buildings along Highway 101. The core issue is a lack of funding

to tackle these problems. If elected, my priority will be to promote responsible growth that aligns with Wheeler's vision and values. I plan to seek alternative funding sources, such as grants, tourism events, and new businesses, to secure resources needed to address these concerns and drive community progress.

If elected mayor, my priorities will be to protect Wheeler's vision and promote responsible growth while lowering water bills. Supporting local businesses, the backbone of our community, will be essential, alongside seeking diverse funding sources. I will advocate for increasing police presence to ensure the safety of our town and work to enhance community involvement and transparency between the council and residents. Together, we can create a thriving, secure environment for all.

Candidates

County Sheriff



Sheriff Joshua Brown

Sheriff Brown: Joshua Brown, 50 years old, born and raised in Tillamook so 50 years.

I have been with the Sheriff's Office since 2005 and have served as a corrections deputy, a patrol deputy, and as Sheriff since 2021. I served on the Tillamook County Fair Board for many years as well as a youth sports coach for

both baseball and football.

Staff shortages and increasing call volumes are at the top of the list as well as significant legislative changes and mandates.

My priorities have always been the Sheriff's Office and the Community. Specifically, the health and wellbeing of all the staff in the Sheriff's Office and the safety and wellbeing of our community and the citizens within.

House District 32



Democrat Andy Davis

My name is Andy Davis, I'm 46, and I've lived in the district since 2015.

I'm currently a city councilor in Astoria, and I've previously served in a variety of appointed positions in city and county government: Chair for the Clatsop County Budget Committee and their Comprehensive

Plan County-wide Citizen

Advisory Committee, and also a member of the City of Astoria Budget Committee. I'm also a member of the Copeland Commons board, a 501c3 nonprofit working to provide workforce housing in downtown Astoria. Professionally, I'm a research analyst for Oregon Health Authority and report to the State on trends within the healthcare workforce. Before joining OHA, I worked as an analyst in Behavioral Health. I have a broad background with issues around housing, budgeting, healthcare, and Oregon's development laws.

My priorities are increasing housing supply, augmenting the health care workforce, securing safe water supplies for district communities, and stabilizing the funding stream for transportation so that rural highways get the maintenance and improvements they need. I'm also committed to the state granting assistance to communities and special districts whose revenue will be impacted by the Habitat Conservation Plan. I am also a staunch supporter of protecting women's reproductive rights in Oregon.

partnerships.

I advocate for local businesses, health, safety, environment, education, families, and those retired

Use of tourism money, regenerative tourism, community teaching & learning, A We Speak Program

Harmony between the Chamber of Commerce, Business Association, and city government.

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adapt interpersonal approaches to meet the complexities of each situation. It's through these qualities that we can bring our community together and move forward with purpose.

My priorities are:

- Restore workforce housing



Christy Nyseth

My name is Christy Nyseth and I am 54 years old. I was raised in Tillamook from the age of 2 and moved away after graduation but returned to Tillamook in late 2000 to raise my children.

I have been employed by Tillamook County since 2008 and have been in the Tillamook County Clerk's office since July of 2011. In November of 2012 I was promoted to Chief Deputy County Clerk and held that position until being appointed Tillamook County Clerk in August of 2023 and was sworn into office on September 1, 2023. I have completed education and training with the Oregon Association of County Clerks and hold the certifications of Certified Elections Administrator (CEA) and Certified Recordings Administrator (CRA). With over 13 years

of Elections and Recordings experience I feel I am very qualified to hold the office of Tillamook County Clerk.

One of the most significant responsibilities of the County Clerk's office is overseeing elections. Ensuring that our elections remain secure, transparent and free from interference is more important than ever. With growing concerns about election integrity nationwide, it's crucial that the Clerk's office fosters public trust by providing transparent processes and accurate results.

If elected, my priorities will continue to be 1. Election Security and Integrity as stated above. 2. Modernization of Records Management: Embracing digital solutions, improving online access, and implementing efficient document storage systems will be essential to provide faster, more convenient service to residents while ensuring the security and preservation of these critical documents.

3. Access and Public Engagement: Enhancing public engagement through outreach, education, and clear communication will help residents understand the services available to them, from registering to vote to accessing public records. 4. Budget

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Administration (BPA). Since Tillamook PUD purchases the majority of its power from BPA, it's crucial to secure the lowest tiered rate while investing in reliable infrastructure to maintain both affordable and reliable power.

My top priority is ensuring reliable and affordable power.

County Clerk

Constraints and Resource Management: Like many government offices, the County Clerk's office operates within a limited budget. Balancing the need to modernize services, maintain staff, and address growing demands while working within these constraints is a challenging task. Identifying cost-effective solutions, securing grants, and ensuring efficient resource allocation will be essential for maintaining a high level of service without overburdening taxpayers.

5. Continue to Adapt to Legislative Changes: The County Clerk's office must stay up to date with evolving state and federal laws, especially those affecting elections, public records, and marriage licensing. Adapting to legislative changes and ensuring that staff members are well-trained to implement new regulations is an ongoing challenge that requires vigilance and a commitment to ongoing education. Addressing these issues will require a combination of innovation, transparency, and a commitment to serving the needs of all Tillamook County residents. By focusing on these areas, the County Clerk's office can continue to be a trusted and efficient resource for our community.

Beyond that, I believe TPUD must ground future decisions in partnerships with landowners and the community. As a people's utility, we need to focus not just on infrastructure but also on aligning investments with mission focused workforce development and community energy-saving programs. By doing so, we can ensure long-term reliability and benefits for all ratepayers.

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an economic focus on mom-and-pop businesses, including STRs.

I will continue to champion projects citizens support, like beach access, Lake Lytle and the watershed.

Focus on building and strengthening local neighboring, municipal, and county

- Protect the economy
- Restore our parks and recreation department

- Unify Rockaway by annexing Twin Rocks and Nedonna Beach

- Restoring government accountability, honesty and transparency

- Build on our emergency services
- Protect our watershed

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PUD Board
Position 3



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Facts about the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is a document that indicates the founding principles of the United States of America. The declaration was issued by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and announced the separation of the 13 British colonies in North America from the United Kingdom.

That significance means the public may want to learn more about the Declaration of Independence. Here are some key facts.

1. While Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, it was carefully reviewed and modified by other members of the Continental Congress, notably John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.

2. The Continental Congress actually voted for independence on July 2, 1776. The written Declaration was dated July 4, 1776, but it wasn't actually signed until August 2nd of that year. John Adams thought July 2nd would be



marked as the national holiday.

3. Fifty-six delegates signed the Declaration of Independence, but not all were present on that day in August.

4. While many know that John Hancock signed first, with his prominent signature readily visible, it is believed that Thomas McKean of Delaware was the last person to sign.

5. Others signed according to state delegation and in columns, starting with the northernmost state (New Hampshire) to the southernmost (Georgia).

6. About 200 copies of

the Dunlap Broadside were printed. Today, 26 copies remain.

7. The original rough draft of the Declaration of Independence has been lost.

8. The Declaration of Independence was not universally accepted, and many people in the colonies remained loyal to the British monarchy and opposed American independence.

9. The Declaration of Independence has a message written on the back of it. It reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."



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THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSES

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CHRISTY NYSETH FOR COUNTY CLERK

WE BELIEVE THAT RESTORING THE BALANCE OF POWER IN OUR STATE SERVES EVERYONE!



Dear Neighbors,

In January 2024 I was honored to be appointed to fill the vacant position of Subdivision 1 Director for the Tillamook Peoples Utility District (TPUD).

TAMRA PERMAN

Since stepping into this role, I have enjoyed learning the complexities of TPUD operations and the essential services we provide to our community.

It is a rewarding experience learning how TPUD impacts our county's infrastructure and planning for its future growth.

I feel deeply connected to this community and I am committed to ensuring that TPUD continues to deliver reliable, sustainable, and affordable power to everyone in our area.

I truly hope you will elect me as your representative on the Tillamook Peoples Utility District Board of Directors so I can continue the important work and keep serving our community.

Thank you for your vote.

Tamra Perman

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Rockaway Beach All Candidate Forum

October 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Moderated by Tillamook Headlight Herald
Publisher Joe Warren**

Neah Kah Nie School District Office
504 North Third Street in Rockaway Beach



Tillamook
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**In the November 5, 2024
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**Tillamook County Democrats
Endorse the Following Candidates**

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Suzanne Bonamici

U.S. House of Representatives, District 1

Andy Davis

Oregon House of Representatives, District 32

Tobias Read

Oregon Secretary of State

Elizabeth Steiner

Oregon State Treasurer

Dan Rayfield

Oregon State Attorney General

The following local candidate has requested and received endorsement of the Tillamook County Democrats

Mary Leverette

City Council, Wheeler

**Tillamook County Democrats Strongly Urge
the Following Votes on Ballot Measures**

YES Oregon Measure 115: A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow the Oregon State Legislature to impeach and remove elected state executives, including the governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, and commissioner of labor and industries.

YES Oregon Measure 116: A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to establish the Independent Public Service Compensation Commission to determine certain public officials' salaries.

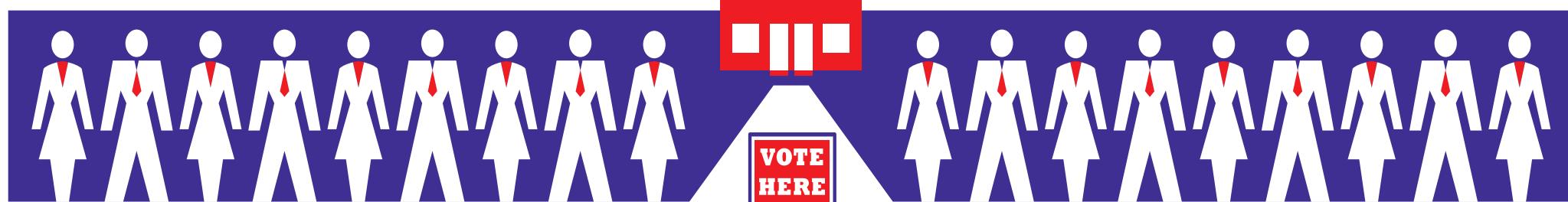
YES Tillamook County Measure 29-180: A "yes" vote supports updating and expanding obsolete public safety communications system for emergency responders; issues \$24,400,000 in bonds; audits required.

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Electing the President of the United States

The process of electing a President was  set up in the United States Constitution.



The Constitution requires a candidate for the presidency to be:

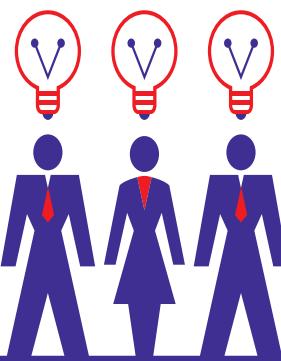
So how does one become President of the United States? The following steps outline the general process for presidential elections.



- At least 35 years old
- A natural born citizen of the United States
- A resident of the United States for 14 years

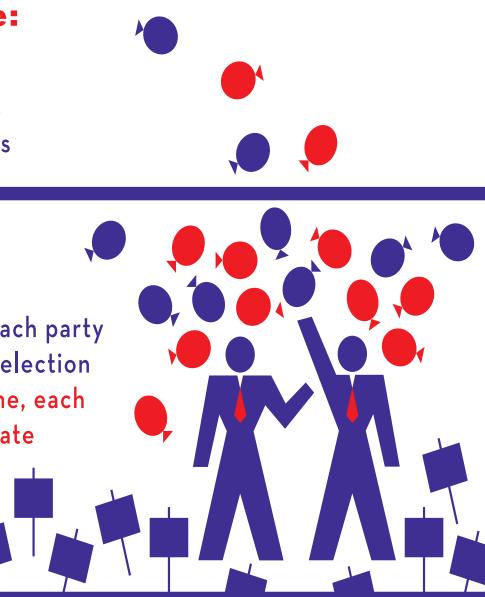
Step 1: Primaries and Caucuses

There are many people who would like to become President. Each of these people have their own ideas about how our government should work. Some of these people can belong to the same political party. That's where primaries and caucuses come in. In these elections, party members get to vote for the candidate that will represent their party in the upcoming general election.



Step 2: National Conventions

At the end of the primaries and caucuses, each party holds a national convention to finalize the selection of one Presidential nominee. During this time, each Presidential candidate chooses a running-mate (or Vice-Presidential candidate).



Step 3: The General (or Popular) Election

When each party is represented by one candidate, the general election process begins. Candidates campaign throughout the country in an attempt to win the support of voters. In November, the people vote for one candidate.



When a person casts a vote in the general election, they are not voting directly for an individual Presidential candidate. Instead, voters in each state actually cast their vote for a group of people, known as electors. These electors are part of the Electoral College and are supposed to vote for their state's preferred candidate.

Step 4: The Electoral College

In the Electoral College system, each state gets a certain number of electors, based on each state's total number of representation in Congress. Each elector gets one electoral vote.

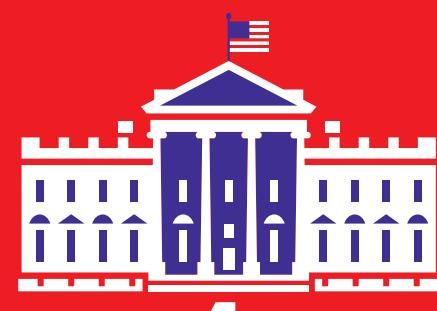


For example, a large state like California gets 54 electoral votes, while Rhode Island gets only four. All together, there are 538 electoral votes.

In December (following the general election), the electors cast their votes.

When the votes are counted on January 6th, the Presidential candidate that gets more than half (270) wins the election.

The President-elect and Vice President-elect take the oath of office and are inaugurated two weeks later, on January 20th.





PROPOSED MEASURE 29-180

Public Safety Emergency Communications System Bond

Measure 29-180, if passed, would modernize the county's decades old public safety emergency communications system that first responders rely on in an emergency. It is used by local first responder and law enforcement agencies, including:

- Adventist Health Tillamook Ambulance
- Tillamook County Emergency Communications District (9-1-1)
- Tillamook County Sheriff's Office
- Local Police & Fire Departments and Districts



The Current System Is Over 20 Years Old

The current system lacks reliable, countywide coverage because of its age and does not align with new state and federal standards. Components of the system are 20 to 30 years old and rely on older technology, causing gaps in coverage and inconsistent communication.

If the Measure Passes, the System Would be Upgraded

Upgrading the public safety communications system would enhance the ability of first responders to react to emergencies in the county. Whether it be a multi vehicle-accident, major crimes, a fire, or coastal or inland flooding events, it is important for first responders to have the means to communicate and organize efficiently.

Cost to Average Homeowner

If passed, Measure 29-180 would cost approximately \$0.33 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The average homeowner in Tillamook County would pay approximately \$7.91 a month, or \$94.95 a year. The tax would continue for 16 years. If the measure does not pass, the county would not upgrade the system and property taxes would not increase.