

voters' pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special District Election | **May 16, 2023**





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Dear Yamhill County Voter:

This Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet has been prepared to inform and educate voters regarding local candidates and measures in the May 16, 2023 Special District Election.

This pamphlet includes the ballot measures and explanatory statements designed to provide impartial information. It also contains paid arguments for or against certain measures. The candidate statements and measure arguments contained in this pamphlet are printed as submitted and have not been verified for accuracy by the county. Candidates are not required to submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet, so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the pamphlet.

Ballots will be mailed on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- **Mail** your voted ballot in your postage-paid return envelope or drop it off at an Official Ballot Drop Box **by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2023**. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.
- Ballots deposited in an Official Ballot Drop Box get to us faster and are postage free. We have sixteen Official Ballot Drop Sites in the county with one located in each city. Look for the list of sites in this pamphlet or on the county's website. You may deposit your ballot at any drop site 24 hours per day.
- As of January 1, 2022, postmarks can count! Your ballot return envelope must be **signed**, postmarked **on or before** Election Day, and received by the County Clerk's office **within seven days** after Election Day.
- Candidate names on your ballot will appear in random alphabetical order. In accordance with ORS 254.155, random ordering of the letters is conducted by the Secretary of State's office prior to each election.
- This Voters' Pamphlet includes all measures and races in Yamhill County for this election. Your official ballot will only include those candidates and measures that you are eligible to vote on, based on where you live.
- The signature on each voter's ballot return envelope is verified against the voter's signature on file. The signatures must match before a ballot can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.
- If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox or drop it in one of our Official Ballot Drop Boxes.
- **New this year**, the optional secrecy sleeve is no longer included with your ballot packet because the ballot return envelope has been enhanced with a printed security weave on the inside that protects the privacy of your ballot. Your privacy and secrecy of your vote has always been and will continue to be protected throughout the ballot counting process. This decision has been formally approved by the Oregon Secretary of State's office and will save money and staff time.

Keri Hinton
Yamhill County Clerk

Translation Information

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets in Oregon's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English. The bill's requirements were implemented for the first time in the 2022 General Election.

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlets are available in Simplified Chinese, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx.

本州选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx, 获取译本。

Bestimmte Teile dieser bundesstaatlichen Wahlbroschüre sind auf deutsch verfügbar. Diese Übersetzungen finden Sie online unter sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx.

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого штата доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx.

Algunas secciones de estos folletos para votantes del estado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx.

Các phần được chọn trong tập tài liệu cử tri tiểu bang này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/vp-yamhill.aspx.

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Voting Information

Voter Information

To be eligible to vote in the May 16, 2023, Special District Election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., April 25, 2023.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a United States citizen
- You are at least 16 years of age (*you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day*)
- You are a resident of Oregon.

YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change your party affiliation

You may **register to voter** or **update your registration** at www.oregonvotes.gov

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Postage-paid, purple-trimmed return envelope to return your ballot (don't forget to sign)
- Insert regarding the following:
 - Yamhill County no longer uses the optional secrecy sleeve. The ballot return envelope has a printed security weave on the inside that protects your privacy and the secrecy of your vote.

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 - Newberg, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT:

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7580 - Newberg.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT:

- Insert ballot into the purple-trimmed return envelope
- **Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.**
- The signature of each voter's ballot return envelope is verified against the voter's signature on file. The signature must match before it can be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.
- Mail (no stamp required) or place the return envelope in an Official Ballot Drop Box

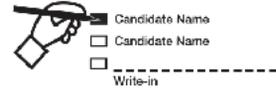
VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES:

If you need assistance with voting or casting your ballot, call the Yamhill County Elections office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850 – Newberg. We can provide assistance or you may authorize a friend, family member, or other trusted person, who are not affiliated with your employer or union, to assist you.

How To Cast Your Vote

1 Complete your ballot

- To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice with a pen (blue or black ink). Do not use a felt tip pen.
- To vote for a person not on the ballot, fill in the box next to the “write-in” line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.



2 Check for errors

- If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.
- If you think you made a mistake, call the Yamhill County Elections Office.
- If you would like to change your choice on a contest, draw a solid line through your original choice, then make your next selection.



3 Sign your return envelope

- You must sign your ballot return envelope or **your vote will not count**.
- We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.
- Insert your ballot into the ballot return envelope (not another person's ballot). If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all ballots enclosed will be rejected.



4 Return your ballot

- By mail - stamps are no longer required (*ballot return envelopes in Oregon use prepaid postage*)
- Postmarks can count! Ballots mailed on or before Election Day must have a postmark (or USPS indicator) and must arrive by the 7th day after Election Day to be processed.
- At any Official Drop Site
- At the Yamhill County Elections Office at 414 NE Evans St., McMinnville

Drop Site Locations

All Drop Sites **Open** 24 hours a day – 7 days a week
Starting Friday, April 28, 2023

All Drop Sites **Close** at **8:00 pm**, on Election Day,
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Find a Drop Site Near You:

Amity

Amity City Library
Parking Lot
307 S Trade Street

Carlton

***NEW* Temporary location**

American Legion Hall
Parking Lot
158 E Main Street

Dayton

Dayton City Hall
416 Ferry Street

Dundee

Dundee City Hall
620 SW 5th Street

Lafayette

Lafayette City Hall
486 3rd Street (99W)

McMinnville

Chemeketa - McMinnville Campus
288 NE Norton Lane

Courthouse (inside lobby)
535 NE 5th Street

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box
(East end of Courthouse Parking Lot,
enter on 5th and Ford Streets)

McMinnville Library
225 NW Adams Street

Yamhill County Clerk's Office
(Outside front door and inside lobby)
414 NE Evans Street

Newberg

Newberg Public Safety
401 E 3rd Street

Jaquith Park – West
1215 N Main Street

PCC - Newberg Center
135 Werth Boulevard

Sheridan

Sheridan City Hall
120 SW Mill Street

Willamina

Willamina City Hall
411 NE C Street

Yamhill

Yamhill City Hall
205 S Maple Street

Postmarks can count!

As of January 1, 2022, an Oregon Elections Official can accept and process a ballot that arrived at their office via the USPS if the envelope was postmarked by Election Day.

- Ballot envelopes must be signed
- It must have a Postmark (or USPS indicator) on or before Election Day
- It must arrive by the 7th day after Election Day

Original vs. Reissued/Replacement Ballots

Data is pulled 30 days prior:

The vast majority of our ballot packets are prepared from voter registration data 30 days before the election. That is done so we have 10 days to prepare the packets before mailing them the 20th day before the election.

These ballot packets will have the word **“Original”** between the barcodes above your address.

Changes & Updates:

Voters move, change their name, change political party, spoil their ballot, etc. and that is normal and expected. However, when that happens after the **“Original”** ballot packet was created, a new ballot packet is created and provided to the voter.

These ballot packets will have the word **“Reissued”** or **“Replacement”** between the barcodes above your address

“Original” Ballots Inactivated:

Whether a voter receives a **“Reissued”** or **“Replacement”** ballot, their **“Original”** ballot packet is inactivated.

- Inactivated ballots will be rejected
- Always vote the most recent ballot you have received

“Original” Ballots:

When you see the word **“Original”** between the barcodes above your address, that means you are looking at the first ballot you were issued for that particular election.

“Reissued” or “Replacement” Ballots:

When you see the word **“Reissued”** or **“Replacement”** between the barcodes above your address, that means you are looking at the second or subsequent ballot you were issued for that particular election.

Contact:

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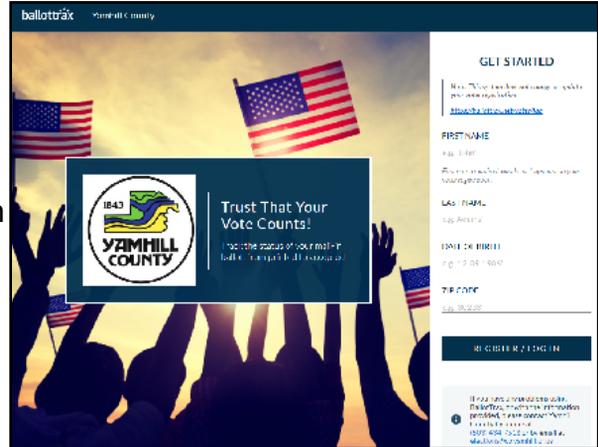
Would you like to receive a text or e-mail message when your ballot has been received by our office?

The Yamhill County Clerk, in partnership with i3Logix, is offering a program to Yamhill County voters that provides notifications regarding their ballot.

Participating voters will receive alerts at different points on their ballot's journey. Text, e-mail or voice alerts will tell voters when the Yamhill County Elections Office has mailed their ballot and when a completed ballot has been received.

Alerts will indicate that your ballot has been accepted, whether it has a non-matching signature or another defect that requires further action by you, the voter.

There is no charge to Yamhill County voters to sign up for this service. Voters will have the option of receiving text, e-mail or voice alerts. Sign up today to begin receiving messages. *Text message charges from your phone service carrier may apply.*



To sign up for this service visit:
<https://yamhillcounty.i3ballot.net/voter/>
(link is external)

Additional information regarding elections and ballot tracking is available at:
<https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/current-year-elections>

If you have any questions about this service, please call Yamhill County Elections at (503) 434-7518 or e-mail us at elections@co.yamhill.or.us.

Scan this QR code to sign up to
Track Your Ballot



Scan this QR code to visit the
Yamhill County Clerk's website



Measure 36-223 Sheridan School District 48J

Ballot Title

36-223

Bonds to Renovate Facilities and Improve Safety of Schools

QUESTION: Shall Sheridan School District No. 48J issue \$16,000,000 principal amount of bonds to renovate schools, safety improvements; receive \$4,000,000 grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: District would receive \$4,000,000 State grant that will only be available if Bonds are approved.

Bonds would finance projects and related equipment, including:

Sheridan High School

Upgrade woodshop, welding classroom
New fire alarm, bell/ intercom systems
Remodel original gymnasium for public multi-use
Renovate old locker rooms for student multi-use
Add/ improve restrooms
Remodel student sick room, main office, meeting room
Improve, expand parking

Faulconer - Chapman School

Remodel entire "old gym" building including:
- Music, choir rooms
- Gym space for multi-use, including community emergency shelter
- Renovate locker rooms/ restrooms

Both Schools

Remodel science classrooms
Exterior, interior security upgrades
Exterior lighting
More secure school entrances

District would establish citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would not be used for Roberts Career Tech Center.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 25 years from issuance. Annual tax rate is estimated to be \$2.52 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. Actual levy rates may differ due to final interest rates and changes in taxable assessed value.

SHS. Their focus was on creating safe and welcoming schools, improved music, choir and science teaching spaces, along with increasing the use of two gymnasiums. Based on their work, the following capital projects would be funded by the Bond measure and grant, if approved:

- Create a more secure school entrance at SHS and FCS
- Increase safety and security with interior and exterior upgrades to FCS and SHS
- Remodel and equip the science classroom at SHS and FCS
- Remodel and equip the music and choir rooms at FCS
- Remodel the SHS main office to add a student sick room, meeting space, and additional restrooms
- Renovate and equip SHS and FCS old gymnasiums for multi-use
- Renovate the FCS locker rooms that are part of the old gymnasium building
- Remodel and equip the SHS locker rooms for student multi-use
- Improve and expand parking at SHS, including paving the field south of the main gym
- Expand, improve, and equip the wood shop and welding space at SHS

Through these projects, the District expects to increase school security, improve the learning spaces for our students, and provide our students and community with updated gymnasiums.

Bond funds can only be used for voter-approved projects

The principal amount would not exceed \$16 million and bonds would mature in 25 years or less from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Sheridan School District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 state matching grant, contingent on the approval of this bond measure.

Annual tax rate is estimated to be \$2.52 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. Actual levy rates may differ due to final interest rates and changes in taxable assessed value.

(This information furnished by Dorie Vickery, Sheridan School District.)

Explanatory Statement

Sheridan School District serves students in southern Yamhill and northern Polk Counties. Currently the District is comprised of two schools, Faulconer-Chapman School (FCS) and Sheridan High School (SHS), with approximately 650 students and expected to continue to grow.

Long Range Facility Plan and Re-Visioning Sheridan High School Beginning in the 2018-19 school year a group of community members, an architectural firm, and school representatives assessed the current facilities and created a Long Range Facility Plan (Plan) for the future. The School Board approved the Plan in January 2020.

Another committee, planning for the November 2022 Bond, reviewed the Plan and participated in a re-visioning process for

Measure 36-224 City of Dundee

Ballot Title

36-224

Five-year levy for emergency medical and fire services

QUESTION: Shall Dundee issue a five-year levy of \$0.65/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning 2023-2024? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, would authorize the City of Dundee to levy taxes to supplement the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services provided to Dundee residents. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy of \$0.65/\$1,000 of assessed value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2023. Current response times do not meet national fire and emergency medical service standards. Revenue from the levy would be used to increase staffing with the goal of improving response times.

The estimated local option taxes over 5 years are:

2023-2024: \$217,235
2024-2025: \$223,752
2025-2026: \$230,465
2026-2027: \$237,379
2027-2028: \$244,500

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total tax raised over 5 years would be \$1,153,331.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

The levy would result in annual taxes of \$130 on a home with an assessed value of \$200,000.

The measure will coincide with a companion ballot measure in the Rural Fire District, which is also asking for \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed value that will not apply in the city.

(This information furnished by Brandon Hamilton, Fire Chief.)

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the City of Dundee to levy \$0.65/\$1,000 of assessed property value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2023. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$217,235 in the first year and \$1,153,331 over 5 years for fire and emergency medical services.

The Dundee Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue, and fire prevention services. The population of Dundee and demand for fire and emergency services have grown. The staffing level in the Dundee Fire Department has fallen below that of comparable Oregon Fire Departments. Response times do not meet national standards for comparable sized cities.

This revenue would be used to increase staffing to provide a guaranteed response 24-hours a day, with the goal of improving response times to reach people more quickly in the event of a fire or medical emergency. The increased funding could also pay for additional training and equipment, to maintain well trained fire and emergency medical personnel.

If approved, the proposed levy would pay for the following:

- Hiring firefighter/EMT's to help ensure sufficient personnel arrive within the initial minutes of an emergency 24 hours a day.
- Supporting positions in training and fire prevention.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

Measure 36-224 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Dundee Firefighters support Measure 36-224 because it allows for investments in staffing that we need to provide professional and reliable service to our community.

It is an honor to serve the people living in our service area, and we are grateful for the support you have shown us in the past. Over the past 5 years, calls for service have increased significantly.

If Measure 36-224 passes, it would provide significant benefits.

- It provides funding to maintain current staffing and add additional firefighters to respond to emergencies in the growing Dundee Area.
- Add additional certified EMT's to serve the significant increase in medical calls to the community.
- Increase the availability of units to respond to simultaneous calls.

For these reasons, Dundee Firefighters urge a YES vote on Measure 36-224

In service,

Jeff Myers, Shop Steward
Tualatin Valley Firefighters
IAFF Local 1660

(This information furnished by Jeff Myers, Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 1660.)

Argument in Favor

Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer's Support of Measure 36-224:

It has been such an amazing honor to serve the residents of Dundee through adverse and unprecedented demand for emergency services. Through wildfires, the COVID pandemic, ice storms, and unusual weather conditions, our volunteer firefighters have been here to keep this community safe.

Along with other fire departments across the country, we have struggled to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters over the last several years. The increasing demands on required training hours and certifications make being a volunteer firefighter increasingly difficult.

Currently we have a career staff of a fire chief and three firefighters that work 8-5 Monday through Friday. Volunteers cover the rest of the time. With our struggles in retaining volunteers, we struggle with ensuring a response in the mornings between the time(s) career staff arrive and volunteers need to leave for work, and after career staff leave and before volunteers get home from work.

The Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteers ask for your vote in support.

This levy will provide funding to hire three additional career firefighters. This will ensure we have staffing 24 hours a day/ 365 days a year to respond to medical and fire incidents. This is important as a fast response time is critical to survivability in the event of a heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, or significant trauma. It is also critical for fire suppression efforts, as fire rapidly grows and progresses.

Your support of this levy will allow us to better serve you. Please join us in voting YES for Measure 36-224 and help us provide you with better service for a safer Dundee.

Doug Stewart Jr., President

Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer Firefighters Association

(This information furnished by Doug Stewart, Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer Firefighter Association.)

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Measure 36-224 Arguments

Argument in Favor

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS

MEASURE 36-224

The Dundee City Council is asking you to join us in voting YES on this local option levy to improve our fire department's response times to medical and fire emergencies.

Why does the Dundee Fire Department need more resources now?

The Dundee Fire Department response times do not meet national standards for comparable sized cities and response times have been declining due to population growth and increasing demand. In an emergency, every minute makes the difference between live or death. This levy will improve emergency response times and save lives by added paid staff to ensure a 24-hour a day-7 days a week response to medical and fire emergencies.

What will the money raised by this levy pay for?

This levy would allow the Dundee Fire Department to add three additional paid firefighter/EMT's to the staff. Adding these staff members would allow the fire station to be staffed 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, for medical, fire or traffic emergency response. In addition, some funds will be used for training and firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.

In the past, we have relied upon a robust volunteer firefighter force, and we are truly grateful for their service. However, availability of volunteers has decreased in recent years, making the recruitment and retention increasingly difficult. More paid firefighters will fill this gap and improve overall service and response times the citizens of Dundee.

How much will this cost each property owner?

The levy will cost \$0.65 per \$1,000 in assessed property value each year over the next five years. This rate would result in annual taxes of \$130.00 on a home with an assessment of \$200,000. (A property's assessed value is lower than is market value.)

Join us and vote YES for Measure 36-224

Dundee City Council

(This information furnished by David Ford, Dundee City Councilor.)

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Measure 36-225 Dundee Rural Fire Protection District

Ballot Title

36-225

Five-year levy for emergency medical and fire services

QUESTION: Shall Dundee Rural Fire District issue a five-year levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning 2023-2024? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The measure, if approved, would authorize the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District to levy taxes to supplement the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services provided to District residents. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2023. Current response times do not meet national fire and emergency medical service standards. Revenue from the levy would be used to increase staffing with the goal of improving response times.

The estimated local option taxes over 5 years are:

2023-2024: \$264,695
2024-2025: \$272,636
2025-2026: \$280,815
2026-2027: \$289,239
2027-2028: \$297,916

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total tax raised over 5 years would be \$1,405,301.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

The levy would result in annual taxes of \$200 on a home with an assessed value of \$200,000.

The measure will coincide with a companion ballot measure in the City of Dundee, which is also asking for \$0.65/\$1,000 of assessed value that will not apply in the district.

(This information furnished by Brandon Hamilton, Fire Chief.)

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District to levy \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed property value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2023. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$264,695 in the first year and \$1,405,301 over 5 years for fire and emergency medical services.

The Dundee Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue, and fire prevention services. The population of Dundee Fire District and demand for fire and emergency services have grown. The staffing level in the Dundee Fire Department has fallen below that of comparable Oregon Fire Departments. Response times do not meet national standards for comparable sized organizations.

This revenue would be used to increase staffing to provide a guaranteed response 24-hours a day, with the goal of improving response times to reach people more quickly in the event of a fire or medical emergency. The increased funding could also pay for additional training and equipment, to maintain well trained fire and emergency medical personnel.

If approved, the proposed levy would pay for the following:

- Hiring firefighter/EMT's to help ensure sufficient personnel arrive within the initial minutes of an emergency 24 hours a day.
- Supporting positions in training and fire prevention.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

Measure 36-225 Arguments

Argument in Favor

DUNDEE RURAL FIRE BOARD SUPPORTS MEASURE 36-225

The Dundee Fire District lacks the funding necessary to properly staff the Dundee fire station 24/7. There are “shoulder times”, 6:00-8:00am and 5:00-6:00pm, where there may not be adequate staffing at the station because the paid staff are not working at that time and our volunteers are traveling due to their primary occupation. We do have support from the surrounding districts during this time, but that may cause a delay when critical care is needed quickly. This levy would allow the Dundee Fire Department to add three additional paid firefighter/EMT’s to the staff. Adding three additional staff members would allow the station to be staffed 24/7 for all medical, fire or traffic emergencies.

Dundee Rural Fire Protection District has had the same funding rate for decades. We have the lowest millage rate in the county, and we contract with the City of Dundee Fire Department for fire and rescue services. We are asking for this 5-year local option for additional funding because it is critical to providing essential emergency services while we investigate long term funding solutions. During a medical emergency, seconds make a difference between life and death. Having staff on site 24/7 is a necessity to ensure the quickest response as possible.

Our volunteers serve our community with pride, and their service is very much appreciated. Like a lot of the surrounding communities, Dundee too has felt the difficulties of retaining local volunteers, yet the request for service continues to rise. Every aspect of running a station has increased in cost while the tax rate has remained the same. The rural district has been able to keep an incredibly low permanent tax rate of \$0.558 per-thousands of assessed values and that simply is not enough to support our fire department.

Join us and vote YES for Measure 36-225

(This information furnished by Dundee Rural Fire Protection District Board.)

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Argument in Favor

Dundee Firefighters support Measure 36-225 because it allows for investments in staffing that we need to provide professional and reliable service to our community.

It is an honor to serve the people living in our service area, and we are grateful for the support you have shown us in the past. Over the past 5 years, calls for service have increased significantly.

If Measure 36-225 passes, it would provide significant benefits.

- It provides funding to maintain current staffing and add additional firefighters to respond to emergencies in the growing Dundee Area.
- Add additional certified EMT’s to serve the significant increase in medical calls to the community.
- Increase the availability of units to respond to simultaneous calls.

For these reasons, Dundee Firefighters urge a YES vote on Measure 36-225

In service,

Jeff Myers, Shop Steward
Tualatin Valley Firefighters
IAFF Local 1660

(This information furnished by Jeff Myers, Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 1660.)

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Measure 36-225 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer's Support of Measure 36-225:

It has been such an amazing honor to serve the residents of Dundee through adverse and unprecedented demand for emergency services. Through wildfires, the COVID pandemic, ice storms, and unusual weather conditions, our volunteer firefighters have been here to keep this community safe.

Along with other fire departments across the country, we have struggled to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters over the last several years. The increasing demands on required training hours and certifications make being a volunteer firefighter increasingly difficult.

Currently we have a career staff of a fire chief and three firefighters that work 8-5 Monday through Friday. Volunteers cover the rest of the time. With our struggles in retaining volunteers, we struggle with ensuring a response in the mornings between the time(s) career staff arrive and volunteers need to leave for work, and after career staff leave and before volunteers get home from work.

The Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteers ask for your vote in support.

This levy will provide funding to hire three additional career firefighters. This will ensure we have staffing 24 hours a day/ 365 days a year to respond to medical and fire incidents. This is important as a fast response time is critical to survivability in the event of a heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, or significant trauma. It is also critical for fire suppression efforts, as fire rapidly grows and progresses.

Your support of this levy will allow us to better serve you. Please join us in voting YES for Measure 36-225 and help us provide you with better service for a safer Dundee.

Doug Stewart Jr., President

Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer Firefighters Association

(This information furnished by Doug Stewart, Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer Firefighter Association.)

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Measure 36-226 McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District

Ballot Title

36-226

Dissolution of McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District

QUESTION: Shall the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District be dissolved, contingent on formation of new district?

SUMMARY: Measure would dissolve McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District and eliminate McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District's permanent tax rate. Measure would take effect only if separate measure for Formation of MCMINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT is approved by voters. All assets and liabilities of McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District would transfer to MCMINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT including Reserve Funds in accordance with Resolution 2023-01. Plan of dissolution is available for examination at the office of the county clerk. Currently, McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District contracts with the City of McMinnville for fire and emergency medical services. Beginning July 1, 2023, MCMINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT would provide fire protection and emergency medical services using a combination of volunteer and career personnel. MCMINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT would include all property in the existing McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District and the City of McMinnville. Employees of McMinnville Fire Department will become employees of MCMINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT.

services, and services would continue to be provided by a mix of professional and volunteer staff. If both measures pass and the existing district is dissolved, the current permanent property tax rate for the district of \$0.9735 per thousand of assessed value will no longer be assessed. Further details on the dissolution of the Rural Fire District are available from the Yamhill County Clerk's office.

The Rural Fire Protection District is experiencing growing budget constraints; the 2022-2023 budget requirements exceed budgeted revenues, requiring the utilization of reserve funds. If both measures do not pass, the new combined district would not be created, and the Rural Fire Protection District Board would attempt to maintain current service levels. The improvements brought about by creating the new fire district would not be implemented and the Board would likely be unable to budget for additional staff, new response vehicles, or new substations.

(This information furnished by Rich Leipfert, Fire Chief.)

Explanatory Statement

If adopted, this measure will dissolve the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District, so long as voters also approve the separate ballot measure for formation of a new McMinnville Fire District to serve the residents of both the current Rural Fire District and the City of McMinnville. Currently, through a contract, the City of McMinnville Fire Department provides services to the rural areas surrounding the City, known as the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District.

After several years of review, analysis by third-party experts, and engagement with the community and stakeholders, the City and Rural Fire Protection District propose a new McMinnville Fire District to meet the growing fire and emergency services needs of the region. If voters approve formation of the new district, the tax base of the new district would allow it to:

- Hire new trained emergency medical staff to meet the increasing number of emergency calls;
- Reduce the time it takes to respond to fire and medical emergencies;
- Add new substations that will further reduce response times to rural areas; and
- Replace aging fire trucks and ambulance units.

If the voters approve both this measure and the creation of the new McMinnville Fire District, the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District will be dissolved. The existing assets and liabilities of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District, including reserve funds, would be transferred to the new district. A new board of directors would be elected to oversee the new district. Residents in the current McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District will be able to vote for every member of the new board.

Beginning July 1, 2023, if both measures are approved, the new McMinnville Fire District will begin service for city residents and residents of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District. Residents would experience no disruption to fire and emergency

Measure 36-226 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Senior Care Providers Urge Support for Fire District Measures

On behalf of the long-term care providers that serve McMinnville area seniors, we support the effort to form a new fire district in the city of McMinnville and surrounding community.

As senior care providers, we believe consolidating the City of McMinnville Fire Department and the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District into a single district will help ensure that vulnerable seniors and other vulnerable members of the community have access to critical care services.

Over the past few years, we have worked to improve coordination between long term care providers and local fire departments to strengthen communication, supports and understanding of how best to collectively serve the care needs of our seniors.

We believe that these measures are an essential step forward to stabilizing funding for emergency response and critical care services for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. More firefighters, safer equipment, and strategically placed fire stations will improve EMS response times and improve health care outcomes for our seniors for years to come.

Please join our local members in voting YES on Measures 36-226 & 36-227.

**Oregon Health Care Association
LeadingAge Oregon**

(This information furnished by Phil Bentley, Oregon Health Care Association.)

Argument in Favor

Rural service levels improve through Fire District Consolidation

As a rural Yamhill County resident who lives within the boundary served by the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District, I support Measure 36-226 and the formation of a new consolidated McMinnville Fire District.

With increasing demands on the McMinnville RFPD and the lack of funding, a consolidation is the best option to improve services for rural residents and maintain the autonomy of EMS and Fire Services within Yamhill County.

A fire district with a larger tax base will allow for an increase in staffing, improvements to aging equipment, and reduced response time rates for rural residents.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 36-226

**Kit Johnston
Yamhill County Commissioner**

(This information furnished by Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioner.)

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Measure 36-226 Arguments

Argument in Favor

A New McMinnville Fire District is Good for Yamhill County

I am a long-time rural resident and I have been through the annexation of Newberg Rural Fire Protection District & the City of Newberg department into a larger district.

- The McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District is experiencing growing budget constraints and the utilization of reserve funds has become necessary in recent years to cover the difference between cost of service and the fixed permanent tax rate.
- The McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District lacks the funding to be operate as an independent entity with its own stations and equipment for its own fire / EMS service.
- Dissolving the current rural fire district and joining with the City of McMinnville Fire Department to create a consolidated fire district with its own elected board of directors to hold accountable is the best option available to rural residents.

A new fire district with a new, larger tax base would allow for:

- More Firefighters and Paramedics to better meet the emergency needs of our growing rural communities.
- Reduce response time for fire suppression needs with fully staffed first out fire engines.
- Replace obsolete fire apparatus & breathing equipment.
- Maintain local identity and control of Fire & EMS resources within Yamhill County

I believe a new consolidated McMinnville Fire District will improve fire and medical response to the rural areas of McMinnville at the best overall value to McMinnville RFPD residents now and into the future.

Please VOTE YES for the New McMinnville Fire District Consolidation.

Respectfully,

Mary Starrett - Yamhill County Commissioner

(This information furnished by Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner.)

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Argument in Favor

The McMinnville Professional Firefighters support the formation of a new Fire District

We understand the importance of fast and reliable fire and medical response. In recent years, however, it has become increasingly difficult for us to provide the level of service that you deserve. If the voters approve Measures 36-226 and 36-227 it will provide the sustainable funding we need to hire and train additional firefighters, replace worn-out fire apparatus, and break ground on two new fire substations. This will improve response times and response reliability all over our service area.

It is an honor to serve our community and the great people of McMinnville, and we want to provide you with the best emergency service possible. We support the formation of a new fire district because it will improve service and will make McMinnville a safer place to live and work.

Please join your Firefighters and vote YES on measures 36-226 and 36-227 for a safer McMinnville

B. Todd Godfrey

President McMinnville Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 3099

(This information furnished by B. Todd Godfrey, McMinnville Professional Firefighters.)

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Measure 36-226 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Emergency Services Providers of Yamhill County Support measures 36-226 & 36-227

The leadership of the Emergency Services Providers of Yamhill County Support measures 36-226 & 36-227. The creation of a new fire district makes one of the largest Fire and EMS providers in Yamhill County an anchor to the emergency services provided in our community.

We believe creating this district makes everyone safer by making McMinnville a more sustainable emergency services provider. This new district can only strengthen our bonds to the McMinnville Community and McMinnville Fire and opens the door for more cohesiveness in our leadership, training, and mutual aid agreements.

Having McMinnville Fire governed by an elected Fire Board whose only concern is the Fire and EMS service being provided to the citizens is one of the most important aspects of this measure.

Please join us in supporting and voting YES on measures 36-226 & 36-227

Tim Svenson, Sheriff – Yamhill County
Trampas Bergstrom – Yamhill
Timothy J. Jech – Carlton / Lafayette
Rich Leipfert – McMinnville
Bret Putman – Dayton
Matt Scales – McMinnville
Steve Warden – Grand Ronde / Willamina
Ian Yocum – Amity

(This information furnished by Sheriff Tim Svenson, Yamhill County.)

Argument in Favor

McMinnville Rural Community Leaders Support Measures 36-226 & 36-227

We are some of the over 4,000 people that live in the 84.5 square miles that make up rural McMinnville. Rural McMinnville is home to working farms, vineyards, nurseries, and forest land. Rural McMinnville is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Living in rural McMinnville is great, except for one thing...it takes too long for fire engines and ambulances to get out here. We understand that time matters when a house is on fire or a loved one is experiencing a medical emergency or significant trauma. This is why **we are strongly supporting Measures 36-226 & 36-227**

The creation of a Fire District in McMinnville will bring more firefighters and two additional fire substations, resulting in faster fire and medical emergency response making us safer and more secure.

Join us and **VOTE YES** on Measure 36-226 & 36-227 for a safer rural community.

Troy Haworth
Todd Hyder
Barbara Boyer
Brian M. Shea
Dave Haugenberg
Scott Larson
Patty O'Leary
Robert & Karin Moshier
Terry Lucich
Josh Traff
Allan Larsen

(This information furnished by Troy Haworth, Haworth Construction.)

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Measure 36-226 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

Measure 36-226 "Dissolution of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District

Vote NO on the "Dissolution of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District (MRFPD)!"

As a former Yamhill County Commissioner, past member of the MRFPD board and a resident in the rural district; I have been following the creation of a consolidated fire district with the City of McMinnville. It is not a good idea AS PROPOSED.

Our Rural District has a contract with McMinnville for Budget Year 2023 in the amount of \$575,000, an increase of 48.6% over the 2020 Actual Amount of \$386,887. We have ambulance and fire protection.

The MRFPD has assets of \$2.492,000 in uncollected taxes; general fund and investment pool accounts. We have no indebtedness.

We can continue as a district with our current tax code rate and a possible minor levy of 25 cents/1000. We are in a good position and it is a fair arrangement for the McMinnville Fire Department as well as the MRFPD in our current form.

Our Tax Code Rate is more than doubled with these proposals (from .9576 to 2.0000), we would see an increase in property tax from \$500 to over \$1,000/year on our home. Yours may be more or less.

Our Assets would all go to the new district (of which we would be a very small part). The new Fire district would assume a new debt of \$588,000, a municipal loan from the City of McMinnville.

I appreciate the service of the fire and ambulance service personnel. I look forward to a district proposal that includes:

- a. A Tax Code Rate of less than 1.25
- b. The preservation of the current fire station (with edge of town minimum cost sub stations).
- c. A program that is sold on the value of the volunteer firefighter and expands with proper recognition of Volunteer Force

Vote NO on measure 36-226.

(This information furnished by Dennis L. Goecks.)

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Measure 36-227 McMinnville Fire District (Proposed)

Ballot Title

36-227

Formation of McMinnville Fire District.

QUESTION: Shall fire district be formed with permanent tax rate of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning fiscal year 2023?

SUMMARY: Measure creates the McMinnville Fire District with a permanent tax rate of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value. The first fiscal year the permanent tax rate would be levied begins July 1, 2023. Taxes would provide fire protection and emergency medical services, utilizing a combination of volunteer and career personnel. Employees of McMinnville Fire Department will become employees of Fire District. Measure takes effect only if separate measure for dissolution of McMinnville Rural Fire District is approved by voters. All real and personal property, including reserve funds, of McMinnville Rural Fire District and assets of the City of McMinnville, including ambulance revenue, necessary for provision of fire and EMS services, shall become property of Fire District, including transfer of main fire station. Training area will be leased for 99 years. Fire District will assume municipal loan of \$588,000 for fire apparatus, all fire protection related debt of the City of McMinnville Fire Department and McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District. No other long term debt obligation will be assumed.

Explanatory Statement

If adopted, this measure will establish the new McMinnville Fire District to serve residents of the City of McMinnville and the current McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District. The new fire district will only become operational if both this measure is approved and voters in the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District approve dissolution of that district.

Currently, fire and emergency services for the City of McMinnville and the surrounding area of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District are provided by the City of McMinnville Fire Department. The Rural Fire Protection District contracts with the City to provide these services. Recognizing the growing needs of the community and the importance of maintaining effective services, the City and Rural District undertook a multiyear process with third-party experts and engagement with the community and stakeholders to review existing services and make recommendations for improvement.

Based upon the multiyear study, the proposed new McMinnville Fire District is intended to meet the growing fire and emergency services needs of the entire community. Budget constraints have caused service gaps, including delayed response times, insufficient staff resources for emergency needs, and lack of reserves for capital projects such as substations and vehicle replacements. The tax base of the new district would allow it to:

- Hire new trained emergency medical staff to meet the increasing number of emergency calls;
- Reduce the time it takes to respond to fire and medical emergencies;
- Replace aging fire trucks and ambulance units; and
- Add new substations that will ensure more uniform response times across the district.

If the voters approve both this measure and the dissolution of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District, the new district will begin service on July 1, 2023. Taxes assessed to finance the district

would also begin then. The new McMinnville Fire District would be governed by a five-person board elected by the residents of the district. The existing assets and liabilities of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District and the City of McMinnville Fire Department, including the main fire station, ambulance service revenues, and reserve funds, would be transferred to the new district. The new district would also receive a 99-year lease to use the current training facility.

This measure, if adopted, establishes a permanent property tax rate of \$2.00 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The district would also assume a municipal loan of \$588,000 for existing fire-fighting vehicles.

If this measure is not adopted, current tax rates would not change, the new combined district would not be created, and the current service levels would likely be maintained. The two separate entities would likely not have the resources to significantly reduce response times, add new staff, purchase new response vehicles, or add new substations.

(This information furnished by Yamhill County Board of Commissioners.)



Measure 36-227 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Senior Care Providers Urge Support for Fire District Measures

On behalf of the long-term care providers that serve McMinnville area seniors, we support the effort to form a new fire district in the city of McMinnville and surrounding community.

As senior care providers, we believe consolidating the City of McMinnville Fire Department and the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District into a single district will help ensure that vulnerable seniors and other vulnerable members of the community have access to critical care services.

Over the past few years, we have worked to improve coordination between long term care providers and local fire departments to strengthen communication, supports and understanding of how best to collectively serve the care needs of our seniors.

We believe that these measures are an essential step forward to stabilizing funding for emergency response and critical care services for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. More firefighters, safer equipment, and strategically placed fire stations will improve EMS response times and improve health care outcomes for our seniors for years to come.

Please join our local members in voting YES on Measures 36-226 & 36-227.

**Oregon Health Care Association
LeadingAge Oregon**

(This information furnished by Phil Bentley, Oregon Health Care Association.)

Argument in Favor

McMinnville Community Leaders Support the Formation of a New Fire District

McMinnville is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. As a result, we have seen our community grow in popularity and in population in recent years. With growth comes the need for improvements that positively impact all the people who live and work here.

At the center of any thriving community is a fast and effective fire and medical response. Creating a new fire district will allow for the hiring of at least fifteen more firefighters and two additional fire substations which will improve emergency response in both our city and the rural communities.

The creation of a new Fire District adds stability to our emergency services as our community grows and will help preserve McMinnville's legacy of being a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Join us and **VOTE YES on Measures 36-226 & 36-227** for a safer McMinnville

Edward J. Gormley
Representative Lucetta Elmer – Oregon House District 24
Waldo Farnham
Les Toth
Tom Tankersley
Scott A. Hill
Steve Rex
Mike & Kim Morris
Damon Schulze
Jobe Nash
Jerry Sauter
Kevin Jeffries
Ty Angevine
Bob Sutton
Ray Pratt
Justin Dillingham
Brian & Carolyn Smith
Dan Sparrow
Pamela Lum

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Measure 36-227 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The McMinnville Professional Firefighters support the formation of a new Fire District

We understand the importance of fast and reliable fire and medical response. In recent years, however, it has become increasingly difficult for us to provide the level of service that you deserve. If the voters approve Measures 36-226 and 36-227 it will provide the sustainable funding we need to hire and train additional firefighters, replace worn-out fire apparatus, and break ground on two new fire substations. This will improve response times and response reliability all over our service area.

It is an honor to serve our community and the great people of McMinnville, and we want to provide you with the best emergency service possible. We support the formation of a new fire district because it will improve service and will make McMinnville a safer place to live and work.

Please join your Firefighters and vote YES on measures 36-226 and 36-227 for a safer McMinnville

B. Todd Godfrey
President McMinnville Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 3099

(This information furnished by B. Todd Godfrey, McMinnville Professional Firefighters.)

Argument in Favor

The McMinnville Volunteer Firefighters Association Support Measures 36-226 & 36-227

We are proud to live work and volunteer in our community. We understand the importance of a fast and effective fire / EMS response. We support the formation a Fire District in McMinnville because it will add staffing and resources that are needed to make our city and rural communities safer. The traditions that we as volunteers have built will continue. Volunteer Firefighters will respond when called and popular community events such as the Pancake Breakfast will continue.

Please join us in supporting Measures 36-226 & 36-227 for a Safer Community

Peter Goodman – President MVFA
Steven Zimmerman – Vice President MVFA
Christine Schoenthal – Secretary MVFA
Larry Giddings – Volunteer Assistant Chief
Shelly Zinda – Firefighter / EMT
Rick Carrillo – Firefighter
Doug Cummins – MVFA
Steve Gale – Firefighter – Gale's Towing

(This information furnished by Peter Goodman, McMinnville Volunteer Firefighters Association.)

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Measure 36-227 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Emergency Services Providers of Yamhill County Support measures 36-226 & 36-227

The leadership of the Emergency Services Providers of Yamhill County Support measures 36-226 & 36-227. The creation of a new fire district makes one of the largest Fire and EMS providers in Yamhill County an anchor to the emergency services provided in our community.

We believe creating this district makes everyone safer by making McMinnville a more sustainable emergency services provider. This new district can only strengthen our bonds to the McMinnville Community and McMinnville Fire and opens the door for more cohesiveness in our leadership, training, and mutual aid agreements.

Having McMinnville Fire governed by an elected Fire Board whose only concern is the Fire and EMS service being provided to the citizens is one of the most important aspects of this measure.

Please join us in supporting and voting YES on measures 36-226 & 36-227

Tim Svenson, Sheriff – Yamhill County
Trampas Bergstrom – Yamhill
Timothy J. Jech – Carlton / Lafayette
Rich Leipfert – McMinnville
Bret Putman – Dayton
Matt Scales – McMinnville
Steve Warden – Grand Ronde / Willamina
Ian Yocum – Amity

(This information furnished by Sheriff Tim Svenson, Yamhill County.)

Argument in Favor

McMinnville Chamber of Commerce Supports Creating a Fire District

The McMinnville Chamber of Commerce works hard to grow our local economy and helps sustain our thriving community. The Chamber supports creating a fire district in McMinnville and knows that doing so will improve fire and medical response times, create new jobs, and positively impact our economy. The formation of a fire district will support our economic goals, make McMinnville safer, and help our community be better connected.

Join us in voting YES for Measures 36-226 & 36-227

Gioia Goodrum – President / CEO, McMinnville Chamber of Commerce
Rodrigo Lagunas – Board Chair, McMinnville Chamber of Commerce

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Measure 36-227 Arguments

Argument in Favor

The McMinnville City Council is committed to building a vibrant community where citizens can live, work and play. Reliable fire and emergency medical services are critical when it comes to keeping our community safe and achieving that goal. For years, the city has struggled to provide the City Fire Department with the funding necessary to keep pace with the growing service demands.

A Fire District will provide our community with a higher level of service, more firefighters, and additional fire stations which will improve emergency response times in our city and rural areas allowing you and your family to rest assured that help will be there when you need it most.

We support the formation of a fire district in McMinnville because we believe it is the best way to provide the higher level of fire and emergency medical service that our citizens expect and deserve.

This is the right thing to do, and this is the right time to do it.

Join us and **VOTE YES** on measures 36-226 & 36-227

McMinnville Mayor Remy Drabkin
Council President Adam Garvin
Councilor Chris Chenoweth
Councilor Zach Geary
Councilor Kellie Menke
Councilor Jessica Payne
Councilor Sal Peralta

(This information furnished by McMinnville City Council.)

Argument in Favor

Your Friends and Neighbors at **Visit McMinnville** Support the formation of a Fire District.

McMinnville is in the heart of Oregon wine country. Downtown McMinnville is the economic, social, and cultural center of our community. The historic buildings of downtown McMinnville and the large crowds that events on 3rd Street attract require a fast and effective fire and medical response. The formation of a Fire District in McMinnville will improve the fire, medical, and prevention services that are necessary to keep McMinnville safe for not only our residents but also our many visitors.

Join us and vote **“YES”** on Measures 36-226 & 36-227
for a Safer McMinnville

Jeff Knapp – President, Visit McMinnville
Erin Stephenson – Board Chair, Visit McMinnville

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Measure 36-227 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

Measure 36-227 (Formation of McMinnville Fire District)

Vote NO on the creation of the "McMinnville Fire District".

As a former Yamhill County Commissioner, past member of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District (MRFPD) board and a resident in the rural district; I have been following the creation of a consolidated fire district with the City of McMinnville. It is not a good idea AS PROPOSED.

The Tax Code Rate authority in McMinnville stays at 5.9102. The new district adds a Tax Code Rate authority of 2.0000. In future years the average McMinnville \$250,000 property owner could very well be taxed an additional \$500 as the city council chose to use that authority without your vote. The city keeps the authority to tax for services not provided.

The Tax Code Rate of the rural property owner would go from .9576 to 2.0000, doubled for fire and ambulance protection.

Our Rural District has a contract with McMinnville for Budget Year 2023 in the amount of \$575,000, an increase of 48.6% over the 2020 Actual Amount of \$386,887. We now pay for fire and ambulance service at a considerably higher rate than 3 years ago. This is a fair arrangement in its current form for the McMinnville Fire Department as well as the MRFPD.

I appreciate the service of the fire and ambulance service personnel. I look forward to a district proposal that includes:

- a. A Tax Code Rate of less than 1.25
- b. The preservation of the current fire station (with edge of town minimum cost sub stations).
- c. A program that is sold on the value of the volunteer firefighter and expands with proper recognition of the Volunteer Force.

Vote NO on measure 36-227.

(This information furnished by Dennis L. Goecks.)

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Ballot Title

36-228

Requires public vote to support temporary housing; prohibits near schools.

QUESTION: Shall the Charter be amended to limit City support of temporary housing near schools or without a public vote?

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure amends the Charter to prohibit the use of City resources on projects that provide temporary or transitional housing:

- If the proposed project is located within 1,500 feet of a K-12 school; or

- If the proposed project is located elsewhere, unless additional support is approved by a vote of the people at a primary or general election in an even-numbered year.

“Temporary or transitional housing” means shelter located outside or in structures without permanent foundations or modern indoor plumbing facilities (e.g., tents, cabins, yurts, automobiles).

“City resources” includes all funding, staff time, equipment and supplies amounting to at least \$25,000 in value, except for the provision of emergency or public safety services.

A measure approving additional support must include the project address, the distance between the project and the three nearest schools, and the maximum amount of City resources that may be contributed to the project.

This measure makes public officials liable to reimburse the City for unauthorized expenditures and allows any taxpayer to sue on the City's behalf.

Explanatory Statement

No explanatory statement required per OAR 165-022-0040

Measure 36-228 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Measure Type: Citywide, Nonpartisan

Result of “Yes”: Places reasonable sideboards on the public funding of homeless camps/shelters and facilities near our school children. Its passage should protect both vulnerable groups by separating our schools from proposed publicly funded homeless sites.

Summary: *In 2022, the former Newberg City Council approved \$400,000 of taxpayer dollars to fund a temporary housing site for those “Identified as Homeless (or facing imminent homelessness.)” The planned site was proposed within 50 feet of a Newberg elementary school playground. Those individuals eligible for the temporary shelter are those that the BOB Program has identified as homeless, and by the PMG Newberg Behavioral Health Team as being “high risk” with social determinants (defined as those individuals with one or more of a mental health, substance abuse, and/or chronic pain diagnosis).*

Children’s Safety

“Yes” protects kids and avoids problems. Placing homeless struggling with mental health or drug/alcohol dependency in very close proximity to children puts two vulnerable populations in danger and creates safety risks.

Taxpayer Funds and School Proximity

“Yes” requires citywide vote for *public* fund usage toward camps. This measure also creates an appropriate distance barrier between proposed sites and local schools.

Transparency

There is great pressure from the state and large cities (such as Portland and Salem) to push homeless into suburban and rural communities. Newberg residents deserve to vote on the merits of proposed camps and other temporary housing. The safety risks they pose impact everybody. “Yes” gives the public an opportunity to weigh in and act as a necessary and responsible check.

Visit NewbergKidsNotCamps.com for sources and more

(This information furnished by Newberg Kids Not Camps #22790.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 36-228: A Necessary Step for Newberg

During my nearly 30 years as a Newberg-Dundee Police officer, I saw the best of our community. We are a town full of neighbors helping neighbors. Families choose to live here because it is a wonderful place to raise children. I have committed much of my life to keeping our neighborhoods safe.

As police officers we try our best to deal with issues and improve as a community. When Portland and the state legislature started pushing homeless individuals towards small rural communities, we immediately started seeing more people in severe mental health crisis and with serious drug and alcohol addiction issues who were not getting appropriate help. I was honored to create the Mental Health Crisis Response Team (see Newberg Graphic 2/17/2016).

Several years ago, things became political.

Where once we had the ability to enforce existing laws and mitigate crime in our parks, streets and neighborhoods, local Newberg police had pressure from the former city council to stand down. The former council prevented us from conducting our work and addressing these problems.

Last year, the same then-City Council gave \$400,000 of taxpayer dollars to create homeless housing for those struggling with mental health issues just 50 feet from a local school playground.

The only way to explain what has happened in Newberg is that a political “New-Left” has been using our schools and the city government to make provocative controversies that unnecessarily divide our town.

Measure 36-228 is a common sense safety proposal.

Reasonable separation between homeless individuals facing dangerous mental health crises and our school children is important. The safety of **both groups** needs to be protected by implementing a reasonable 1500 foot buffer. Mixing homeless populations with school children, no matter how well-intended the program is, creates far too much risk for Newberg.

Mark Cooke, retired Newberg-Dundee Police Officer/Detective/Sergeant (1994-2021), Newberg Schools Resource Officer 1998-2000

(This information furnished by Mark Cooke.)

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Measure 36-228 Arguments

Argument in Favor

“YES” HELPS CREATE GOOD PUBLIC POLICY

Rural and suburban communities must move quickly to prepare thoughtful homeless public policies. Why? Portland, Salem, and the state legislature are pushing policies that have moved their homeless problems into nearby small towns.

Numerous studies show that the majority of homeless are suffering from serious mental health issues and/or debilitating drug and alcohol addiction. Studies show that one-third of homeless persons have a serious mental illness, mostly schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. **They need our help - not forced into risky situations.**

This is why a reasonable first step would be to create a 1500 ft. buffer between those suffering and our vulnerable school children. Our tax dollars should not be used to create additional risky conditions between these two vulnerable groups that *could end in tragedy for both sides*.

Newberg faced this on 4/10/2022 when the headquarters of a local business on Springbrook Road was burned to the ground. Cause of the fire: arson. After the investigation it was found that a homeless man suffering from a serious mental health crisis who had been staying at a local shelter, left Newberg Providence Hospital, and ended up at DCI's building. It was concluded that he started the fire and died inside. This was a tragedy, and points to the fact that local experts cannot always control or help people in crisis, and they can pose a serious risk.

Why not create good public policy that separates two of our most vulnerable groups?

Placing individuals that are suffering from serious mental health and addiction into high-risk situations is reckless. The Newberg Council gave \$400,000 of taxpayer dollars to build shelters just 50 feet from a local elementary school while other properties, closer to public services, were available.

Measure 36-228 deserves your “Yes” vote: it creates a 1500' buffer and restricts public dollars from being spent recklessly.

(This information furnished by Oregon Small Business Association PAC.)

Argument in Favor

VOTE YES

- **VOTE on how your tax dollars are spent**
- **Keep local government accountable**
- **A common sense, transparent solution**

The citizens of Newberg came together and brought this measure to your ballot. It required signatures, hard work, and a *spirit of civic togetherness*.

Why would politicians spend public tax dollars to create conflict between two equally vulnerable groups: 1) Those homeless facing mental health and/or drug and alcohol addictions, vs. 2) Young, vulnerable school children?

Measure 36-228 requires that public money cannot be used to place a homeless shelter/camp, etc. within 1500 feet of our local schools. It's simple, responsible, good public policy and protects both those homeless individuals facing personal crisis and protects our innocent children.

WHY MEASURE 36-228?

- **Citizen check on housing site spending**
- **Necessary for children's safety**
- **Avoid problems caused by bad siting**

There is currently no recourse for Newberg residents to reject city expenditures on the development of temporary housing sites.

Car camping and tent camp siting can be enacted at any time. For projects with such massive ramifications on the community, it is reasonable for citizens to vote on them.

Creating safety buffers is the right thing to do. Parents want to know that when they drop their children off at school, they will remain in a safe environment.

PORTLAND AND THE STATE OF OREGON ARE PUSHING HOMELESS TO SMALL COMMUNITIES LIKE NEWBERG

- **Newberg is becoming a homeless destination**
- **Drugs and crime will have an adverse impact**
- **Siting limitations are critical**

Even the city of Los Angeles has created safety distance buffers between homeless sites and schools. Safety buffers and other reasonable limitations on homeless site placement are fair and necessary.

The Portland model for homeless policy should not be Newberg's roadmap.

PROTECT THOSE FACING MENTAL HEALTH/DRUG CRISIS – AND PROTECT OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

VOTE YES FOR PROTECTING EVERYONE'S FUTURE

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Measure 36-228 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

This measure will increase public camping. To reduce visible homelessness and its impacts, sheltering is the only answer. We cannot legislatively ban homelessness. Attempts to do so invite costly lawsuits, particularly after *Martin v. Boise* in 2018 which established that limiting camping in public spaces, when shelter beds are insufficient, violates the eighth amendment. People experiencing homelessness, without having access to shelters, will occupy our neighborhoods, parks, and downtown sidewalks, hurting the general livability of our City.

This measure is unconstitutional when paired with anti-camping enforcement. As shelters are eliminated, people experiencing homelessness occupy more public spaces. Anti-camping efforts are costly in multiple ways. 1. **The City will have to increase spending on public safety** to mitigate for increased impacts of unhoused residents seeking shelter on sidewalks, in parks, and along neighborhood streets. 2. **The City will have to increase legal spending.** In addition to *Martin v. Boise*, *Johnson v. Grants Pass* established that cities also cannot prevent materials needed to warm or rest including sleeping bags, pillows, and cardboard. Despite recurrent appeals, these rulings have been upheld. It is **fiscally irresponsible** to knowingly create an **unconstitutional** setting.

This measure is misplaced. According to the National League of Cities, **charter amendments should be limited to changes in the city's organizational structure, powers, functions, and essential procedures.** Ordinances are where local governments can create regulation regarding public health and safety. **We expect our elected officials to be empowered** to make decisions as they would in any other city. This measure blocks that authority. If shelter restrictions are necessary, they should be in ordinance so they can be updated according to shifting needs, priorities, resources, legal obligations, and public opinion. As the city realizes that **reducing shelters increases visible homelessness** and impacts on public spaces and private property, rather than the Council amending an ordinance, a fix will require **another costly campaign and public vote.**

Please vote NO.

(This information furnished by David R. Paul.)

Argument in Opposition

A sweeping 2022 study found that the main causes of homelessness in any US community are the lack of affordable housing and high rent prices. According to census figures, one in six houseless people are women aged 65 and older. Another study showed that 50 percent of women and children facing housing instability are escaping domestic violence.

Instead of addressing these realities, **Measure 36-228 seeks to make the lives of those experiencing homelessness even more difficult.** Rather than helping people in our community who might benefit from affordable housing, Measure 36-228 creates additional barriers for anyone—churches, nonprofits, private citizens—to help those experiencing homelessness.

This measure stigmatizes the houseless, insinuating that those who lack housing are so dangerous they cannot go within 1500 feet of our community's schools; but it also jeopardizes those who want to provide solutions to the challenges homelessness presents. The measure offers no empathy, but seeks to marginalize not only those who are houseless, but also those developing creative and compassionate solutions to end homelessness in Newberg.

Proponents of the measure argue that it protects kids from addicts, the mentally ill, and sex offenders by keeping the homeless away from schools. This argument fails to consider that **those navigating addiction and mental illness already live in homes near our schools, as do sex offenders**; after all, these challenges are not limited solely to people without housing. Nor does the argument about "protecting children" recognize that those experiencing housing instability include children for whom stable housing might be the best kind of protection possible.

As a longtime member of this community, I have been grateful for neighbors committed to making Newberg a warm, welcoming community. Demonizing people who face housing instability, as well as those helping the homeless, will do nothing to improve Newberg.

This ballot measure is **not** kind, **not** nurturing, **not** compassionate, and is not who Newberg should aspire to be.

Please vote no on Measure 36-228.

(This information furnished by Melanie Springer Mock.)

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Measure 36-228 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

If a community prohibits the existence of houseless persons in private spaces, houseless persons have no choice but to occupy public spaces: the streets, the parks, and sidewalks in front of businesses and your home. The free market cannot build enough low-income housing to solve homelessness, so government and nonprofit intervention is needed. If you don't want Newberg streets to look like Portland's, **let nonprofits access public funds to create realistic transitional housing.**

Overnight car camping happens now, upsetting homeowners and businesses, and campers live in fear of citation; but **the Safe Park program is one viable, realistic solution.** It offers limited parking spaces to pre-approved persons in the parking lots of participating churches, schools, and businesses with restroom access and a case worker to help them find permanent housing. It isn't ideal, but it's better than the status quo. Measure 36-228 would restrict resources for this kind of program on the misguided assumption that clients pose a danger to nearby students, but vehicles may only be parked at Safe Park sites overnight, when schools are empty. It is illogical to reject programs due to "student safety" when students aren't even present. It's also irresponsible to assume that people struggling with homelessness are a danger to kids. Being poor doesn't make you dangerous, just as being wealthy doesn't make you nice. Homeless families with kids may find close proximity to school a valuable asset as they seek to get back on their feet.

Churches have long sought to alleviate homelessness because caring for the poor is a commandment of Christ. However, churches have limited resources and can't run full-scale versions of these programs alone; **projects are more successful with city support.**

Rather than passing a blanket policy that will hinder our ability to address rising concerns in Newberg, **we should task our city council to review each project** on a case-by-case basis.

Vote NO on Measure 36-228.

Rev. Casey Banks

(This information furnished by Rev. Casey Banks.)

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Measure 34-323 Sherwood School District 88J

Ballot Title

34-323

5 Year Local Option Levy to Maintain Teachers, Class Sizes

QUESTION: Shall District maintain teachers, class sizes, academics, extracurricular programs; levy \$1.50 per \$1000 assessed value for five years beginning 2023-24? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Sherwood schools are facing an anticipated \$7 million funding shortfall for the 2023/24 school year due to rapidly increased costs due to inflation, inadequate funding from the State of Oregon and lack of district reserves to offset or mitigate reductions.

These reductions may include:

- 30 teachers
- 19 classified staff
- 10 furlough days
- Loss of academic programming

If approved Levy would provide School District with an estimated \$6.5 million annually in funding to help maintain:

- Teaching positions
- Small class sizes
- Electives and co-curricular activities including engineering, robotics, agriculture, dual language, physical education
- Career-Technical and Advanced Placement courses
- School safety measures

Funds will be placed in a sub-account, and a citizen budget committee and school board oversight will monitor expenditures to verify that funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent for administration. Performance auditing of school district programs also will be done.

Explanatory Statement

The Sherwood School District currently serves over 4600 students in six schools. Sherwood High School continues to exceed Oregon's graduation rate with 94% of all students graduating in the 2021-22 school year. The district proudly offers 7 Career-Technical Education programs and 15 Advanced Placement courses. Additionally, Sherwood students earned 7,071 college credits through Dual Credit courses in the 2021-22 school year. The District provides PreKindergarten and Dual Language Inclusion programs, a strong selection of extracurricular activities, athletics and fine arts, and state-of-the-art facilities to support student learning.

The District's primary source of funding is the State School Fund, which has historically underfunded school districts state-wide and utilizes an allocation formula that redistributes property taxes across the state. As districts face increasing costs due to inflation, the State School Fund remains insufficient to maintain the service level necessary to meet the needs of students.

For years, school districts surrounding Sherwood have had education levies in place to support academic programs. In contrast, the Sherwood School District has one of the lowest per-student revenue amounts in the region. This proposed levy will bring additional per-student revenue that will allow the District to remain competitive with surrounding districts.

Through this proposed levy, the Sherwood School District can address the state funding gap and maintain crucial staffing and services for our students. 100% of the funds collected through the proposed levy stay in the District and would go directly to serving Sherwood students.

Anticipated Budget Shortfall

The Sherwood School District estimates a budget shortfall of up to \$7 million dollars for the 2023-24 school year. This level of reduction is equivalent to eliminating approximately 50 teacher and staff positions and 10 school days.

Proposed Levy to Retain Teachers and Staff, Maintain Class Sizes, and Maintain Programs

This measure, if approved, would allow the Sherwood School District to:

- Retain highly-qualified teachers and staff at all schools
- Maintain low class size
- Maintain exemplary extracurricular programs in fine arts and athletics
- Support substantial course offerings in Career-Technical Education and Advanced Placement courses

Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

The District remains committed to ongoing fiscal accountability and transparency. Funds collected from the education levy would be placed in a sub-account, and a citizen budget committee and school board oversight will monitor expenditures.

Local Control

Proposed levy measure funds would be raised locally and could only be spent in the Sherwood School District as approved by voters.

Estimated Tax Impact

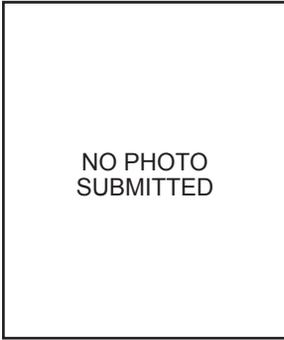
The five-year education levy would cost property owners a maximum tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value per year. The owner of a property with a median assessed value of \$280,000 would pay \$35 per month.

The levy is projected to raise \$34,866,643 over five years:

2023-24: \$6.50 million
2024-25: \$6.73 million
2025-26: \$6.97 million
2026-27: \$7.21 million
2027-28: \$7.46 million

(This information furnished by Dr. Jeremy Lyon, Superintendent, Sherwood School District.)

**Amity School District 4J
Director, Position 3**



**Jennifer A
Leppin**

Occupation: Senior Farm Product Analyst at COUNTRY Financial; Business Manager at Leppin Enterprises, LLC

Occupational Background: Various roles at Oregon Mutual Insurance from April 2013 to

December 2022 including Senior Personal Lines Underwriter, Product Analyst 1, Senior Product Analyst and Product Manager. Various roles at COUNTRY Financial from June 2006 to April 2013 including: Personal Lines Intern, Personal Lines Underwriter, Account Underwriter, Underwriting Specialist.

Educational Background: Amity High School, General, Diploma June 2003; Oregon State University, Business Administration, Bachelor of Science June 2007

Prior Governmental Experience: Amity School District Board Member July 2019 to Present

I have been a long time resident of Amity since 1996. I currently live on a farm with my husband, Anthony Leppin, and have two daughters attending Amity Elementary School. I have grown up in our small community and understand the uniqueness of our town. I have enjoyed helping coach various sports for our community and have formed lasting relationships with many community members. I have a passion for mentoring and building relationships with our youth.

As a long time Amity resident, Amity High School graduate and current Amity School District Board Member, I ask for your vote to continue serving our community, students and staff. I believe in the need for transparent communication and community feedback to help protect and drive the direction of our schools. As a board member, I believe it is my responsibility to collaborate with district administration, staff, students and the community to facilitate student success through safe and adequate school environment and facilities. If re-elected, I will continue to advocate for financial responsibility, adequate facilities, strategic planning for population growth, and providing opportunities to help our students be successful after high school.

Our students have faced tremendous challenges during my first term as school board member. I ask for your vote to continue serving our community.

Sincerely yours,
Jennifer

(This information furnished by Jennifer Leppin.)

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**Amity School District 4J
Director, Position 5**



**Ray
Bottenberg**

Occupation: Engineering Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation.

Occupational Background: 36 years' experience as a mechanical, civil, and structural engineer in aircraft structures,

commercial/industrial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning, roadways, and bridges. Currently manager of ODOT's Bridge Preservation Engineering Unit. Author of several regional history books and articles for engineering publications.

Educational Background: Amity School District, Diploma 1982; Oregon State University, Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Science 1986; Willamette University, Certificate in Public Management, 2017

Prior Governmental Experience: Amity School District Board of Directors 2007-Present; Sheridan Rural Fire District Board of Directors 2021-Present.

As an Amity graduate, longtime area resident, and school board member I value our community and the advantages our small school can offer our students. My vision for our schools is one in which our staff and facilities help each student reach their highest potential, for the benefit of each student, our community, and our country, and accomplishing this in a fiscally responsible manner.

Our district continues striving to fulfill this vision, now with added challenges from the pandemic and changes in society and the work force. Student performance data is successfully being harnessed to help students reduce learning gaps, and this work continues.

Our district strives to attract and keep the best teachers and staff to serve our students.

Our district is working to take good care of the facilities it is entrusted with. Major maintenance is approached responsibly, and the project to replace the Middle School is moving forward with fiscal care and an eye toward building the best facility for our students.

I am asking for your vote to continue serving our students, staff, and the surrounding community, by improving the quality of education we provide and being a responsible steward of our funds and facilities. Our students face a world of increasing challenges and opportunities, and a quality education will help them meet the challenges, make the most of the opportunities, and help shape a better future.

(This information furnished by Ray Bottenberg.)

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Dayton School District 8 Director, Position 3



Veronica Palmer

Occupation: Legacy Silverton Medical Center, Labor and Delivery Nurse

Occupational Background: Registered Nurse, PTSO volunteer

Educational Background: George Fox University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Dayton Elementary School, Dayton Jr High and Dayton High School, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: DCDA (2007-2009)

I'm a born and raised Daytonian. As a Dayton Alumni and now mother of two little pirates, I felt very drawn to run for Dayton School Board. After seeing how the last three years have impacted not only our healthcare system but how it has extremely impacted our educational system. I'm ready to help our District find the support our teachers, students and community needs to get back on track for a brighter future. Starting from the grade school up to the high school, we need to focus on getting our students back on track and exceeding on many levels. We need to keep open communication with our community, parents and teachers to keep all our students safe, and to provide an exceptional learning experience. I remember really enjoying my time at school and I want my children to come home with excitement about school and things they will get to experience. My son for one loves science! Let's provide more hands-on experiences for all ages. Let's support our children and all their interests. I also want to be a voice for our Hispanic community. I want to provide opportunities for our students willing to put in the hard work. I look forward to serving on the Dayton School Board.

(This information furnished by Veronica Palmer.)

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 4, At-Large**



**Anita
Humlie**

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Business Manager, Humlie School of Music, 2017-2020; Title 1 Dual Language Educational Assistant, Newby

Elementary School, 2008-2019; English Language Development Educational Assistant, Newby Elementary School, 2009-2019

Educational Background: Graduate, Matanuska Susitna School District, Alaska

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Involvement: Volunteer, Soroptimist 2022; Volunteer, Fire and Life Safety, 2014-2023; Volunteer, See Ya Later Foundation Camps, 2009-2018; Volunteer, Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, 2015; Volunteer, SMART Reading Program, 2007; Volunteer, Confident Kids, 2006-2007

Family: George, Husband; Joshua, Bethany and Manuel, Children
Dear Neighbor,

I grew up as the middle child in a family with 12 Russian-speaking siblings. Trying to survive on our farm, we were pulled out of school frequently to help with chores which made school difficult. Those experiences gave me great compassion for all students, especially students with language barriers. After working for years in Spanish Immersion classrooms, I am keenly aware of the challenges that our diverse student populations face. I am ready to serve on the McMinnville School Board for the success of ALL students.

*I humbly ask for your vote!
Anita Humlie*

“Anita will be an excellent advocate for McMinnville students and parents. I trust her to make decisions that foster a healthy school environment and continued academic success. She truly has a heart to serve ALL students!”

**~ State Representative Lucetta Elmer
(www.anitaformacschools.com, 3/20/23)**

- Support multi-lingual students
- Emphasize Music & the Arts as a critical component of well-rounded education
- Support for College-Ready and Vocational pathways
- Boost parental involvement in school board decisions
- Academic calendar needs to consider parent work and summer schedules
- Support safety training and education on the risks of Fentanyl

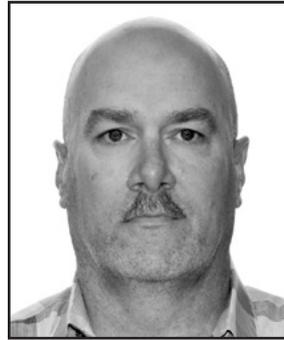
WE SUPPORT ANITA!

**State Representative Lucetta Elmer
Craig Durbin, Oregon State Police (Retired)
Debra Zollinger, Fire & Life Safety Volunteer
Cindy Johnson (Retired)
Debbie Johnson, Real Estate Broker
Mike Strickland, Mike Strickland Productions
John Stromme, John Stromme Gallery
Bill & Diane Landgraf, Retired, ORE-Land Industries**

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 4, At-Large**



**Larry
Vollmer**

Occupation: Sales Manager, Empire Rubber and Supply

Occupational Background: Manage the Sales Staff at a multi-location family owned distributor of industrial conveyor components and associated

products all over Oregon and Washington

Educational Background: Southern Oregon Univ, Business, Bachelors Degree; Scappoose High Sch., General Studies, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: 16+ Years of Volunteer service on the McMinnville School District Board of Directors. 5-Years of service on the School Board Budget Committee.

My effort as a current School Board Member will be focused on the continuation of improvements to the quality and quantity of educational opportunities available to all students. I support the existing efforts to improve student achievement, enhance program offerings, and continue to support some of the lowest class sizes in the state. My service started in 2006, and is a continued passion for me to help and support our young learners, staff, and the community.

The McMinnville School District continues to be recognized by the State of Oregon as a leader in school improvement and student outcomes. My desire is to continue these efforts for the betterment of all students. In McMinnville Schools, we continue to support the growth and success tomorrow's citizens by the hard work our staff does in the classrooms today. Please support me as I continue these important duties.

(This information furnished by Larry Vollmer.)

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 5, At-Large**



**Gerardo
Partida**

Occupation: G. Coordinator, Community Home Builders since 2008.

Occupational Background: Marine Fisheries (1987-1996); Real Estate Broker (1999-2007)

Educational Background: Marine Science School, Marine Fisheries, Bachelor Degree; Bona Real Estate School, R.E. Sales, License

Prior Governmental Experience: President of Hispanic Parents Committee 2006-2009; McMinnville School Board Budget Committee 2018-2022; Appointed to the McMinnville School District Board November 2018; McMinnville School Board 2019-Present.

I joined Community Home Builders in 2007 as a G. Coordinator to support our low and very low-income families in Yamhill County and at the same time serving as President of the first School District Hispanic Committee.

After serving McMinnville School Board for more than four years, I know how important it is that our board reflect our community. It's very important to educate our parents to become more involved in our schools and be sure their children have the best quality education.

If re-elected, I will continue supporting and promoting high-quality education for every student attending our School District regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability, age, and origin. As a parent of two MHS graduates and one 11 grade, I will focus on helping in finding opportunities for students that help build a foundation to contribute to building a strong community.

In 2020, I contributed to the Superintendent search, which lead to the successful hiring of Superintendent Brockert. I have served with dedication on the Budget Committee, District Bargaining Team, Policy subcommittee, Long Range Facilities subcommittee, Finance subcommittee, and Instructional Improvement subcommittee. I volunteer to teach science field trips and visit schools. I have continued my education about school leadership by attending the National School Board Association Conference as well as the Oregon School Board Association conferences.

Endorsements:
Kevin Olson, H & R Block McMinnville + Newberg.
Teresa Smith
Tony Mendonca, Mendonca Academy.
Alice Springer, ED Community Home Builders.

(This information furnished by Gerardo Partida.)

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 5, At-Large**



**Audrey
Aase**

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Self-employed, Stylist

Educational Background: Academy of Hair Design,

Graduate, 2009; McMinnville High School, Graduate, 2006

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Involvement: Volunteer, Newby Elementary School
Dear Neighbor,

As a graduate of McMinnville Schools and resident for over 30 years, I am running for school board because I have a strong passion for our children's wellbeing and their early education. As a hairdresser, I am always interacting with individuals from our community, giving me great insight on what parents, students and teachers want and need from the district. With two children starting their journey in the district, I am committed to serving as a hands-on representative for all of us.

*I'd love to earn your vote!
Sincerely,
Audrey Aase*

**Happy, Healthy Students
Respect Parental Involvement
Create a Culture of Success**

- I believe a solid foundation for children is very important before they are sent out into the real world.
- A great foundation starts with a great education and life-skills training!
- **Academics and core competency need to be the top priorities in McMinnville schools.**
- Keeping students happy, healthy and held accountable for their work will boost their confidence and success.
- I will listen to the voices of parents. I believe parents should be aware of and have a say in what is being taught in our schools.
- **The academic calendar needs to reflect the wishes of parents first!**

"As a local mom and small business owner, Audrey is fully committed to our community and in tune with the needs of parents and students. I trust that she will put our kids first and strive for academic excellence in our schools."

*~ Chris Chenoweth, McMinnville City Councilor
(www.audreyformacschools.com, 3/20/23)*

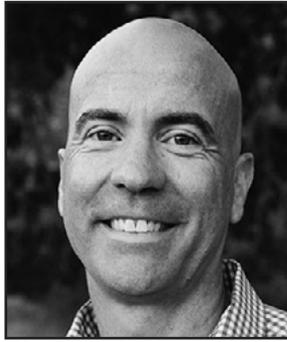
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**Gary Eckdahl, Eckdahl Properties
S&S Electrical Contractors, Local Business
Brian Wicks, Cascadia Landscaping, McMinnville Parent
Jessica Lewers, Owner, Ooh La Latte, McMinnville Parent
Joe & Margie Castro, Longtime McMinnville Residents**

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 6, At-Large**



**Todd
Hyder**

Occupation: Dentist and owner of Hyder Family Dentistry

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: McMinnville High School, Diploma; Villanova University, Political Science/Business Minor, BA; Temple University School of Dentistry, Dentistry, DMD

Prior Governmental Experience: President of Yamhill County Dental Society

About Me

I am a proud 4th generation McMinnville resident. My parents were both employed in the McMinnville School District. My Mom was a classified staff member for over 30 years and my dad was an administrator for over 20 years.

I have been married to my wife Ashley for 22 years and have three amazing children. My oldest daughter graduated from McMinnville High School last year, my son is a Freshman at McMinnville High School and my youngest daughter is a 5th grader at Memorial.

As parents we navigated our children through COVID and Distance Learning. We had to be teachers, coaches and counselors to our kids all while holding full time jobs. We learned from each other and gained a greater appreciation for all the aspects of learning that prepare our kids to thrive.

I am invested in our community and public education. The importance of each and every person that is involved with teaching and supporting our children should not be taken lightly. As a School Board member I will work with Superintendent Brockett and the other board members to support our district employees in helping our children achieve success.

Goals

-Listen to our kids, district employees, and help to find solutions to their struggles and celebrate their Success.

-Strengthen the connection with the local business community so they can understand the challenges our district employees and students are facing.

I will work for ALL KIDS!!!

hyder4schoolboard@gmail.com

Endorsed by the Following Community Members

- Ad Rutschman
- Adam Garvin
- Doug Hurl
- Jobe Nash
- Larry and Devri Doty
- Linda Davison
- Matt and Jill Scales
- Mike and Kim Morris

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 6, At-Large**



**Lu Ann
Anderson**

Occupation: Educational Consultant; Portland State University (Wallace Grant), Research Assistant; Administrator; Parent.

Occupational Background: Teacher; Coordinator, Director; Professor

Educational Background: M.S. Special Education, Portland State University; B.S. Early Childhood Education, State University of New York; Administrator License, Lewis & Clark; High School, Good Counsel Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: Yamhill-Carlton School Board; Oregon State Rehabilitation Council; ODE Transition Advisory Committee

Community Involvement: Yamhill County System of Care; Family Well Being Council; MVAdvancements

A Passionate, Experienced Advocate for McMinnville Children and Families

McMinnville children and parents deserve a comprehensive school experience that prepares our kids for the future ahead of them. As your school board member, I'll be a committed advocate for high-quality education, a broad range of extracurricular, club and athletic opportunities, and a positive and safe learning environment. As a mother and grandmother and great grandmother I understand the importance of building a school district where your children will thrive.

My Priorities:

Schools should be safe

Schools should be accessible

Schools should offer a broad range of programs

Schools should keep children in school

Over 35 Years of Commitment to Education

I have been an educator since 1987. My local experience includes 5 years teaching at Newberg High School, 5 years as an assistant principal at Salem-Kaiser, 11 years teaching at George Fox, and 5 years working for the McMinnville School District. Since 2012 I have run my own business, consulting on special education programs, program audits, teacher/administrator/staff coaching and mentoring.

I have the experience, the knowledge of the system, and the passion to deliver for McMinnville families.

Endorsements:

- Staci Gaut, School Psychologist
- Cynthia Hiatt-Henry, Director of Food Services
- Jill Long
- Gustavo Guerrero, Parent
- Abbie Warmbier, Parent

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 7, At-Large**



**Doris
Towery**

Occupation: Nonprofit and Healthcare Executive

Occupational Background: Oregon Oncology Cancer Clinic; Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation, Executive Director; Yamhill Community Action

Partnership (YCAP), Development Director; Lane County United Way, COO; Eugene Speech & Hearing Center, CEO

Educational Background: Indiana University, B.A. Speech Communication

Prior Governmental Experience: President, Lane Transit District Board, Precinct Committee Person, Neighborhood Leader.

Family & Background: Proud parent of two MHS graduates. 23 year Oregon Resident, 6 years in McMinnville. 25 year Rotarian. Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation Board.

A high quality public education has the power to transform lives. I've experienced that first hand, and that's why I'm running for McMinnville School Board. I support McMinnville educators' work to meet each individual student's need to help kids reach their full potential. I will work tirelessly to build on the achievements of MSD while advocating to ensure opportunities are available to all students with a focus on diversity, inclusion and building a path to success for all of our children.

Proven, Positive, Purpose Driven Leader

I bring 28 years of executive leadership in nonprofit and for profit businesses. Success in our schools depends on encouraging people with different backgrounds, views, and strengths to collaborate to create opportunities for all students.

All Students Graduate

- Supporting programs for college prep and career & technical education
- Providing the resources needed to support at-risk children
- Being a voice for our underserved students

Literacy

I am passionate about building on our nationally recognized efforts to increase literacy rates and prepare our kids to enter school ready to learn.

Endorsements:

ABBIE WARMBIER | MCMINNVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
CARSON BRENNER | MCMINNVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
ZACH GEARY | MCMINNVILLE CITY COUNCILOR
KELLIE MENKE | MCMINNVILLE CITY COUNCILOR
BRUCE WALTZ & ANN STEVENSEN
DR. MICHAEL & KATE PASSO

For more information visit: www.doristowery.org

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**McMinnville School District 40
Director, Position 7, At-Large**



**Shellie
Reyes**

Occupation: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Mental Health Specialist, Head Start, Yamhill County

Occupational Background: Mental Health Specialist & School-Based Therapist, Yamhill

County Family and Youth; Residence Hall Association, President, Western Oregon University.

Educational Background: Masters, Marriage and Family Therapy, George Fox University; BA, Western Oregon University; Graduate, Sweet Home High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a parent of FOUR bilingual children, I want to represent YOUR VOICE on the McMinnville School Board.

I have been a school-based therapist in McMinnville and have seen the effects of depression and anxiety in our kids. I am passionate about mental health and creating safe environments for our kids to thrive. I am ready to partner with parents and teachers to maximize each child's potential!

Shellie Reyes

- I believe transparent Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is a key component to student success.
- I am ready to listen to parental concerns and ideas for the safety and wellbeing of our children.
- I will bring your voice to the school board meetings and encourage active parent participation.

Como madre de CUATRO hijos bilingües en McMinnville, me gustaría representar SU VOZ.

Yo he trabajado como terapeuta escolar en McMinnville y he visto los efectos de ansiedad y depresión en nuestros hijos. Me apasiona la salud mental y crear espacios seguros para nuestros hijos. Trabajaré con los padres y maestros para maximizar el potencial de cada estudiante.

Shellie Reyes

- El aprendizaje emocional forma una parte importante del éxito de cada estudiante.
- Estoy lista para contestar las preguntas o dudas sobre la seguridad y bienestar de nuestros hijos.
- Su voz me acompañará a las juntas del Distrito Escolar por lo cual promoveré la participación de los padres.

WE SUPPORT SHELLIE!

Former State Representative Ron Noble

Sue Noble, School-Based Occupational Therapist

Jack Maxwell III, McMinnville Parent

Nikki Cedergreen, 5th Grade Teacher, Memorial Elementary

Daniel McNickolas, 4th Grade Teacher, Newby Elementary

Melissa Hernandez, Specialized Education Teacher

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Newberg School District 29J Director, Zone 2



Deb Bridges

Occupation: Victim Services,
Retired

Occupational Background:
Director of Victim Services,
Yamhill County District
Attorney's Office

Educational Background: Indiana University, BA Journalism

Prior Governmental Experience: Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, Attorney General's Crime Victim and Survivor Task Force

Community Service: School volunteer; Providence Newberg fundraising; Newberg-Dundee Police Foundation; District Attorney Crisis Response; Newberg City Club; Rotary.

I'm ready to serve on a Newberg School Board that focuses on providing an excellent education for all Newberg students

Literacy for a Bright Future. Too many Newberg kids are struggling to read by third grade. I'll bring a renewed focus to the importance of early literacy and advocate for raising educational excellence, so our kids are ready for post graduate aspirations.

Safe and Secure Schools. Kids can't learn unless they feel safe in school. That includes harassment and bullying. I bring a commitment and experience to assuring Newberg classrooms are places where every child feels valued, supported and safe.

Responsible Fiscal Stewardship. We need a school board focused on providing quality education based on a strategic plan to improve educational outcomes for all students. I bring years of experience developing and managing public budgets, federal and state grants.

I'm an advocate for all Newberg students

My husband and I raised two daughters who went through Newberg Public Schools. As a parent, I believe in the power of engaging students, parents, educators and the community to create an environment for student success. As a school board member, and a member of our community, I will continue to invest in and advocate for the success of all our public-school students.

I would be honored to have your vote.

We support Deb!

Dr. Paula Radich, (ret) Superintendent
Dr. Mark Ankeny
Mary Jane Bachmeier
Shannon Stueckle
Claudia Stewart
C. Diane Ragsdale
Terry McElligott
Pamela Simonsen Weaver
Bradley Berry, District Attorney
Frank Douglas
Newberg Education Association
Oregon Education Association PAC
Stand for Children
Oregon CARES PAC

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Newberg School District 29J Director, Zone 2



Shelley Kolb

Occupation: Vineyard Owner

Occupational Background:
Corporate Sales and Marketing
Specialist; Professional
Symphony Musician; Music
Teacher

Educational Background:

San Jose State University, MA; San Jose State University, BA; San Carlos High, General, Diploma; Certificate in Professional Fundraising, Boston University

Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Newberg School Board, Zone Two, 7/22 to Present

Goals: Provide a high-quality education for all students, promote academic proficiency, objective thinking, and personal responsibility. Prepare district graduates for college, the trades, the military, and today's competitive, evolving workplace.

FOCUS:

Academic Excellence

Set high academic standards to challenge our students. Provide individual pathways to help each student reach their full potential. Foster an attitude of student accountability for their success.

Parental Empowerment

Recognize parents' fundamental right to make key decisions for their children. Encourage parental partnership with teachers to increase student performance. Provide curriculum transparency and support parental classroom visits.

Career Technical Education

Teach marketable skills for high-paying careers. Expand student intern partnerships with local businesses. Incorporate real-world projects using the latest industry tools and techniques.

Safety

Educate on the dangers of fentanyl and all illicit drugs. Improve facility security and increase School Resource Officer staffing. Encourage civility and respect for classmates and staff.

Extracurricular Activities

Support extracurricular activities, including sports, music, theater, dance, art, special interest clubs, and volunteer organizations.

Support our current, outstanding superintendent and administrative team, who have hired and retained a robust staff of talented teachers. Together, with parents, students, and community members, they have moved forward to keep the focus on producing **academically proficient, well-rounded, and successful graduates.**

I am firmly committed to our students' success along with my husband who's enjoying his post-retirement role as a substitute teacher in our district. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Newberg School Board.

Endorsements:

- Lindsay Berschauer, County Commissioner
- Mary Starrett, County Commissioner
- Kit Johnston, County Commissioner
- Bill Rosacker, Mayor, City of Newberg
- Peggy Kilburg, Newberg City Counselor
- Robyn Wheatley, Newberg City Counselor
- Oregon Moms Union A-Rated

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Newberg School District 29J Director, Zone 3



Jeremy Hayden

Occupation: Product Manager,
Legal Tech

Occupational Background:
Product Owner, Commercial
Real Estate; Product Owner,
Financial Industry; Client
Services, Financial Industry

Educational Background: Newberg High School; MBA, BS,
University of Phoenix

Prior Governmental Experience: None

About Me:

- Lifelong Oregonian
- Newberg High School Graduate
- 17 yrs as a coach, 30+ local sports teams
- Proud husband of a Newberg teacher
- Proud father of 1 current Newberg student, 3 Newberg grads

My Priorities:

STABILITY: School boards must create stability in order for students and educators to succeed. Between fall of 2021 and today, Newberg saw a **mass exodus of 130+ teachers, staff and administrators**. Declining enrollment during the same period will **cost us \$1.2 million+ in state funding, while Sherwood barely changed**. I will approach the oversight of our administrators, stewardship of our finances, and rebuilding our teaching corps in a **responsible, nonpartisan, apolitical manner**. I will work to **prevent uncertainty in the district, blocking any action that harms the reputation of our schools, local businesses or our town**.

SAFETY: **Students and teachers alike deserve safe schools**. I will **spend tax dollars on safety, not attorneys**. I will work to **empower teachers and administrators** in the interest of their safety and that of their students.

SUPPORT: I will work to equip students for success, mindful of what they face outside of school. I will work to **lower out-of-pocket expenses for teachers**. I will **listen to district employees, giving them the tools they need to succeed**. I advocate programs that **drive STEM** and offer **more CTE opportunities**. I will listen to my community fairly and respectfully and remember, always, that **I work for them and their children**.

Proudly Endorsed By:

Newberg Education Association
Stand for Children
Oregon CARES PAC
C. Diane Ragsdale, former Dundee Mayor
Dr. Paula Radich, former NSD Superintendent
Terry McElligott, former NSD Administrator
Tim Graham, former NSD Principal
Kathy Brown, former NSD Educator
Brian Love, Business Owner

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Newberg School District 29J Director, Zone 3



Sue Osborne

Occupation: Piano teacher;
volunteer choir director,
Newberg Senior Center

Occupational Background:
Music therapist; volunteer for local
animal rescues and international
humanitarian non-profits;

former board member and treasurer of the Oregon Association
for Music Therapy.

Educational Background: Marylhurst University: Bachelor of
Music Therapy

Prior Governmental Experience: None

We have lived in Newberg since 1984. I love this town and I want to help our community to thrive. We raised four children here and I volunteered at Mabel Rush for many years. Two children graduated from NHS and two earned their GED after being home schooled.

Personal strengths: Logical problem solver; pragmatic; community builder; hopeful and optimistic; collaborative.

Primary goals:

- **Support fiscal responsibility.** The NSD recently implemented policies and procedures that will save tax dollars from being wasted, streamline procedures, and make our district more accountable and efficient.
- **Families first.** Strong families make strong communities. We should welcome and encourage volunteering in the classrooms, have open communication, and provide opportunities for parental involvement in decision making processes.
- **Literacy.** Newberg's scores in 2022 were unacceptable. For example, percentage passing Grade 11 Language Arts 48%, Math 19%. The school board needs to support NSD's efforts to address this by increasing time spent on literacy, math, science, and civics.
- **Enrollment.** Present efforts to give home school families opportunities to enroll in classes and activities should be supported, encouraged, and expanded. Reasons for falling enrollment should be researched and addressed.
- **Foster unity.** NSD, thanks to Dr. Phillips, received a Ford Family Foundation grant to foster unity in our city. Support more like this.

Let's work together to give our students an education that will prepare them for successful and fulfilling lives.

Endorsements:

Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner
Lindsay Berschauer, Yamhill County Commissioner
Brian Casey, Chief of Police (Retired)
Mike McBride, Newberg City Councilor
Robyn Wheatley, Newberg City Councilor
Marilyn Olson, MCO Productions
Richard Atwood, Pawsitively Saved Rescue

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Newberg School District 29J
Director, Zone 4



**Raquel
Peregrino de
Brito**

Occupation: Regulatory Affairs Professional

Occupational Background: Surgeon Dentist, Regulatory Affairs of Medical Devices, Dental Devices, Interpreter

Educational Background: Universidade Santo Amaro, São Paulo, Brazil, Degree of Dental Surgery.

Prior Governmental Experience: Newberg School District, Board of Directors: 3/22- Present; City of Newberg, Budget Committee: 2/22- Present

My family and I have called the Newberg-Dundee area home since 2015. My husband and I, along with our two children, have made service to our community a priority through church and civic club engagement.

It has been a privilege to serve our community as a member of our School Board.

During my time on the Board, we've seen measurable improvements in:

- *Community engagement
- *Focus on Academic Improvement
- *More frequent District-initiated communications
- *Policy updates
- *Staff recruitment and retention
- *Overall staff, parent and student satisfaction

My goals are to continue to promote:

- Increased literacy
- Academic excellence
- Student-focused curricula
- Fiscal responsibility
- Accountability to students, parents and the community

Join me as we prepare the next generation for success with a top-notch education for all our students!

Proudly Endorsed by:

**State Representative Anna Scharf, House District 23
Lindsay Berschauer, Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioners**

**Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner
Robyn Wheatley, Newberg City Council
Bill Rosacker, Mayor of Newberg
Oregon Right to Life PAC
Brian Casey, Chief of Police (Retired)**

I ask for your vote May 16th to continue to serve the students and parents of Newberg School District.

I look forward to hearing from you, please be in touch:
www.electRaquel.com

(This information furnished by Raquel Peregrino de Brito.)

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Newberg School Board 29J
Director, Zone 4



**Nancy
Woodward**

Occupation: Retired.

Occupational Background: School Librarian for 30 years in public schools in Oregon and Alaska; International schools in Kenya, Malaysia, and Italy.

Educational Background: MA in Education/School Library, Portland State University; BA in Spanish, University of California, Berkeley.

Prior Governmental Experience: Silver Falls Library District Board of Directors, eight years.

Community Service: Volunteer youth soccer and basketball coach. Church volunteer.

Connection to Newberg Public Schools: All of my children attended Newberg Public Schools. I believe a good public school education must be an option for all children in order to prepare them for further educational opportunities and/or work opportunities.

**Working for Collaboration and Unity in
Newberg Public Schools**

I have experience working with people of varied opinions and backgrounds. I believe people with differing points of view can work together for the good of the community.

My Vision as a School Board Member:

- Be a good listener to all parties involved in the school district - students, parents, educators, and community members.
- Develop policies that are in compliance with Oregon law.
- Participate in Oregon School Board Association workshops to be an effective school board member.
- Help set educational goals for the district that raise reading and math scores and increase graduation rates.
- Follow state laws.
- Develop a long-range strategic plan for the district with input from all interested parties.
- Employ and evaluate the superintendent of the Newberg School District.
- Develop public support for the Newberg School District through accountability and transparency.

I am committed to abide by the Newberg-Dundee Civility Pledge. I ask for your vote.

Endorsements:

Dr. Mark Ankeny; Rebecca Ankeny; Tim Graham; Fred Gregory; Roy McConaughy; Terry McElligott; Jim & Melody McMaster; Dr. Paula A. Radich, Superintendent (ret.) Newberg School District 1999-2012; Diane Ragsdale; Bill Rogers; Maureen Rogers, Chapters Books and Coffee; Claudia Stewart; Newberg Education Association; Oregon Education Association PAC; Oregon CARES PAC; Stand for Children

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**Newberg School District 29J
Director, Zone 6**



**James
Wolfer**

Occupation: Police Officer/
School Resource Officer

Occupational Background:
Police Officer, City of Sherwood;
Police Officer, Grand Ronde
Tribal Police Department; Police
Officer, Warm Springs Tribal

Police Department; US Coast Guard, Maritime Enforcement
Specialist First Class.

Educational Background: University of Cincinnati, Criminal
Justice, Masters; George Fox University, Spanish, BA; Newberg
High School, High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am a police officer, School Resource Officer, veteran,
husband, and most importantly, father of young children. For
the last 13 years, I've served in uniform for my community
and country. Now, it's time to stand up for our community and
children. I spend every day working with students and staff, and
understand the issues currently facing our schools.

I commit to putting children before politics – period.

**Integrity: Doing the right thing, even when no one is
watching.** I will:

- Be transparent.
- Follow ethics, laws, and rules

**School Safety: No parent should ever be afraid to send
their child to school.** I will:

- Work with NPD to increase and ensure our SRO pro-
gram follows best practices
- Update policies on school threats and safety
- Implement drug safety education and ensure NARCAN is
available in every school
- Ensure anti-suicide policies and treatment options are robust

Fiscal Responsibility: Ethical stewardship of tax dollars. I will:

- Reverse declining student enrollment, is which costing millions
- NOT cut arts, drama, sports, music, or other extracurricular
programs
- Ensure laws and administrative rules are followed so our
district stops being subject to lawsuits and fines.

I am committed to serve our community and our children.

**VOTE JAMES WOLFER TO PRIORITIZE OUR KIDS OVER
POLITICS**

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ENDORSEMENTS

Newberg Education Association; Oregon CARES PAC
Stand for Children Oregon

Dr. Paula A. Radich (ret) Superintendent, Newberg School
District 1999-2012

Terry McElligott, retired Administrator of Newberg School District
C. Diane Ragsdale, Former Mayor, City of Dundee
Jim Maguire, Council President, City of Dayton
Marion-Polk-Yamhill Central Labor Chapter

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**Newberg School District 29J
Director, Zone 6**



**Dave
Brown**

Occupation: Education /Sports,
Physical Education Coach;
Canby High Head Girls Tennis
Coach; Current Newberg School
District Director, Board Chair.

Occupational Background:
20-year Newberg Public School

employee; NHS Head Boys Tennis Coach, Head Boys Basketball
coach; Assistant Boys Basketball coach. 4- year Canby Public
School employee; In-classroom NHS STAR Program; 12 -year
NHS Security.

Educational Background: Portland Community College:
Recreation Management, Business Management; Attended
Newberg Public Schools for 12 years, including 4 years at
Newberg High School; 39 years Continuing Education in coach-
ing, human relations, business best practices; 3.5 years School
Board trainings.

Prior Governmental Experience: 3.5 years Newberg School
District Director, 2 years Newberg School Board Chair.

As a lifelong Newberg resident and fulltime school district
coach for three decades, I know our community's families,
values and challenges. On the field and in the classroom, I
encouraged our students to set goals, exceed those goals, look
out for their teammates and pursue excellence.

As School Board Chair I've championed the same principles.

Once again, we can be proud of our schools.

Despite challenges, our district has experienced a remarkable
turnaround:

- *Improved test scores
- *Increased teacher/ staff satisfaction
- *Community confidence
- *Increased enrollment
- * Financial Stability

Our new School Superintendent has rallied parents and com-
munity members as never before.

As your representative on the School Board, I'll continue to
focus on fiscal responsibility, rigorous academic standards,
community engagement and making sure our classrooms are
learning environments, not indoctrination centers.

***Parents know what's best for their children; we honor
the trust they place in us and welcome their input and
involvement.***

I ask for your vote on May 16th to continue to serve you.

Coach Dave Brown

Endorsed by:

**Lindsay Berschauer, Kit Johnston, Yamhill County
Commissioners**

Mary Starrett Yamhill County Commissioner

David Russ, Mayor of Dundee

Bill Rosacker, Mayor of Newberg

Robyn Wheatley, Peggy Kilburg, Newberg City Councilors

Brian Casey, Chief of Police (Retired)

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**Newberg School District 29J
Director, Zone 7**



**Sol
Allen**

Occupation: Server - Earth & Sea, Carlton

Occupational Background: Customer Service, Restaurant Manager

Educational Background:

Oregon State University, Master of Public Policy; Oregon State University, B.A. Political Science; Newberg HS graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Newberg Budget Committee, Oregon Legislative Intern

For more than twenty years I have called Newberg home. Now a father, proudly raising two young children in the Newberg School District, I am invested in and care deeply that our public schools provide an excellent education and life skill development for every student.

*I have the knowledge, temperament, and roots within our community to be a responsible school board director committed to rebuilding trust among parents, students, teachers, and the Newberg-Dundee community. **Every student will be at the center of my decision-making.***

PRIORITIES:

Prepare student for the future

We must strengthen programs that connect students to school and prepare them for future careers. Career Technical Education, STEM, FFA, Performing Arts and similar programs are an essential part of a well-rounded education that ensures success beyond graduation.

Retain and recruit quality educators

The recent mass exodus of experienced, skilled teachers and staff requires schools find ways to sustain a qualified, professional workforce. Student learning depends on it.

Provide fiscal leadership and legal compliance

The loss of over 900 students in the past decade equates to millions of dollars in lost funding for teachers and staff, necessary services, and vital school programs. An immediate focus on transparent, accountable fiscal stewardship and following the law are vital to maintain opportunities to retain and grow students in our schools.

The past two years have had substantial impacts on students, parents, teachers, and staff. It is time to refocus the school board's attention away from partisan politics and national talking points to the pressing needs of our students.

ENDORSEMENTS:

**Drea Ferguson
Terry McElligot
Claudia Stewart
Paula Radich
Diane Ragsdale
Pete Siderius
Oregon Cares
Newberg Education Association**

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**Newberg School District 29J
Director, Zone 7**



**Chris
Irwin**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Oregon Licensed Tax Preparer, 11 years; Corporate Office: PayLess Drug Stores, 21 years: Finance Department/Payroll Supervisor for 4 states, buyer for OTC pharmaceutical products.

Educational Background: Philomath High School, General Education, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a resident of Newberg for over 40 years, I have made community service a priority.

I have volunteered with a variety of organizations including **Faith in Action, Love Inc, Rotary, Beyond Backpack** and as a volunteer at the nearby **Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.**

Teaching inmates has shown me firsthand that education is critical.

Our students depend on us for a quality education.

I'll promote a strong academic curriculum and use my accounting background to ensure the best use of limited funds, along with a balanced and transparent budget.

I support:

- A strong core curriculum of reading, math, science, history and civics.
- Equal opportunities for *all* students.
- A safe learning environment.
- A wide choice of academic courses, including honors classes and vocational training.
- Parental involvement.
- Intensive drug and alcohol abuse education.

Now more than ever, our students need our commitment to academic excellence!

Choose CHRIS IRWIN for School Board

Proudly Endorsed by:

Lindsay Berschauer, Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioners

Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner

Bill Rosacker, Mayor of Newberg

Robyn Wheatley, Peggy Kilburg, Mike McBride, Newberg City Councilors

Oregon Moms Union A-rated

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Sheridan School District 48J
Director, Position 4



**Rubit
Ramirez**

Occupation: Service Integration Specialist, Yamhill Community Care; President, Sheridan Tree of Giving; Member, Sheridan School District Bond Planning Committee

Occupational Background:

2015-2016 Senior Patient Advocate, Cardon Outreach; 2016-2022 Volunteer, McMinnville Free Clinic; Other volunteer experience: McMinnville and Newberg Emergency Warming Shelter, SMART, ASPIRE Mentor, McMinnville Food + Wine Classic, Dayton Tree of Giving, Hazel's House – Foster

Educational Background: Dayton High School, High School Diploma; Western Oregon University, Bachelor of Science, Community Health Education

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I am a first-generation Latina from Dayton who moved to Sheridan about a year ago. I am running for this open position because I grew up in a small community and representation matters. Children deserve to have great leadership that represents them and can make decisions about the future of the school. Sheridan School District's mission statement that each student will be engaged today, inspired for the future, ready for the next set of challenges and accountable for their learning resonates with me. Coming from a small rural community, I know the importance of being inspired for the future when there are limited resources. If voted in, I want to continue to build on this part of the mission statement.

In my current role as the Service Integration Specialist, I facilitate and coordinate the seven Service Integration Teams of Yamhill County. I connect with community partners to network, share resources, and meet the needs of residents in Yamhill County. This role has given me the transferrable skills such as meeting facilitation, building consensus, and making connections that make me a great newcomer to work alongside the current board.

Please vote Rubit Ramirez for Sheridan Schools!

Endorsed by:

Liz-Beth Hodgins, Sheridan City Councilor

(This information furnished by Rubit Ramirez.)

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Sherwood School District 88J
Director, Position 1



**Harmony
Carson**

Occupation: Athletics Assistant, Lakeridge HS, 2022 – Present

Occupational Background: Asst. Athletic Director and Interim Athletic Director, Riverdale SD 51J, 2015-2021;

Executive Assistant, Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), 2005-2008

Educational Background: Oregon State University, B.S. in Business Management, 2004; Sherwood HS, 1999

Prior Governmental Experience: Sherwood School Board (Appointed Oct. 2022 – Current)

SHERWOOD EXPERIENCE

ALUMNI, K-12, Class of 1999

COACH, Sherwood HS Dance Team, 2006-08

PARENT VOLUNTEER: 2014 - Current
SSD Transformation & Visioning Committee –
Ridges Campus, 2018

SSD Building Design Committee – Ridges Campus, 2019

As a current, appointed member of the Sherwood School Board since October 2022, I am asking for your vote to continue the dedicated work necessary to help the Sherwood School District succeed, thrive and do what's best for kids. I'm dedicated to representing the Sherwood community fairly and impartially and working together to ensure our school board remains non-partisan.

I can offer a unique perspective above other candidates: I'm the only candidate running unopposed and am a product and graduate of this beloved district and have a vested interest to see all our children receive an exceptional education and to be a part of the same great traditions that I experienced as a member of the **BOWMEN FAMILY**.

ALL KIDS deserve a high level of education and need good stewards who are dedicated to ensuring that quality education and fiscal responsibility and transparency continues from year to year. With your vote, I will continue to use my knowledge, diligence and 20 years of experience in athletics and education to be a voice for our community, kids and educators as we overcome our current challenges and navigate the road ahead for the future.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Abby Hawkins – Sherwood School Board, Chair

Krista Thorne – Sherwood School Board, Vice Chair

Jessica Adamson – Sherwood School Board, Director

Dan Jamison – Superintendent, Sherwood SD (2005-2010 Retired)

Kevin Barton – District Attorney, Washington County

Tim Rosener – Mayor, City of Sherwood

(This information furnished by Harmony Carson.)

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**Sherwood School District 88J
Director, Position 4**



**Hans S
Moller**

Occupation: Orthopedic surgeon Providence Medical Group (part-time); International Geriatric Fracture Society Board member

Occupational Background: Partner, Orthopedic and

Fracture Specialists 1984-2020; Regional Medical Director Orthopedic Institute, Providence Health Services 2004-2020

Educational Background: USNR, LtCdr. 1977-1984

Prior Governmental Experience: Denison University, Granville Oh. 1970-1974, BA chemistry; Medical College of Ohio at Toledo 1974-1977 MD; American board of orthopedic surgery 1986-current

As a resident of Sherwood for the past 13 years and a father of two girls in our school system, I have been committed to and involved in advancing education and the student experience.

My interest in the school board began several years ago as I observed the ever-increasing expectations of our community and state and federal-mandated policies required of the public school system and our district. These demands placed considerable stress on our schools and community. Balancing, prioritizing, and creating a cooperative and sustainable future requires a school board with a diverse yet collaborative vision. This will require creativity, cooperative efforts, and curious questioning, always remembering our student's best interests.

My wife and I have volunteered in our girl's preschool and again at Archer Glen as a teacher's reading and math instructor, supported the fundraising at the Fun Run, and I was "Eddy the Eagle" at the carnivals. At SMS, we improved the greenspaces and created an "orthopedic science" day for 6th-grade science. I have coached Sherwood recreational soccer for many years and consulted on many sports injuries! I continue to be dedicated to the Sherwood educational experience and the community.

I am formally trained as an orthopedic surgeon and have worked for 37 years with Orthopedic & Fracture Specialists. After two months of retirement, I was asked to return to the Providence system and continue supporting our Oregon community hospitals part-time.

In my spare time, our family enjoys our small farm while continuing to accumulate rescue animals!

To learn more about me, please visit: www.hansmoller.com

(This information furnished by Hans Moller.)

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**Sherwood School District 88J
Director, Position 5**



**Matthew
Thornton**

Occupation: Senior Software Developer

Occupational Background: Math and Science Teacher (17 years): Sherwood, Hillsboro, and Wahluke, WA; CEO and Founder Ed Tech startup company

Educational Background: Portland State Univ.: MBA (Intern'l Business Specialization); Central Wash. Univ.: Graduate Teacher Certifications (Math and Science Education); Bachelor of Arts (Music and Education)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a Former Sherwood Teacher, My Priorities are:

- **All Students Belong.** Maintain an environment where ALL students feel safe and welcome, and have what they need to be ready to learn.
- **Ensure Good Governance.** Focus on the business of the Board, not political activism or cultural issues.
- **Expand our Financial Stability.** Support needed reforms to make sure we manage both revenue and spending to avoid future imbalances and unnecessary cuts.
- **Support and Develop Our Teaching Staff.** Attract and retain the best staff by equipping them for the increasing challenges of post-pandemic education.
- **Expand Our Technical Programs.** Prepare students for jobs that don't yet exist by giving them a wide range of skills and opportunities.

As a former Sherwood teacher and a parent of current Sherwood students, I know Sherwood is at its best when we work to build a strong community partnership with our families, students, schools, businesses, police, and city government.

I would be honored to serve in this role. I ask for your vote.

"Matt is a great dad and former teacher who is ready to look out for all Sherwood kids. I trust Matt to make fair and informed decisions on behalf of Sherwood families."

- Courtney Neron, OR State Representative for Sherwood (posted 3/13/23; www.friendsofmattthornton.com)

Endorsements

- Courtney Neron - OR State Representative for Sherwood
- Aaron Woods - OR State Senator for Sherwood
- Stand for Children
- Oregon Cares
- Willamette Women Democrats
- UFCW 555
- The Democratic Party of Washington County
- Democratic Party of Clackamas County

Please visit: <https://www.friendsofmattthornton.com>

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Yamhill-Carlton School District 1 Director, Position 2



**Erin
Galyean**

Occupation: Controller

Occupational Background:
19 years in Private Accounting,
Certified Public Accountant
since 2010

Educational Background:

Portland State University; Business Administration: Accounting;
Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Yamhill Carlton School District:
Budget Committee Member from 2018-2020, School Board
Member Position 2 from 2020-2023

I have enjoyed my time on the School Board. After being side-
tracked by COVID, I'm excited to be focused on high student
achievement and on making this district a great place for all
students.

I value strong community, of which, schools, businesses
and churches are an integral part. I serve as a volunteer to
strengthen that community. Through my involvement in the
schools, I have noticed many positives: passage of a school
bond, strong fiscal responsibility, improved student achieve-
ment (during non-COVID times), and increasing success in
athletics. I will promote continuation of that success.

I envision YCSD as a safe and desirable place for students to
be their best selves, providing them with tools and opportuni-
ties for future success. I desire to help build a positive school
culture with sound leadership, strong business and community
partnerships, active PTOs, high volunteerism, and promotion
of sufficient funding solutions. I believe I can contribute to its
continued advancement.

In addition to serving three years as a Board Member, I have
volunteered in the schools, and have served the School Board
as a Budget Committee Member. I am a 4th generation Yamhill
resident with two kids in the district and I am a graduate of
Yamhill Carlton High School. This makes me uniquely able to
understand many of the challenges that the School District is
facing. Additionally, I have 20 years of accounting experience
where I have developed skills such as analysis, leadership, and
collaboration. I am a licensed CPA with high ethical standards
and strong financial competence. I am a wife, mother and
community member seeking to help build an advantageous
environment for my children and the children of the future.

(This information furnished by Erin Galyean.)

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Yamhill-Carlton School District 1 Director, Position 3



**Susan
FitzGerald**

Occupation: Educator, K-12,
Substitute Teacher

Occupational Background:
Elementary Teacher (Grades
2, 4, 6); Elementary Counselor;
Resource Teacher (Grades
7-12); Hawaii State Migrant

Education Resource Teacher & Project Coordinator for Migrant
Education Even Start Grant; Vice Principal (Middle & High School
Grades 7-12); Complex Area School Renewal Specialist; Principal
(High School; Elementary School); State School Appraisal Team
Lead/Member; School Improvement Leadership Coach; ODE
State Chronic Absenteeism Coach; Substitute Teacher

Educational Background: College Of Emporia, BA, Sociology/
Psychology; Heritage College, M. Ed., Professional Development;
Argosy University, Ed.D., Instructional Leadership K-12; University
of Hawaii-Hilo, Teacher Certification; University of Hawaii-Manoa,
and the State of Hawaii - Department of Education, Administrative
License

Prior Governmental Experience: 2014 & 2015, Yamhill Carlton
School Board Budget Committee Member; 2015 to Present
Yamhill Carlton School District School Board; Committee member
of Negotiations, Policy, and Curriculum and School Improvement;
Bond COC member, Current Board Chair; 2017 – 2019: Yamhill/
Polk OSBA Director

Community Service: 2013 to Present YC Education Foundation,
Past Vice President and Past President, Current Board Member

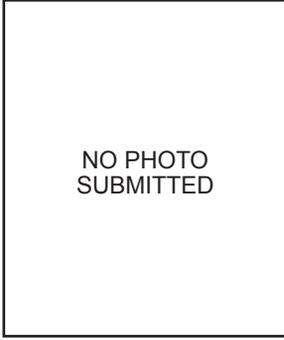
Over the past four years, I have been committed to the school
district and the decision making process which has the stu-
dents' best interest and educational opportunities in mind. It
would be an honor to continue to serve as a Yamhill-Carlton
School Board member. It is important to provide all YC stu-
dents with learning opportunities to achieve the knowledge and
skills needed upon graduation to be successful in their future
and be able to pursue secondary education or a successful
career path beyond K-12 education.

Thank you.

(This information furnished by Susan FitzGerald.)

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Amity Fire District Director, Position 1



Jason Scharf

Occupation: Farmer

Occupational Background:
Firefighter Amity Fire District
1996-2014; Firefighter/
Lieutenant Sheridan Fire District
2003-2013

Educational Background: Amity High School; Linn-Benton Community College, Agri-Business major

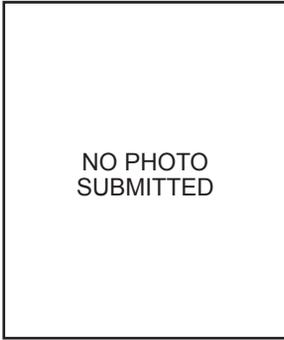
Prior Governmental Experience: Amity Fire District Budget Committee 2018-present

I am running for Amity Fire District Position #1, because I want to continue my involvement with the organization my family and I have been a part of for so long. With over 20 combined years as a firefighter and budget committee member, I have the experience and desire to help lead the District into the next era, wherever that may take it. My goal is for all taxpayers of the District, in both counties, to be well represented. I want to make sure the entire District has the best fire and emergency services that can be provided while also balancing those services with the sound fiscal responsibility required from a small rural fire department's limited resources.

(This information furnished by Jason Scharf.)

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McMinnville Fire District (Proposed) Director, At-Large



Ray Pratt

Occupation: Harbor Master;
City of Portland Fire & Rescue
(retired)

Occupational Background:
Buck Ambulance; Clackamas
County (EMT 3); Buck
Ambulance; Multnomah County

(Paramedic); Salem Fire Department; Firefighter-Paramedic;
Portland Fire & Rescue; Firefighter-Paramedic; Fire Inspector;
Institutional Fire Inspector; Harbor Master

Educational Background: Chemeketa Community College;
Paramedic Certification- #114358 (lapsed); National Fire
Academy; Emmitsburg, Md. (Fire Inspection Principals)

Prior Governmental Experience: McMinnville Volunteer Fire
Department; 1983-2001; Firefighter; Engineer; Lieutenant;
Paramedic; Past President; Westhills Estates Homeowners
Association; Past President

As a 44-year resident of McMinnville, a former volunteer with McMinnville Fire and a retired Firefighter and Inspector with The City of Portland, I feel strongly about the direction the City and Rural Fire Districts are heading. A newly formed Fire District will require a knowledgeable board in all aspects of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services. Thirty-plus years of fire service experience spent working with a diverse population, finding solutions for problems, and resolving disputes has prepared me for this opportunity. I raised my family here and I want to see future employees of McMinnville Fire choose to stay in McMinnville and raise their families here as well. To accomplish this, a solid career path within the Fire District must be achievable. I will work to stop the revolving door of short-term employees at the McMinnville Fire Department, both career and volunteers. Our city has outgrown the need for a single fire station and needs to adapt and properly plan for the future. A strong Board of Directors will see this need and ensure it becomes a reality for the sake of the Fire District and the members of this community. With my understanding of the fire service, I would be a strong asset to the Board of Directors and would work to improve the Fire District for the future, as well as for today. I would appreciate your vote.

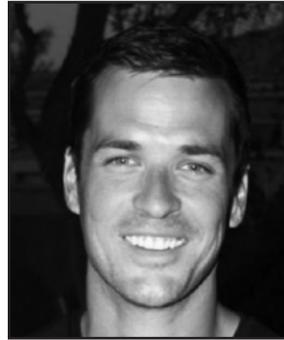
Endorsements:

Cathy and Terry Tindle
Phil and Kathy Loving
Donna G. Nelson
R. Waldo Farnham
Carl N. Thompson
Leslie A. Thompson

(This information furnished by Ray Pratt.)

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McMinnville Fire District (Proposed) Director, At-Large



Josh Traff

Occupation: Firefighter /
Paramedic with Tualatin Valley
Fire and Rescue

Occupational Background:
Paramedic with American
Medical Response

Educational Background: McMinnville High School, General,
Diploma; Portland Community College, Fire Science; College of
Emergency Services, Paramedicine, Associates Degree

Prior Governmental Experience: None

McMinnville Fire Department is currently run by the city which means that funding comes from the General Fund and not from a separate tax especially for fire services.

McMinnville Fire sets the bar for the fire service and this group of hardworking individuals, unfortunately, over time, has been tasked to do more with less. Passing measures 36-226 and 36-227 will form a new district and guarantee funding that will shore up and support an essential public service that needs reliability and sustainability.

My priorities include:

- **Hiring qualified Fire/EMS personnel**
- **Additional substations to ensure adequate response times for ALL citizens, both rural and in-town (current fire and EMS services to rural citizens are contracted through the city, resulting in delayed response times)**

I would bring to board experience as a career firefighter/paramedic with TVFR and serving on the water-rescue team. Prior to my time with TVFR, I volunteered with Clackamas Fire District. I was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" for my work, which included being on the volunteer association board, restructuring of recruitment guidelines, and updating website design.

McMinnville is my home! I am a graduate of MAC high and a rural citizen, as well as a husband, father, and son in this community. I have a vested interest in ensuring the safety of my family and neighbors. We cannot afford to delay reform any longer. These are ESSENTIAL, LIFESAVING services that we ALL want available to us when we dial 911.

Help our community by passing measures 36-226 and 36-227 and by voting for me, Josh Traff to the Mac Fire District Board. It is time to support the people who serve us.

(This information furnished by Josh Traff.)

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McMinnville Fire District (Proposed) Director, At-Large



Daniel Sparrow

Occupation: Captain at North Lincoln Fire & Rescue

Occupational Background: Firefighter Paramedic with 25 years of experience; Captain, Firefighter/Engineer, Paramedic at North Lincoln Fire & Rescue

2017-present; Firefighter/Paramedic McMinnville Fire Department 2008-2017; Volunteer Firefighter EMT/Paramedic McMinnville Fire Department 1998-2008, 2017-2018; Paramedic at American Medical Response 2008; Wireless Network Administrator for OnlineNW 2004-2008

Educational Background: McMinnville High School; AAS Fire Protection Technology; AAS EMT-Paramedic

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a Captain who manages fire service professionals, a paramedic with extensive patient care and quality assurance experience, a former administrator for a locally owned company, and a resident of McMinnville, I would like to give back to the community and organization by serving on the Board of Directors.

I have been a resident of McMinnville for over 40 years and have raised my family in this community. I went to grade school, middle school, and high school in McMinnville. I worked for many local businesses and business owners in this community, and watched my wife and children do the same. I have seen the growth and development that has taken place in McMinnville over the past 4 decades and am committed to serving the citizens of the new Fire District.

Having volunteered and worked for the McMinnville Fire Department I know and understand the important issues that they are facing and the standards that are not being met. As a resident of this community, I am mindful of the fire and EMS protection services that we deserve. I am committed to working collaboratively with the other members elected to the Board of Directors to create policies and guidelines, and to establish a long-range plan. I will ensure the district meets the needs of the entire community while being fiscally responsible with tax dollars received.

Endorsed by:

McMinnville Professional Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 3099; McMinnville Volunteer Firefighters Association.

(This information furnished by Daniel Sparrow.)

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McMinnville Fire District (Proposed) Director, At-Large



Brian Smith

Occupation: Strategic Services Chief for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (active)

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner / Operator - McMinnville 1993-2001; McMinnville Fire

Department - Firefighter / Paramedic - 1997-2001; Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue - (Firefighter, Paramedic, Apparatus Operator, Lieutenant, Captain, Strategic Services Chief) 2001-present

Educational Background: California Polytechnic State University – Speech Communication – BA

Prior Governmental Experience: McMinnville Fire Department - Volunteer Firefighter - 1994-1997; Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union – Vice President - 2011-2021

Committed to improving Fire & EMS service and delivery:

- Improving Fire & EMS response times for a safer McMinnville.
- Support the men & women that work at McMinnville Fire with stable funding and a focus on safety and staffing.
- Strategic planning for future growth that considers the service expectations of all residents.

****Vote YES on Measures 36-226 & 36-227****

****Vote for Brian Smith McMinnville for Fire Board of Directors****

30-year resident of McMinnville:

- Strong community relationships to help the Fire District be successful.
- The best possible fire and medical response at fair tax rate.
- I understand the impact that population growth has on emergency services.

28 years of fire service experience:

- Understand citizens expect and deserve a fast and effective fire / EMS response at a fair price.
- Understand what firefighters need to be safe and successful in their jobs.

10 years as a small business owner / operator:

- Coordinate marketing and competitive strategies.
- Develop budgets and manage business expenses.
- Develop and administer policies and procedures.

10 years elected as Vice President of a large Firefighters Union

- Importance of strong labor / management relationships.
- Importance of strong relationships with elected officials and community leaders.
- Worked on successful campaigns for local option levies and bonds.

Endorsements:

- McMinnville Professional Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 3099
- McMinnville Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Mike Duyck – Former Fire Chief at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
- Steve Rex – Retired Assistant Chief with McMinnville Fire Department
- Damon Schulze – 28 years at McMinnville Fire Department – Retired
- Matt Scales – McMinnville public safety leader

(This information furnished by Brian Smith.)

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McMinnville Fire District (Proposed) Director, At Large



**Adam D
Garvin**

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Garvin Auto Spa, Garvin Motors, ADG Farms LLC

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner 15+ years; Restaurant, Cannabis & Automotive sectors.

Educational Background: McMinnville High School Linfield College / Accounting

Prior Governmental Experience: McMinnville City Council 2016-present; McMinnville City Council President 2022 – present; McMinnville Airport Commission, 2016-present; Yamhill Communications Agency Executive Board of Directors, 2016-present; Visit McMinnville Board of Directors, 2022 – present; McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Council, 2012-2018; McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2014 – 2018;

Community Service:

McMinnville Volunteer Firefighter 2005-2008
McMinnville Jaycees Board of Directors, Treasurer 2010-2012
McMinnville Fireworks Show Pyrotechnician, 2010-2018
McMinnville Noon Kiwanis Board of Directors, 2012-2016
Cruising McMinnville, 2018 – Present

I never envisioned being a City Councilor but after seeing firsthand the stress our Public Safety was under for far too long; I chose to be part of the solution. As a third generation McMinnvillian, currently raising the fourth it was motivation to get out of the stands and into the arena to effect change in a positive and collaborative way and sought reelection in 2020.

This fire districting project has been my primary focus for both my terms on Council. Understanding the complexity of our Fire Department, ambulance service area, volunteer/paid staff combination & EMS/Fire cross-staffing model, are a few reasons why I am seeking a Fire Board seat. Direct knowledge, behind the curtain understanding of the feasibility study, and key implementation components allows immediate action and understanding of the task at hand on day one. I have a burning desire to see this plan through to its full potential in a collaborative effort, to create a regional asset all McMinnville area citizens can be proud of for the decades ahead.

Endorsements:

McMinnville Professional Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 3099
McMinnville Volunteer Firefighters Association
Lucetta Elmer, State Representative
Lindsay Berschauer, Yamhill County Commissioner
Ron Noble
Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioner
Jeff Knapp
Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner
Stephen Leonard
Lucien Gunderman
Todd Hyder
Pamela Lum

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McMinnville Fire District (Proposed) Director, At-Large



**Dennis L
Goecks**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Professional Engineer - Martin Marietta (Titan II Program) & Boeing (727-200 Program); Private Business Owner - (1974-2018); Yamhill County

Commissioner (1989-1997); Adjunct Instructor (Business and Management) Chemeketa Community College (35 years)

Educational Background: University of Wisconsin, Bachelor Degree, Engineering; University of Washington, Professional License, Mechanical Engineering; Many varied classes over my working lifetime

Prior Governmental Experience: Yamhill County Commissioner (1989-1997); Board of Directors - McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce (2001-2007); Board of Directors - Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Service Agency (1987-1997); Chair, Board of Directors - Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (1992); Former Board Member - O&C Counties

On this ballot I asked you, the voter, to Vote NO on the creation of the "McMinnville Fire District".

As a former Yamhill County Commissioner, past member of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District (MRFPD) board and a resident in the rural district; I have been following the creation of a consolidated fire district with the City of McMinnville. I believed it was not a good idea AS PROPOSED.

If it is approved, I ask to work on the new board to see that your tax dollars are used as effectively and reasonably as possible. I would seek to bring balance to the board, asking the tough questions that allow the best outcome we all desire.

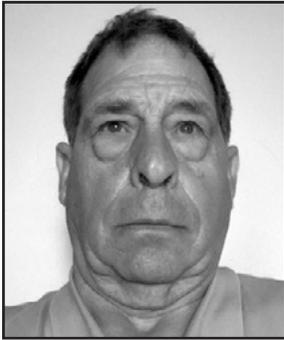
I appreciate the service of the fire and ambulance service personnel. My goals include a district that:

- a. A district that operates at a Tax Code Rate of less than 1.25 (the remaining .75 would be for capital improvement and contingency funding)
- b. The preservation of the current fire station (with edge of town minimum cost sub stations).
- c. A program that is sold on the value of the volunteer firefighter and expand with proper recognition of the Volunteer Force

(This information furnished by Dennis L Goecks.)

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**Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District
Director, Position 3**



**Gary
Giddings**

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Pacific Seafood – 1985-2020 34 yrs; Sheridan Fire District – 1980-2013 33 yrs – Volunteer
Educational Background: McMinnville High, Diploma 1969

Prior Governmental Experience: None

(This information furnished by Gary Giddings.)

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**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
Director, Position 4**



**Randy
Lauer**

Occupation: Vice President of Operations, American Medical Response (AMR); Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Directors Position #4, 2011-present, Board President since 2020.

Occupational Background: Buck Medical Services/American Medical Response 1981-present as Paramedic, trainer, and manager. U.S. Coast Guard for 32 years, active and reserve, heavy weather rescue boat operator, maritime law enforcement, retired Master Chief.

Educational Background: OHSU, Advanced Paramedic Training; Portland State University.

Prior Governmental Experience: TVF&R Budget Committee, 2010-2011.

RE-ELECT RANDY LAUER!

For twelve years, I'm proud to have volunteered on the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Directors, and I'd be honored to keep serving you!

FAST AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE

As your neighbor, my goal is ensuring when you're in a crisis, or your loved one needs an immediate response, TVF&R is there with **fast, effective service**. I've worked to keep our **low tax rate**, without sacrificing service quality. As a 30-year, former paramedic, I know it's critical to have highly trained first responders with modern equipment to keep our community safe.

COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Working collaboratively with government officials, healthcare providers, and community leaders, I've helped TVF&R be a leader in delivering emergency medical services. I use my skills as a former first responder to support our Fire Chief and protect firefighters on the front line. I use my business experience to effectively manage our tax dollars.

CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

I share TVF&R's belief that we can be better tomorrow than we are today, and to that end we continually look for improvement. High standards and diversity recruitment are making us better every day. Our fire stations and infrastructure are on track to be fully efficient and sustainable for decades to come, thanks to your approval of our recent bond.

Proudly Endorsed By:

Tualatin Valley Firefighters, IAFF Local 1160

(This information furnished by Randy Lauer.)

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**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District
Director, Position 5**



**Justin
Dillingham**

Occupation: Small business owner.

Occupational Background: Licensed paramedic with 25+ years of experience. Former Chief Operating Officer, Chief Customer Officer, and Flight

Paramedic at Life Flight Network. Former volunteer firefighter, Assistant professor at the OHSU / OIT Paramedic Education Program, and Subject Matter Expert and consultant on several emergency medical services projects. Extensive experience caring for patients as an EMT and Paramedic in urban and rural settings and via ground and air response.

Educational Background: Portland State University, *Degree:* Master of Public Administration, *Course of Study:* Labor Relations and Human Resource Mgmt. Portland State University, *Degree:* Bachelor of Science, *Course of Study:* Management, Human Resource Mgmt. Oregon Health & Science University, *Degree:* Associate of Applied Science, *Course of Study:* Paramedic. Graduate of several courses at the National Fire Academy and Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD.

Prior Governmental Experience: I am completing the first term as Director, Position 5 of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. I currently serve as the Vice President and previously as the Secretary of the Board of Directors. I am on the legislative subcommittee and previously worked on the labor relations subcommittee of the Board.

Other:

Endorsed by the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1660.

(This information furnished by Justin Dillingham.)

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**Chehalem Park & Recreation District
Director, At-Large**



**Jason
Fields**

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Manufacturing; Retail Sales & Management

Educational Background: Rex Putnam High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Yamhill County Budget Committee, Current Member

Community Involvement: Oregon Small Woodlands Association; Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Annual Donor; Pioneer Gibbs Cemetery Sustaining Donor; OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital Donor

Family: Andrea, my love of 25 years; father, grandfather

Did you know Chehalem Park & Recreation District (CPRD) COLLECTS ALMOST AS MUCH IN TAXES AS THE CITY OF NEWBERG?

*Dear Voter,
After learning that CPRD levies almost as much tax as the City of Newberg. I felt compelled to run for this position to provide more transparency and accountability for the use of our tax dollars. The current leadership has controlled CPRD for almost 40 years! It's time for a change. Questions? Call me at 503-476-4123. I'd appreciate your vote!*

*Sincerely,
Jason Fields*

**NO DOUBLE-TAXING DISTRICT RESIDENTS
PRIORITIZE SAFETY
BETTER MAINTAIN CURRENT LANDS**

Transparency

- Publicize map of future projects and plans to cover costs
- Post video archives of public meetings
- Notify taxpayers of annual budget meeting
- Stop referring to taxpayers as "the opposition" during Board meetings

Budget

- Create revenue generators (facilities, events) to reduce taxpayer subsidies
- Limit grants to projects that current budget supports
- We are not METRO. Stop chasing projects that go beyond CPRD's district boundaries
- Avoid unnecessary taxpayer-funded lawsuits by respecting current land use laws and upholding private property rights

Recreation

- Focus resources on in-town recreational facilities that all ages enjoy
- Rural facilities need to be supervised and maintained for safety
- Equestrian riders and BMX bikes don't mix. Prioritize safety to avoid risk and liability
- Plan future facilities to be multi-use, flex spaces

WE SUPPORT JASON:

State Representative Anna Scharf HD 23; State Representative Lucetta Elmer; Former Commissioner Kathy George; Lindsay Berschauer, Mary Starrett, Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioners; TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION OF OREGON PAC; Derrick Wharff, Yamhill County Assessor; David Russ, Dundee Mayor; Derek Carmon, Newberg City Councilor

(This information furnished by Jason Fields.)

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Chehalem Park & Recreation District Director, At-Large



Peter Siderius

Occupation: Retired Science and Career Technical Education Teacher at Newberg High School for 27 years and serving our CPRD community in multiple ways.

Occupational Background: I believe *Collaboration* is always the best method to achieve goals. Listening to the community needs, always keeping our children" in mind" and arriving at equitable decisions.

The programs I operated during my teaching career, the "NHS greenhouse" and "Chehalem Valley Watershed Project" did collaborative work to beautify all aspects of our communities. Google search these two programs to see the projects my students and numerous community groups have done over the years to serve our communities.

Some Achievements as a CPRD board member:

Convinced the CPRD board to complete the Recreation side of the new Aquatic and Recreation Center by proving we had the financial ability to take out a \$5.9 million loan to finish what we had promised the community for the Pool bond. This loan has not hurt the district financially at all, it was within our means, and I did the financial research to make sure of that.

Convinced the CPRD board that we should develop the acreage CPRD owns along the Willamette River and secured budgetary dollars to get the planning done. This will give our citizens another access to the Willamette, provide trails and Natural areas.

Have always been active in supporting playgrounds at our district elementary schools, notably the Edwards and Mabel Rush elementary playgrounds.

Active in CPRD Trails development.

Educational Background: Montana State University, Biology-Botany-Math, BS Biology Math minor; Montana State University, Graduate school Plant Pathology, 67 graduate credits

Prior Governmental Experience: CPRD board member for 9 years and Chairman of the board during the construction of the Aquatic and Recreation center.

Newberg SD & CPRD Budget committee member for 2 years. Currently on the CPRD trails committee

Endorsements.

Lisa Rogers CPRD board member

Jim McMaster CPRD Board Member

Rick Rogers former Newberg Mayor

Don Loving CPRD board member

Bart Rierson CPRD board member

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Chehalem Park & Recreation District Director, At-Large



Matthew Smith

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Senior Technical Insurance Claims Specialist

Occupational Background: Insurance, Hospitality, Farming

Educational Background:

Bachelor's Degree, George Fox University; C.S. Lewis Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: Yamhill County Board of Property Tax Appeals, Chair; Lafayette City Councilor, 2012-2014, 2006-2008; Lafayette Planning Commission, 2005-2006

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteer Coach, CPRD Tennis Camp, Newberg High School Tennis

As a lifelong Yamhill County resident and avid user of CPRD's recreational facilities, I believe we need to prioritize limited tax dollars on maintenance and safety of current parks and oppose pressure to expand the district beyond what our taxpayers can afford.

I'd appreciate your vote!

Sincerely,

Matthew Smith

CPRD GOALS:

- **NO NEW TAXES or System Development Charges**
 - Keep user fees flat for in-district residents
- **Improve youth sports options and boost parental involvement**
 - Make **PARK SAFETY** a budget priority

"Most taxpayers don't realize that CPRD takes in almost as much revenue as the City of Newberg. Accountability is necessary to protecting your checkbook. Matt currently serves the County in a budgetary role and I trust him to put your needs first."

~ Lindsay Berschauer, Yamhill County Chair

(www.facebook.com/YourParksYourVoiceforCPRDBoard, 3/20/23)
"The Newberg/Dundee area is growing rapidly and we depend on a cooperative relationship with CPRD and its goals for outdoor recreation. I trust Matt to help us accomplish those goals".

~ David Russ, Dundee Mayor

(www.facebook.com/YourParksYourVoiceforCPRDBoard, 3/20/23)

Chehalem Glenn Golf Course

- Keep user fees low
- Create revenue generator with event facility, restaurant, or pro shop

Aquatic Center

- Prioritize lower user fees for residents, keep walking track open and accessible

Pickleball

- Exclusive facilities separate from tennis courts

Bob & Crystal Rilee Park/Jaquith Park

- Create dedicated equestrian riding trails
- Make SAFETY a priority by working with local PD to enforce drug and vagrancy laws
- Repair tennis courts and invite tournaments, camps, clinics

WE SUPPORT MATT:

Lindsay Berschauer, Mary Starrett, Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioners; TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION OF OREGON PAC; Gayle Bizeau, CPRD; Bill Rosacker, Newberg Mayor; Robyn Wheatley, Derek Carmon, Peggy Kilburg, Newberg City Councilors; Derrick Wharff, Yamhill County Assessor

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Chehalem Park & Recreation District Director, At-Large



David "Bubba" King

Occupation: Honey Pie Pizza: Owner, Godspeed Hollow: Owner

Occupational Background: Restaurant owner, regenerative dairy farmer, youth pastor, cellar master, tasting room associate, concrete finisher

Educational Background: 2001 Sherwood High, diploma, general studies

Prior Governmental Experience: Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, Executive Committee City of Newberg: SDC Committee; Tunes on Tuesday Committee Leader

As a 16 year resident of Newberg, my family and I have benefited from and enjoyed the services provided by CPRD for many years. I am co-owner of Honey Pie Pizza in downtown Newberg. My wife and I own and operate Godspeed Hollow, a regenerative dairy farm, and I am currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce. I serve on the SDC Review Committee for the City of Newberg, and have two years of Tunes on Tuesday leadership. I have experience in many industries relevant to Newberg including construction, wine industry, tourism, and farming. My children attend Newberg Public Schools and my family and I are avid users of CPRD activities.

I seek to serve on the Board of Directors to bring a new voice to a well-established board. My experiences as a business owner, Newberg resident, parent of NDPS students, and advocate for economic development will provide a unique perspective and a driving force for future CPRD development. I believe CPRD and its many resources are at the heart of what makes Newberg special. My goal is to honor the history of CPRD with an eye on the future: accessible and bountiful access to parks, recreation, open space, natural resources, and educational opportunities.

Endorsements:

City of Newberg Councillors Mike McBride, Molly Olson
Elise Yarnell Hollamon Newberg City Councillor
Phillip Higgins
Pollinate Flowers
Joe Jackson - Trellis
Honey Pie Pizza
Kristen Stoller, CVDA
Rosmarino Osteria Italiana
Chehalem Physical Therapy
Chapters Books & Coffee
Francisco Stoller, Real Estate Broker
Rob Felton
Casey Kulla

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Chehalem Park & Recreation District Director, At-Large



Don Loving

Occupation: Communications Consultant

Occupational Background: Journalist

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Journalism, Bachelors

Prior Governmental Experience: CPRD Board of Directors; Special Districts Association of Oregon Board of Directors; CPRD Budget Committee

Friends,

I am humbly asking for your vote again.

I'm seeking re-election to the CPRD Board of Directors because I am concerned about the future of our district. There are forces at work wanting to turn the CPRD board into partisan politics. This has never been the case before, and never should be. Our board consists of non-partisan positions and needs to stay that way.

I have enjoyed your support for many years. Serving on the CPRD board is an honor and a privilege — one I don't take lightly. **But as a moderate, unaffiliated voter, I have only one agenda on this board: whatever is best for CPRD.** That is the lens through which I view every issue that comes before our board. Not a liberal or conservative lens; not a Democrat or Republican lens. **Whatever is best for our park district. Period.**

This election cycle we have people running who've never attended a CPRD board meeting. Never been to a budget meeting. They view CPRD as a stepping stone — a resume builder to seek higher office. That's not what our board has ever been about, nor should it be.

I've lived in Newberg since 1984. You know me from CPRD. You know me from church. My wife teaches at C.S. Lewis. My children attended Newberg Public Schools. I have two grandchildren here now. I have deep roots in this community. I believe strongly in serving one's community, and my primary service of choice has been through CPRD. **I'm proud of what our staff and my board colleagues have accomplished over the years. I do not want to see that jeopardized by partisan politics.**

I am a proven, steady, guiding hand on the CPRD board, and again, I humbly ask for your vote.

Thank you.

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