

# voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Primary Election | **May 21, 2024**

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Yamhill County Voters:

The Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet has been prepared to provide impartial information and educate voters regarding local candidates and measures in the May 21, 2024 Primary Election. All candidate statements, ballot measures and ballot arguments that appear in this pamphlet were submitted along with the applicable filing fee and printed exactly as submitted. Candidates are not required to submit a picture and statement regarding their candidacy.

Ballots will be mailed May 1st – 7th, 2024 to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- The May 21, 2024 Primary Election is a closed primary election. For example, only registered Republicans may vote on Partisan Republican candidates and only registered Democrats may vote on Partisan Democratic candidates. All registered voters may vote on Nonpartisan candidates and measures. The deadline for changing your party affiliation is April 30, 2024.
- This Voters' Pamphlet includes all measures and races in Yamhill County for this election. Voters' pamphlets are mailed to each household in Yamhill County regardless of registration status. Your official ballot will only include those candidates and measures that you are eligible to vote on, based on where you live and your party affiliation.
- Vote-by-Mail ballots cannot be forwarded. To verify or update your address, visit [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote) or in person at 414 NE Evans St, McMinnville, OR 97128. 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.
- **Remember to sign your ballot return envelope.** 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 accepted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.
- The deadline to return your voted ballot in your signed ballot return envelope is **8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024**. Ballots may be returned by mail (no postage required). Ballots mailed on or before Election Day must have a postmark (or USPS indicator) and must arrive by the 7th day after Election Day. Ballots may be placed in an Official Ballot Drop Box or returned to the Yamhill County Clerk's office. A complete list of Official Ballot Drop Boxes is included in this pamphlet or visit our website at [yamhillcounty.gov](https://yamhillcounty.gov) for locations nearest you.

Keri Hinton  
Yamhill County Clerk

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## Attention

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a gray bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by your Yamhill County Clerk.

# Translation Information

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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' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at [oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP)

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 [oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP) 获取译本。

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Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: [oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP)

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en [oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP)

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại [oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP)

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## Yamhill County Elections

414 NE Evans St., McMinnville

Phone: 503-434-7518 and 503-554-7850 – Newberg

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# Voting Information

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To be eligible to vote in the May 21, 2024 Primary Election, a completed voter registration card must be on file at the Yamhill County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m., April 30, 2024.

## 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 vote** or **update your registration** at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://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 ballot return envelope to return your voted ballot
- **Don't forget to sign the ballot return envelope**

## CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT:

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, please contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) to request a replacement ballot.

## RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT:

- Insert your 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
- Track your ballot with Ballottrax - Sign up for this service at: <https://yamhillcounty.ballottrax.net/voter/>

## VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES:

If you need assistance with voting or casting your ballot, call the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503)434-7518 and (503)554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) or TTY (800)735-2900. 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.

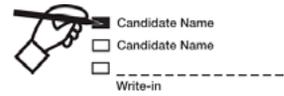
# How To Cast Your Vote

## 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.



## 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.



## Sign your ballot

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.



## Return your ballot

- By mail - stamps are no longer required (*ballot return envelopes in Oregon now 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 7<sup>th</sup> day after Election Day to be processed.
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site
- At the Yamhill County Elections Office at 414 NE Evans St., McMinnville

# Track your ballot with ballottrax<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

## Sign up today to receive Ballot Status Alerts!

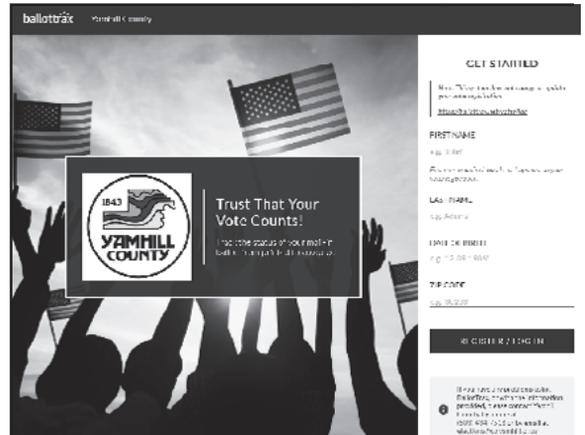
Would you like to receive a text or e-mail message when your ballot has been received by our office?

The Yamhill County Clerk, in partnership with i3Logix, offers 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 notify voters when the Yamhill County Elections Office has mailed their ballot and when a voted ballot has been received.

Alerts will indicate that your ballot has been accepted, or 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.ballottrax.net/voter/>

*(link is external)*

If you have any questions about this service, please call Yamhill County Elections at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) e-mail: [elections@yamhillcounty.gov](mailto:elections@yamhillcounty.gov)

Scan this QR code to sign up today!



# Precinct Committeeperson

## What is a Precinct Committeeperson?

If you are a member of the Democratic or Republican Party, you will receive a ballot with “Precinct Committeeperson(s)” on it.

- These are people who represent their political party in each precinct on a countywide “Central Committee”.
- Precinct Committeeperson(s) help set the party agenda and party platform.
- They act as directors of the local party Central Committee, attend meetings of the Committee, help candidates run for office, and conduct the business of the party.
- Central Committees elect people to represent the county at the state level, and those members select the representatives to the national committees.
- They also help select replacements for vacated state offices (Oregon House or Senate offices).

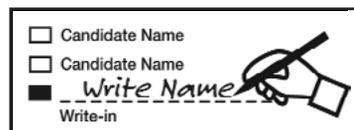
## Voting for Precinct Committeeperson (PCP):

To qualify as a PCP, a voter must have lived in the county and have been registered in their political party for at least 180 days prior to the Primary Election. A Committeeperson serves a two-year term and can represent the precinct in which they live or an adjacent precinct within the same House District and the same county.

A Committeeperson is elected in each precinct for every 250 voters (or major part thereof) that are registered in the precinct by September 13th (251 days prior to the Primary Election). There is a list showing the positions available as well as a list of current position holders from both major political parties on our website’s “Precincts & Committeepersons” page at [www.yamhillcounty.gov](http://www.yamhillcounty.gov)

Your ballot will indicate how many PCP positions are available in your precinct. For instance, it will say “Vote for Six” if there are six positions available in your precinct. If you are not registered as a Democrat or Republican, Precinct Committeeperson(s) will not appear on your ballot.

- You **do not have to vote** for a PCP.
- You do not have to complete each available position if you choose not to.
- Where a PCP candidate has filed, mark your selection like any other race.
- If you want to write in a name that is not on the ballot, fill in the box next to “Write-in”, then neatly write the person’s name of your choice on the line provided.
- To be elected, a “write-in” candidate must receive at least 3 (three) votes from members of their party in that precinct and:
  - A. Have filed an SEL 105D by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night **or**
  - B. Nominated by SEL 105N by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night from a member of the same party and precinct.



# Measure 36-229 West Valley Fire District

## Ballot Title

# 36-229

## Five-Year Local Option Levy for Fire & EMS Operations

**QUESTION:** Shall WVFD impose \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value for fire and EMS for five-years beginning July 2024? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** This measure, if approved, would authorize West Valley Fire District (District) to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical service operations. The measure would provide a local option levy at a rate of \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. This measure would replace the current levy that expires June 30, 2025.

The District is facing escalating costs of operation that were not anticipated with the current levy. Funds from this levy would be used to sustain current operations including maintaining the current contracted staffing.

The proposed levy rate would raise approximately \$643,014 in 2024-2025, \$662,305 in 2025-2026, \$682,174 in 2026-2027, \$702,639 in 2027-2028, \$723,719 in 2028-2029, for a total of \$3,413,851. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time.

year at that median value. This would be approximately a \$100 increase per year from the current operating levy.

What happens if the levy does not pass?

If this levy does not pass, the District will not be able to continue to fund the IGA for operational resources. Staffing reductions could be seen as early as July 2025 and the District will not be able to provide 24/7 coverage.

*(This information furnished by West Valley Fire District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

### District Overview

West Valley Fire District (District) consists of 62 square miles of fire district including the City of Willamina, Fort Hill area, unincorporated area of Grand Ronde, and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The population of the District is approximately 6,000 residents. The District, also, includes sections of Highway 18 and Highway 22, both with heavy daily traffic as throughways from the Willamette Valley to the Oregon Coast. The fire district is overlapped by 264 square miles of ambulance service area that is the responsibility of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services.

### Levy Overview

Funds from this levy would be used to sustain current operations including maintaining the current contracted staffing. This levy would replace the current levy that expires June 30, 2025. The obligations of the current levy, including the purchase of a new ambulance, have been fulfilled.

### Why is a new levy being proposed?

The District is facing escalating costs of operation that were not anticipated with the current levy. The current levy was intended to provide the community with reliable and effective response, in conjunction with the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with two other Districts. The IGA shared resources including the Fire Chief, staffing and apparatus. That intergovernmental agreement has since been dissolved, changing the financial needs of the district. A new IGA has been secured to provide operational resources of two firefighters with Emergency Medical Response level certifications.

### What will the levy cost?

If passed, the levy would provide District a levy at a rate of \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. The median household assessed value in West Valley Fire District is \$137,655. This levy would cost approximately \$237 per

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# Measure 36-230 Willamina School District 30J

## Ballot Title

# 36-230

## Bonds to Renovate, Improve Schools, Add Classrooms

**QUESTION:** Shall Willamina School District 30J issue up to \$2,500,000 in principal amount of bonds for schools; receive \$2,500,000 matching 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 will receive 100% State matching grant of \$2,500,000 if bond measure is approved by voters. This measure would finance capital costs for the District, expected to include:

- providing five new classrooms to the main building;
- safety and security improvements, including to improve traffic congestion and pedestrian safety;
- expanding outdoor space to improve function and safety; and
- additional projects, including minor upgrades to facilities, furnishings, equipment, bond issuance costs.

The District will utilize a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated and audits will be required.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 10 years from issuance.

Due to existing bonds being paid off, the District estimates that this measure will result in a decrease to the District's bond tax rate to approximately \$0.49 per \$1,000 from \$0.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The actual levy rate for this measure may differ due to actual interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

Traffic flow, particularly student drop-off and pick-up, have been a challenge. A recent traffic study revealed safety concerns along with solutions. Funds from a successful bond would allow the district to implement solutions to improve safety and function.

Existing facilities would receive minor updates to improve safety and functionality; bathroom upgrades, security doors, and security and communication systems.

Outdoor areas would be renovated and repaired. Projects are expected to include a covered recreation area for k-12 physical education classes and recess, as well as extracurricular activities. Crumbling sidewalks would be replaced and new ADA walkways would be installed to improve accessibility to recreational spaces.

The District will utilize a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated and audits will be required.

*(This information furnished by Willamina School District 30J.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Willamina Schools are on the ballot this Spring. If passed, would provide a \$2.5 million bond to Willamina School District 30J. Additionally, if the bond measure is approved by voters, the State of Oregon would award a \$2.5 million matching grant (*at no cost to our community*). The estimated cost to homeowners would be 49 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is lower than the previous bond rate.

### Bond Projects:

These projects have been identified by the district, students, and community as priorities.

- Construct five classrooms for new and/or expanded school programs
- Reconfigure traffic flow for improved pedestrian and vehicular safety and accessibility
- Updates to existing facilities to address safety and function
- Updates and additions to security systems
- Expanded outdoor covered recreation space for students k-12

The district plans to construct five new classrooms to support new programs; culinary arts and world language have been identified by students as high-interest electives. The new classrooms would also allow programs currently housed in older "stand-alone" modular units to move into the main building. The vacated spaces could be used for auxiliary programs.

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# Measure 36-231 Dundee Rural Fire Protection District

## Ballot Title

# 36-231

## 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 2024-2025? 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, 2024. 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:

2024-2025: \$272,636

2025-2026: \$280,815

2026-2027: \$289,239

2027-2028: \$297,916

2028-2029: \$306,854

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total tax raised over 5 years would be \$1,447,460.

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.

For a property assessed at \$323,050, about the average in Dundee Rural Fire District's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$323.50 per year, or \$26.96 per month.

If this levy passes the total tax rate for Dundee Rural Fire District will be \$1.5580 per \$1,000 assessed valuation (\$0.5580 permanent rate + \$1.00 levy being voted on).

The measure will coincide with a companion ballot measure that passed in the City of Dundee in 2023, which is a rate of \$0.65/\$1,000 of assessed value that will not apply in the district.

The combined funds from both levies is what will allow the hiring of additional firefighters.

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

## 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, 2024. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$272,636 in the first year and \$1,447,460 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 fire department is currently staffed by career firefighters, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. When available, volunteers respond the calls for service outside of those hours.

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 contribute paying for the following:

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

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# Measure 36-231 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

As a former past President of the Dundee Rural Fire Board, it is my firm belief that it is now time to come to the aid and assistance of the brave men and women who serve Dundee and the Dundee Rural Fire District by voting for the passage of Measure 36-231. By passage of this measure, we will be provided with enough trained fire personnel to strongly fulfill a 24 hour fire and rescue service throughout Dundee and the Dundee Rural Fire District.

At present, in the Dundee area, as is happening all over the nation, as shown by a recent ABC Special Television Broadcast, it is becoming more difficult to recruit and train volunteer firefighters. To become a volunteer firefighter, a person must not only maintain a good physical condition but they must undergo extensive training in modern firefighting and rescue.

With the addition of three career firefighters with emergency medical training, Dundee Fire Department will be able to continue to provide round the clock service to our community, both city and rural. Even though there is a mutual emergency agreement with the Newberg Fire Department to assist Dundee, Dundee's Fire Department must be able to respond immediately to emergencies to save lives and property.

Please join with me and other fellow citizens in passing this vital measure for our continued safety and security.

Monte H. Glud

*(This information furnished by Monte H Glud.)*

## Argument in Favor

**Dundee Firefighters support Measure 36-231 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 36-231 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 in the community.
- Increase the availability of units to respond to simultaneous calls.

**For these reasons, Dundee Firefighters urge a YES vote on Measure 36-231.**

In service,

Jeff Myers, Shop Steward  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters  
IAFF Local 1660

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

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## Argument in Favor

**Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteer's Support of Measure 36-231:**

It has been such an amazing honor to serve the residents of Dundee through adverse and unprecedented demand for emergency services. Through wildfires, 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 to acquire and retain volunteers, creating staffing difficulties for Dundee Fire and Rescue.

**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 insure we have staffing 24 hours a day/ 365 days a year to respond to medical and fire incidents in a timely manner. This is important as a fast response time is critical to survivability in the event of a heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, significant trauma. It is also critical for fire suppression efforts, as fire rapidly grows and progresses, a rapid response assists with limiting the impacts of both medical and fire incidents.

Your support of this levy will allow us to better serve you. Please join us in voting YES for Measure 36-231 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 Douglas Stewart, Dundee Fire and Rescue Volunteers.)*

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# Measure 36-232 Yamhill Fire Protection District

## Ballot Title

# 36-232

## Renewal of five-year local option tax for capital projects

**QUESTION:** Shall District continue to impose \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five-years beginning 2024-2025 to fund certain capital projects? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**SUMMARY:** Yamhill Fire Protection District provides fire and life safety services within the territory of the District. These emergency services are provided 24 hours per day with a combination of paid professional staff and trained volunteers.

If approved, this measure would provide funding for the District to replace and upgrade equipment and gear, including medical life-saving equipment, end-of life equipment, and other protective gear and training equipment. Without the new levy funding, the Fire District will need to cut back on its level of services to the community.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$204,245, in 2024-2025, \$210,561 in 2025-2026, \$217,074 in 2026-2027, \$223,787 in 2027-2028 and \$230,708 in 2028-2029, for a total over five years of \$1,086,375.

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.

Yamhill Fire Protection District is not a part of a city or the county. The Fire District is a "special district," a separate unit of government, like a city or county. It was originally formed in 1900, and is governed by an elected Board of Directors who are residents of the Fire District. As elected representatives, the Board of Directors represent the interests of Fire District residents by making policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire services, emergency medical services, and life safety services provided in the most cost-effective manner.

*(This information furnished by Yamhill Fire Protection District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Yamhill Fire Protection District provides emergency medical response, fire suppression, rescue services and fire prevention to seventy-two (72) square miles located in the north portion of Yamhill County. It is a special service district, governed by a Board of Directors elected by District residents, staffed by 1 full-time fire chief and have 37 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

By resolution, the Board voted to seek voter approval of renewal of a five-year capital project local option tax levy of \$0.55 per \$1000 assessed value on the May 2024 ballot. If approved, this measure would provide funding for the purchase and replacement of emergency medical life-saving equipment, end-of-life equipment, and personal protective gear and training equipment. Medical life-saving equipment includes Lucas device(s) and gas monitors, and end-of-life equipment includes AEDs and heart monitors. Other critical personal protective equipment includes replacement and purchase of new gear for firefighters and EMS crews. As well as training equipment, and materials for the District's local fire science program.

A "Yes" vote would allow funding for the Fire District through fiscal year 2028-2029 at current service levels. By funding the purchase of new equipment and replacement of existing equipment and materials, this levy will enable the Fire District to maintain its aging equipment and apparatus and meet the demands of increasing emergency call volumes.

The Fire District's permanent tax rate is \$0.9081 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Only with the renewal of this local option levy revenue can the District fully maintain and replace, as necessary, the Fire District's aging equipment and gear. With increasing costs and increasing call volume, the Board of Directors determined that renewal of a levy is needed to provide adequate fire and life safety coverage within the Fire District's territory and to meet the emergency response needs of our community.

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# Measure 36-232 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Generally speaking, the cost of fire protection and rescue equipment goes up about 8-12% per year. Total program cost to replace all District equipment, over the next 30 years would be on the order of \$3,500,000. So, it's imperative to start to process well in advance of end of life as procurement times can be a year or longer. The property taxes supporting the district were ample when the district did firefighting only. Now that the district is doing unfunded rescue and medical service, the tax income is stretched to the limit. It's only through innovation, perseverance, and dedication that the district has been able to barely keep up with costs.

Much of the District equipment is overdue for replacement. It's imperative that this levy passes to start the process of bringing the district equipment up to par.

PLEASE VOTE: YES on levy 36-232

BUDGET ESTIMATES BY CATEGORY OVER 5 YEARS,  
TOTALING \$ 1,086,375

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT \$ 180,000

OPERATIONAL FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS  
\$ 174,200

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT \$ 175,500

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION/FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM  
\$ 86,300

TRAINING EQUIPMENT \$ 60,000

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE \$ 95,000

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT \$ 160,000

CREATION OF CAPITOL RESERVE FUND \$ 168,000

ENDORSEMENTS

JIM PHILLIPS

JOSH BROWN

BUBBA DAVID KING

BRENDA SMOLA-FOTI

JAY DISBROW

*(This information furnished by Jay Disbrow, Yamhill Fire Pac.)*

## Argument in Favor

The 5-year levy passed in 2019 allowed YFPD to make great strides in improving the firefighting apparatus. The district purchased 2 new engines, and retired 2 old outdated apparatus.

Even with the 2019 levy, YFPD still faces serious funding issues that could restrict future support for fire, rescue, and emergency medical calls.

A growing population, aging demographic, and increased traffic put an ever increasing demand on the District and volunteers.

The cost of business keeps going up. Increased call volume, new legislation, regulations, training, certifications/recertifications, expiration dates on equipment, and inflation seriously stress existing resources, which will ultimately degrade services.

The Fire Chief and Fire Board have done a great job of stretching tax dollars including the 2019 levy to provide excellent service to the community. Property tax dollars are not enough, the use of grants and donated equipment has provided some relief. Grants and donations are not guaranteed sources of income, therefore unreliable! Renewing the 5-year levy is essential to continuing their excellent service.

The District has 37 volunteers that have put in over 5,100 hours in the past year to acquire new certifications, recertifications, and improve skills. Volunteers have also put in 3,699 hours responding to fire, rescue, and medical emergency calls.

If residents of the YFPD want to keep high standards, and a good level of service, additional revenue is required. At this point that can only be accomplished through continuing the tax levy.

PLEASE VOTE: YES on levy 36-232 to support the volunteers that support you!

The District responded to 541 calls from March 15, 2023 to March 22, 2024 an average of 1.55 calls per day!

217 Uncategorized

53 Fire

242 Rescue/EMS

10 Hazardous (no fire)

9 Service

9 Good Intent Calls

10 False Alarm

1 Weather

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# Measure 36-232 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

We urge all Yamhill Fire Protection District (YFPD) residents to join us to help our local firefighters by voting YES for the Yamhill Fire Protection District levy, 36-232.

Funds will be used to replace vital equipment, which without, the firefighters will be unable to protect our lives and property.

Purchase additional and replace old outdated cardiac monitors with new technology with capabilities for use with all patient types, from neonates through adults to aid in the assessment and treatment of victims.

Purchase LUCAS Chest Compression Systems to greatly extend and improve life-sustaining CPR

Purchase Portable Gas Monitors and detectors used to detect the presence of dangerous gas in buildings, industrial sites and vehicle accidents sites.

Replace existing outdated Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in emergency vehicles

Replace and update EMS and firefighter training equipment to train new personnel and keep existing personnel updated on the latest methods and techniques.

Purchase additional Ballistic EMS Vests for personnel responding to active shooter situations.

Wildland Shelters and personal protective equipment need to protect firefighters in critical wildfire situations.

Update extraction tools used to extract victims from wrecked vehicles to be compatible with newer vehicles.

Additional Thermal Imaging Cameras used to detect heat signatures in buildings and vehicles.

Purchase fire extinguishers compatible with electric vehicles, and replace aging fire extinguishers.

In short, we need to support our firefighters who already risk their lives to help save our lives and property by giving them the support they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.

It will keep our men and women safe as they do their very important job of keeping us safe.

Please join us in voting: YES on levy 36-232

*(This information furnished by Jay Disbrow, Yamhill Fire PAC.)*

# Original vs. Reissued/ Replacement Ballots

## Data is pulled 30 days prior:

The majority of our ballot packets are prepared from voter registration data 30 days before the election. We have 10 days to prepare the packets before mailing them the 20<sup>th</sup> 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:

Yamhill County Elections  
414 NE Evans St., McMinnville  
phone: (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 - Newberg  
tty: 800-735-2900  
web: [yamhillcounty.gov](http://yamhillcounty.gov)  
email: [elections@yamhillcounty.gov](mailto:elections@yamhillcounty.gov)

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# Measure 34-332 Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

## Ballot Title

# 34-332

## LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**QUESTION:** Shall TVF&R levy \$0.69 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is seeking a levy for \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Levies must be approved by voters and are limited to a maximum duration of five years. For a property assessed at \$305,000, the average in TVF&R's service area, the levy would cost approximately \$17.54 a month.

If the levy does not pass, funding for at least 92 of 450 firefighters and paramedics would be lost and staffing reductions would be required.

If passed, levy funds will:

- Retain existing first responders and add 36 more.
- Improve service levels as emergency incidents are projected to increase over the next five years.
- Ensure prompt response times and reliability when multiple emergencies happen at the same time.
- Purchase specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators as well as critical firefighting tools including thermal imagers that aid in search and rescue and breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings.
- Purchase vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.
- Add personnel who train and equip first responders.

An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the proposed levy is:

FY 2025-2026: \$ 54,032,329  
FY 2026-2027: \$ 56,354,401  
FY 2027-2028: \$ 58,776,263  
FY 2028-2029: \$ 61,302,205  
FY 2029-2030: \$ 63,936,696

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

## Explanatory Statement

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, fire prevention, and risk reduction services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Multnomah counties.

### What is the history behind this proposal?

TVF&R has had operating levies in place since 2000 to supplement its permanent tax rate which was frozen in 1997 due to Ballot Measure 50. Levies have primarily funded first responders. State law requires voter approval of levies, which are limited to a maximum duration of five years

### What does this measure call for?

This measure proposes a five-year operating levy with a rate of \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the levy passes, collections would begin in July 2025.

### What would the levy pay for?

If the levy passes, TVF&R will retain 92 existing levy-funded firefighters and paramedics, hire 36 more, and add support personnel who train and equip first responders to provide reliable service amidst rising emergency incidents and wildfire risk. Proceeds will also be used to purchase specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators, critical firefighting tools, including thermal imagers that aid in search and rescue and self-contained breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings, and vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.

### How much will the levy cost?

For a property assessed at \$305,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$210 per year or \$17.54 per month.

### What happens if the levy does not pass?

If the levy does not pass, reductions in staffing and operations will be required, which may impact response times and reliability.

### What has TVF&R done with the levy funds voters approved in 2019?

- Hired or retained 92 levy-funded firefighters and paramedics
- Acquired fire hose, breathing apparatus, heart monitors, and medical kits

### Will property tax bills increase if this measure is approved?

Yes, this measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent. TVF&R intends to maintain the same levy rate for 10 years.

### If passed, when would this levy first be collected?

The levy will appear on the November 2025 property tax statement.

### What will the total tax rate for TVF&R be if the levy passes?

The total tax rate for TVF&R would be \$2.3527 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| \$1.5252/\$1,000      | Permanent rate             |
| <b>\$0.69/\$1,000</b> | <b>Levy being voted on</b> |
| \$0.1337/\$1,000      | Bonded debt                |

*(This information furnished by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.)*

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# Measure 34-332 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

This past year, our infant daughter had an allergic reaction to sesame seeds. She was struggling to breathe, and we became fearful of her worsening condition when we dialed 911.

When firefighters arrived, they began aggressive treatment to stabilize our daughter. We felt so relieved.

A few days after the scary event, the same firefighters came to our home to check on us. They showed our young son, who had witnessed his baby sister's ordeal, the fire engine. Later, we visited the fire station as a family.

While we feel these firefighters are our own personal helpers, we know they provide the same caring touch to other people every day, which is why we will be supporting their levy.

Sincerely,  
Marci Bifone

*(This information furnished by Marci Bifone.)*

## Argument in Favor

Hello, my name is Mike Trotter. I was on patrol as a sheriff's deputy in April of 2022 when I was struck by a drunk driver going nearly 100 mph.

I sustained severe life-threatening injuries. Firefighters were there immediately, freeing me from my badly damaged patrol car and providing life-saving medical care until they got me to a hospital.

The firefighters and paramedics at TVF&R have always stood out to me because of their combination of professionalism, knowledge, and abilities. They also bring a level of compassion and humanity to their work that most people don't get the opportunity to see.

The public expects a certain level of service from us as first responders...as they should.

Because our population and number of emergencies continues to rise, we need more resources to provide quality service and meet demands. We need to be strategic to keep ahead of the curve.

If funding for firefighters and paramedics is lost, I feel it will be detrimental to our community. In my case, fewer medically trained responders treating my injuries on the worst night of my life could have meant I wouldn't be here today working toward my goal of returning to active duty.

*(This information furnished by Mike Trotter.)*

## Argument in Favor

### The Day that I Died

I have always been athletic, which comes in handy when I'm chasing my four kids or working full time at Nike. September 24, 2023 started out as a normal day. Since I was training for a half marathon, I decided to squeeze in a run while my kids were at soccer.

I really don't remember what came next, but an observant couple driving by saw me on the ground. My heart had stopped, and they started giving me CPR. At the same time, an off-duty TVF&R firefighter named Kristian was notified via the Pulse Point Responder app.

Kristian is among 400 TVF&R employees who have signed up to respond to cardiac arrests with an AED when they're not at work. Kristian was able to continue CPR and help bring me back to life along with AMR paramedics and Station 51 firefighters.

Before that fateful day, I didn't know that I have a rare condition where my heart is oriented backwards. It wasn't a matter of "if" but "when" my heart would malfunction. Because of the quick 911 activation, the CPR I received after I collapsed, life support from emergency responders, and the skill of hospital clinicians, I have made a full recovery and am savoring every second I have with my family and friends.

I'm glad to know that saving lives is not just a job for TVF&R responders, but a way of life. I will vote yes for this levy because I want everyone to have the best odds of survival.

**From the bottom of my backwards heart: Amy Vollman**

*(This information furnished by Amy Vollman.)*

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## Argument in Favor

I live and work in Yamhill County and have long believed in community service.

By working together, we can build and maintain a vibrant, healthy environment for our families.

**During my career practicing law -and in my role on the Providence Newberg Health Foundation Board- I have seen firsthand the importance of quality medical care.**

TVF&R's firefighters and paramedics are constantly training to perform cutting-edge medical techniques. The initial care provided to people suffering acute injuries or medical events can impact survival and quality of life. TVF&R responders' proficiency is demonstrated by their cardiac arrest survival rates. The national average for surviving cardiac arrest is 30.7% when witnessed. If you live in TVF&R's service area, your odds are much better at 45.5%. Most of TVF&R's responders also carry defibrillators off-duty so they can respond to cardiac emergencies where they live.

TVF&R's firefighters employ the best fire suppression methods to save lives and property. Being able to mobilize enough skillful firefighters quickly can protect our homes during wildfires, as we saw in 2020 on Chehalem Mountain.

-I'm supporting this levy because I think it provides stable funding for emergency responders.

-I'm supporting this levy because it will be used to buy medical equipment and vehicles used to fight wildfires.

-I'm supporting this levy because I believe reliable emergency medical response is an essential service for our community.

### John Bridges

Member/Past President of the Providence Newberg Health Foundation Board

Past President of the Evergreen Doe Humane Society

Member/Past President of Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce

Newberg Downtown Coalition Member

Member/Past President of the Newberg Earlybird Rotary Club and Foundation

Member of the Regional Advisory Counsel for the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF)

Served on Yamhill County OCF Grant Review Since 2009

Chair of Newberg Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Committee

Past Member of the Newberg Sign Advisory Committee

Past Member of the Newberg Active 20-30 Club

Past Member of the Newberg School Facility Task Force

*(This information furnished by John Bridges.)*

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## Argument in Favor

The Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to building a strong local economy, promoting the Chehalem Valley, creating business development opportunities, and representing our businesses on local, state, and federal government issues.

As business leaders, we have a vested interest in public safety. We believe that reliable, professional, and effective fire and emergency medical services contribute to the stability and livability of the Chehalem Valley. That's why we support TVF&R's local option levy.

We have evaluated Measure 34-332 through the same lens that we would commerce:

**Meeting Customer Expectations:** Whether business owners or residents, we likely all have the same priority for our fire department: "Get to my emergency quickly and solve my problem." The levy funds existing firefighter and paramedic positions -and will add more- who are prepared and trained to respond to medical, fire, and other emergencies.

**Customer Service:** Businesses with poor customer service don't survive. TVF&R gets this. Their firefighters and staff demonstrate professionalism, performance, and compassion when helping people on their worst day.

**The Right Tools for the Job:** The levy funds essential equipment used by firefighters and paramedics including resources to fight wildfires that are an increasing threat to the Chehalem Valley.

**Focus on the Bottom Line:** TVF&R's Triple-A rating by Moody's is the best of any fire district in the nation and underscores a stewardship ethic for the use of our tax dollars.

**We encourage you to vote yes.**

*(This information furnished by Scott Parker, Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce.)*

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# Measure 34-332 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

On a cold and dark November night in 2020, I was working a graveyard shift by myself at a group home. As I stepped out to retrieve an item from my car, I tripped over a curb. I fell fast and hard on the concrete breaking both bones in my left leg, as well as dislocating my hip and right shoulder. The pain was intense, and I was unable to move.

Unfortunately, I did not have my cell phone when I fell. I yelled for help. Since it was late, and I was not near a neighborhood, my cries went unanswered for nearly an hour. I began to panic and lose hope as my body stiffened in the frigid air.

Eventually, my cries were heard by someone blocks away who called 911. A police officer swept the area until he found me. I was hypothermic when firefighters from TVF&R arrived. I will never forget the face of a firefighter named Maya as she comforted and prepared me for the trip to the hospital. I finally felt safe after fearing I may not survive the night.

I am an independent and strong person who never expected to be in such a vulnerable situation. But I am so grateful for the stranger who took action, the police officer who searched for me, the firefighters who stabilized me, and the emergency department staff who put me back together.

**I am supporting this levy to be sure that our emergency response system remains strong.**

**We never know when we might need help: Lynn Kriner**

*(This information furnished by Lynn Kriner.)*

## Argument in Favor

### **Firefighters and Paramedics Support Measure 34-332**

**Every day, our members feel proud and grateful to serve you. We're willing to risk our lives to save yours.**

Thanks to the support of our community, we have had the resources to provide compassionate and professional emergency response when someone calls us for help, which happens at least 160 times on a normal day.

Over the past five years, we have experienced a significant increase in emergency incidents. This levy will fund existing responders at every fire station and will add 36 firefighters and paramedics throughout our service area so that when multiple calls occur at the same time -or there are complex incidents- we will be able to arrive quickly and mobilize an effective number of responders to administer life support, perform rescues, minimize fire loss, and solve problems.

We do not take your support for granted. There are a lot of things we do to ensure we're prepared to answer a call for help:

- We train hard.
- We act with integrity.
- We exercise kindness.
- We work as a team.
- We diligently care for our publicly-funded vehicles, stations, and equipment.

We are equally committed to using education and other prevention strategies to reduce the frequency and severity of avoidable emergencies.

As you read this, we are poised and ready to respond when you need us.

In service,

Rocky Hanes, President  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters  
IAFF Local 1660

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# Measure 34-332 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

I have lived in Newberg since 2014 and have volunteered to serve on budget and urban renewal committees during that time. As a Newberg City Councilor, I understand the challenges that TVF&R face as they work to provide quality service to a growing population.

TVF&R is a well-run organization focused on ensuring the safety of our citizens while working to use our tax dollars wisely. Their fiscal discipline has resulted in a Triple A bond rating allowing them to fund capital projects with the best interest rates. They are rated a Class 2 out of 10 fire and rescue service which only 3% of the fire agencies in the US have attained.

They work tirelessly to train their responders to the highest standards, use data to ensure they deploy resources where they are needed, and leverage economies of scale to get the best prices on equipment and then maintain and rotate their fleet to get the most life out of those vehicles.

This levy will pay for firefighters, paramedics, and provides essential operating revenue so they can respond when our citizens need help. This is the first increase in the last 10 years! I believe it's important for our public safety system and I urge you to vote yes.

Molly Olson

*(This information furnished by Molly Olson.)*

## Argument in Favor

We are local residents elected by you to oversee Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Combined, we have 91 years of service. We are committed to quality public safety.

### We referred this levy to the ballot because:

1. We know through decades of research that your **top priority for TVF&R** is to provide fast and effective emergency response. Levy funds are used for frontline positions, as well as people who maintain our fleet, train our responders, investigate fires, and ensure supplies and equipment get to our fire stations. If passed, this measure will maintain staffing and add three dozen more responders to ensure reliability for our growing community.
2. Life threatening emergencies (such as cardiac events, strokes, high-speed crashes, rescues, and serious falls) **require many hands to perform essential tasks**, including CPR, defibrillation, extrication, airway management, stabilization, and medication administration.
3. **Having a sufficient number of firefighters is critical** for meeting the federal safety mandate of "two in, two out" meaning a first-arriving crew of four firefighters can immediately send two into a burning building to make a rescue with two ready to intervene if something goes wrong.
4. We feel that **TVF&R has a solid track record of keeping promises**. Since voters first approved an operating levy in 2000, TVF&R has fulfilled commitments made to you, our investors.
5. We believe **this levy is a good value**. For \$17.54 per month, we will have an adequate number of responders to send the right resources to the right call at the right time. It will also provide funding for firefighting tools, medical equipment, and vehicles used for wildfire response and transporting patients.
6. If passed, we do not expect TVF&R to increase the levy rate for the ten years.

### Please join us in supporting this measure.

Justin Dillingham, Board President  
Robert Wyffels, Vice President  
Clark Balfour, Secretary/Treasurer  
Gordon Hovies, Board Member  
Randy Lauer, Board Member

*(This information furnished by Justin Dillingham, TVF&R Board of Directors.)*

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# Measure 34-332 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

### Home Building Association of Greater Portland Strongly Supports Measure 34-332

The Home Building Association of Greater Portland (HBA) is a trade association representing the residential building and remodeling industries in the metropolitan Portland area. HBA represents thousands of businesses and individuals in the homebuilding industry who work hard to address our biggest issues by creating the housing, infrastructure, and jobs that make our region livable and economically vibrant.

**We fully support Measure 34-332 because it helps fund the firefighters and emergency services that work to protect the valuable community assets that our members create.**

HBA members build homes with safety in mind—a value we support by providing the education so they know and can apply modernized building and fire codes. We appreciate the work done by fire agencies like TVF&R to prevent structural fires from happening and in their review building plans to ensure that firefighters can access homes and identify water supplies if a fire does happen.

We also know that a robust homebuilding environment is critical to reversing the decades-long housing affordability crisis facing our region. Over the next decade, Washington County will be a key strategic area for the industry as we anticipate dozens of new neighborhoods and thousands of new homes to be built in cities across King City, Beaverton, Tigard, Sherwood, and Wilsonville. We know that a strong TVF&R is essential to ensuring these communities are created in the short-term and can safely thrive well into the future.

For these reasons, we support TVF&R and the proposed operating levy which will continue to ensure its ongoing success.

*(This information furnished by Preston Korst, Home Building Association of Greater Portland.)*

## Argument in Favor

As 911 dispatchers, we understand how seconds can impact outcomes. We take calls from those who are in crisis, have no one else to turn to, and are often having their worst day. For TVF&R's service area (which includes portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Multnomah counties), we dispatch the closest fire engine, truck, or other resource to emergencies knowing that responders will show up quickly and act without hesitation. We understand that stable funding has afforded us this confidence.

Many of these emergencies are often happening simultaneously. Having enough firefighters and paramedics allows us to send crews to multiple emergencies, which is crucial in managing these crises. Wildfires, severe weather, and other major events can push our system to its limits. Also, as demographics shift and populations grow, so too do the demands on our emergency services. By anticipating these changes and responding appropriately, we can adapt to these challenges and maintain the high standard of care our residents deserve.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has a well-earned reputation for their professionalism, and the caring service they provide the communities they serve. But they are also known throughout the region as having a progressive and efficient approach to emergency response. Always looking for opportunities to evolve and adapt, to effectively use their resources, and to make best use of the public's investments.

**As emergency dispatchers, we are dedicated to the safety and welfare of our communities, which is why we support this measure. When we get your call, we count on having the help you need.**

Washington County Dispatchers Association

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## Argument in Favor

### Your Investment in TVF&R is Used Wisely

We are taxpayers who have been appointed to oversee TVF&R's annual budget process. We are acutely aware that our input can impact your property tax bill, and we understand that you want the cost of service to be as value-driven as possible.

We also understand that when something bad happens to you or your family, you want TVF&R's firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly.

As budget committee members, our job is to balance these competing interests. We must also keep a keen eye on the fire district's accounting and budget priorities.

We feel TVF&R uses your tax dollars wisely. We also feel they have the proper financial controls in place and adhere to the strictest fiscal practices, including rigorous annual audits. TVF&R has a Aaa rating which is the highest credit rating possible. Because of their size, they're also able to achieve cost savings through economies of scale and reduced administrative overhead.

Our opinion of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's financial practices is shared by the Government Financial Officers Association who has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to TVF&R every year for the past three decades.

### TVF&R Budget Committee

Angie Fong  
Michael Smith  
Paul Leavy  
Michael Mudrow  
Roy Rogers

*(This information furnished by Angie Fong, TVF&R Budget Committee.)*

## Argument in Favor

Some people reading this may not know who we are. The Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association (TVVFA) is a group whose members provide dedicated service to the community as volunteers with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), including people who have served our communities for decades. Many of our members also have full-time jobs and are involved in other civic activities.

Our members serve in one of three volunteer categories at TVF&R: Auxiliary Volunteer, Incident Support Volunteer, or Volunteer Firefighter. Auxiliary Volunteers provide administrative support and maintain antique apparatus. Incident Support Volunteers respond to emergency scenes to provide rehabilitation, monitor firefighters' vital signs and refill air tanks. Volunteer Firefighters provide additional resources during major events and incidents in conjunction with professional firefighters.

The fire service has a rich history of volunteerism, and volunteers have been serving the communities covered by TVF&R for over 130 years. In the past, volunteer firefighters were the primary responders for emergencies. However, as our region has evolved from small farming towns to bustling cities with frequent emergencies, professional firefighters are needed at fire stations 24/7 to ensure the fast response our community needs and deserves.

Whether a TVF&R volunteer or career member, we share the same values.

We are helpers.

We want to leave things better than we found them. We care about the health and safety of our community.

This levy ensures our community has the professional responders and resources we need to continue to provide quality care.

Please join TVVFA in supporting Measure 34-332.

And we're always welcoming new volunteers if you're seeking a fun and fulfilling way to serve your community!

Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association  
[www.tvvfa.org](http://www.tvvfa.org)

*(This information furnished by Michael Marshall, Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association.)*

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## Yamhill County Commissioner, Position 2



### Lindsay Berschauer

**Occupation:** Yamhill County  
Commissioner 2021-present;  
Business Owner

**Occupational Background:**  
Business Owner

**Educational Background:**

Arizona State University, B.S., Criminal Justice

**Prior Governmental Experience:** County Budget Committee  
2019-2021; Newberg Rural Fire Protection District Board 2017-2018

#### VOTE TO RE-ELECT LINDSAY BERSCHAUER

##### PROMISES KEPT:

- Passed 26 Resolutions AGAINST statewide mandates, business/school closures
- Passed Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance
- Protected taxpayers from costly Portland bike path/future light rail
- Protected civil rights of county employees
- Voted to KEEP TERM LIMITS for commissioners
- Organized opposition to ODOT's failed tolling scheme
- Supported McMinnville Fire District's public vote creating new district
- Voted to support Hampton Lumber mill expansion
- Sent Millions in ARPA funding to city water/sewer infrastructure projects
- Voted for targeted fentanyl education for students
- Approved rural residential housing options

##### FUTURE GOALS:

- Implement M110 reform
- Partner on addiction treatment, recovery facility
- Fully fund dog control program
- Transparency: publicize commissioner travel expenses & reimbursements
- Maintain county parks for public enjoyment
- Continue small business loan/grant programs

##### Community Endorsements:

**YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF SAM ELLIOTT;** Mary Starrett, Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioners; Danielle Bethell, Marion County Commissioner; Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner; Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner; Derrick Wharff, County Assessor; Senator Brian Boquist; Representative Lucetta Elmer; Representative Anna Scharf; Former Commissioners Kathy George and Dennis Goecks; Community Oriented Public Servants PAC (COPS); Brian Casey, Police Chief (Ret.); Mayor Bill Rosacker; Mayor David Russ; Mayor Hilary Malcomson; Mayor Ila Skyberg; Oregon Small Business Association; Oregon Firearms PAC; CPRD Board President Matt Smith; CPRD Director Jason Fields; Gayle Bizeau, Director, CPRD Board; Newberg City Councilors Robyn Wheatley, Peggy Kilburg; #Timberunity PAC; McMinnville City Councilor Chris Chenoweth; Dundee City Councilor Bruce Starr; Town & Country PAC; Lafayette City Councilors Lee Gilgan, Kayla Paulsen; Kim Morris, Founder, McMinnville Community Task Force; Trampas Bergstrom, Fire Chief, Yamhill; Steve Warden, Public Safety Officer, 42 years; Oregon Family Farm Association; Taxpayers Association of Oregon; Oregon Property Owners Association; Home Building Association of Greater Portland; No Tolls Oregon PAC; Bob & Diane Reynolds, Recovery Advocates

*(This information furnished by Friends of Lindsay Berschauer.)*

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## Yamhill County Commissioner, Position 2



### David S Wall

**Occupation:** Pensioner

**Occupational Background:**  
Retired Government Employee

**Educational Background:** San  
Jose State University, University  
Graduate, Degree-Bachelor of  
Science, Chemistry

**Prior Governmental Experience:** As Government Employee: Appointment to Committee to reorganize four City Departments into one Super-Department with concurrent Appointment to Budget Committee; Oregon Secretary of State Appointment to: Explanatory Statement Committee for [Measure 112(2022)] to Amend the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

Issues for discussion:

- \*The County Water Needs Analysis (dated April 2008) requires immediate attention.
- \*Report on available and sustainable potable water sources is required.
- \*Discuss forming Joint Powers Authority to reduce and control Infrastructure and Operational costs for Potable Water, Sewage Treatment, Water Reuse Projects and Storm Water Management.

##### **General Government:**

- \*Transparency: Public Record Access ensures accountability and ethical conduct but is too expensive for citizens and Newspapers thereby chilling Free Speech.
- \*County Sheriff, Public Works, Parks and Code Enforcement require enhanced support.
- \*Zero Waste
- \* Prohibit Marijuana Processing using Butane and Ethanol. The process is highly volatile and explosive.
- \*New Greenhouse for Master Gardeners paid from County Economic Development Fund (CEDF).

##### **Local Economies:**

- \*Restructuring Fees, Permit costs and System Development Charges lowers construction costs.
- \*More cultural events will add revenue to local businesses.
- \*Free Farmer's Markets will add revenue to local businesses and fight inflation. There would be no cost for a space to sell goods. More Vendors means lower prices for food and products from Cottage Industries. Many Backyard-growers will be able to participate. Costs for Staff, Police and clean-ups paid from (CEDF).

##### **Housing:**

- \*Rent Control will protect vulnerable persons and reduce Homelessness.
- \*Trailer Park residents need protections from Developers. Airport curfews are needed.
- \*There are problems with Short Term Rentals, VRBOs, Drug Rehab, Disabled and Child Care businesses. They operate in residential neighborhoods reducing available Housing, increases traffic, disturbs the peace and lowers property values.
- \*The Supreme Court (Federal) will hear a case in April concerning Homeless people.
- \*Wildfire prevention requires everyone's efforts.

\*May God Bless all of you!

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## Yamhill County Commissioner, Position 2



### (Bubba) David King

**Occupation:** Owner/Raw dairy farmer of Godspeed Hollow

**Occupational Background:** Restaurant owner; farmer; youth pastor; cellar master; concrete finisher

**Educational Background:** Sherwood High School, class of 2001

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Newberg System Development Charges Subcommittee, 2023

**Community Service:** Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Board President; Liaison to Newberg School District; Newberg Youth Soccer CPRD Coordinator

#### REDUCE HARMFUL REGULATION

As a member of the City of Newberg's System Development Charges Review Committee, I collaborated to recommend a **75% discount on city fees** for development of small single-family homes. Fees are now waived or reduced for childcare and business relocations.

Recently, my family farm challenged the State of Oregon against harmful, cost-prohibitive regulations to small dairy farmers. In response, the state is withdrawing its regulation while we continue to battle their overreach in court, **protecting small farms across Oregon.**

#### ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Yamhill County's major industries (manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, and hospitality) are evolving. I will work to:

- Support the needs of agriculture and farming industries
- Champion business-friendly policies and **family-wage jobs**
- Implement smart infrastructure upgrades
- Enforce accountability and ethical spending of taxpayer dollars
- Bolster workforce housing supply and **honor the rural character of Yamhill County**
- Balance economic development with urban sprawl

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY

Emergency services in our county are responding to the effects of mental illness and addiction. I will work to:

- Expand crisis intervention and mental health outreach teams in Yamhill County
- **Support law enforcement** to prioritize criminal investigations and emergencies to life and property
- Expand necessary services, like childcare and public health programs
- Protect personal health choices

#### Endorsements

Yvette Potter, Mayor of Yamhill; Linda Watkins, Mayor of Carlton; Trini Marquez, Mayor of Dayton; Remy Drabkin, Mayor of McMinnville; Jim Maguire, Dayton City Council President; Zack Geary, McMinnville City Councilor; Molly Olson, Newberg City Councilor; Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Newberg City Councilor; Beth Satterwhite, Erik Grimstad, Even Pull Farm; Christian Richmond, Star Mooring Farm; Todd Severson, Mac Market; James Wolfer, Newberg School Board Director; Oregon CARES PAC; Miriam Vargas Corona

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## Yamhill County Assessor



### Derrick C Wharff

**Occupation:** Yamhill County Assessor and Tax Collector

**Occupational Background:** Yamhill County Chief Appraiser; Oregon Certified General Appraiser; SVP Commercial Lending

**Educational Background:** Western Oregon University, Business Management-Economics, Bachelor of Science Degree; Appraisal Institute, Commercial and Residential Appraisals, Certified General Appraiser; Oregon Department of Revenue, Oregon Property Tax Appraisal, Registered Appraiser III

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Yamhill County Assessor and Tax Collector; 2016 to Current; Yamhill County Chief Appraiser; President, Oregon State Association of County Assessors; Oregon Department of Revenue Rules Advisory Committee; Assessor Representative for Association of Counties

I am proud to serve as your Yamhill County Assessor and Tax Collector. I am responsible for overseeing the Oregon Property Tax program for Yamhill County. I have served in the Yamhill County Office of Assessment and Taxation since 2012. I have a comprehensive understanding of the Oregon Property Tax system including appraisal, assessments, tax levy, tax collection and tax distribution. These functions are the keystone to providing vital services to our citizens. I hold an Oregon Certified General Appraisal License as well as a Registered Appraiser III designation from the Oregon Department of Revenue. These are the highest appraisal designations in the State of Oregon.

As a leader, I am passionate about developing teams that focus on results and process improvements. In my first two terms as Assessor, I developed an effective and efficient team that is arguably the best in the state. I am fortunate to be leading a team that is knowledgeable, competent, and committed to exceeding the expectations of the citizens and districts we serve.

My wife, two daughters and I have called Newberg home for 17 years. I respect, appreciate and enjoy the time and hard work it takes to make a life in Yamhill County. I understand the unique aspects of Yamhill County. Property taxes are a large part of every property owner's annual expenses. This makes a fair and equitable property tax program as important as ever.

I would appreciate your vote for Yamhill County Assessor.

*(This information furnished by Derrick C Wharff.)*

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# Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

All Drop Sites **Open** 24 hours a day – 7 days a week Starting Wednesday, May 1, 2024

All Drop Sites **Close** at **8:00 pm**, on Election Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2024

## **Find a Drop Site Near You:**

<https://yamhillcounty.gov/407/ballot-drop-box-sites>

### **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  
Accessible during normal business hours

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box  
(East end of Courthouse parking lot,  
enter on 5<sup>th</sup> and Ford Streets)

McMinnville Library  
225 NW Adams Street

Yamhill County Clerk's Office  
(Ballot box located outside 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 arrives at their office via the USPS if the envelope was postmarked by Election Day.

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

**THIS CONCLUDES THE YAMHILL COUNTY PORTION OF THE VOTERS' PAMPHLET**