

Columbia County  
Voters' Pamphlet

General Election  
November 4, 2014  
**Drop Sites Included**

Dear Fellow Columbia County Voters:

I am pleased to present to you the Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet combined with the State of Oregon Voters' Pamphlet.

This pamphlet allows us the opportunity to provide voter instructions on how to cast a vote on the ballot. **Remember to vote both sides of your ballot, when necessary. The secrecy envelope should be enclosed in the signature envelope and your vote will be counted. However, if the secrecy envelope is returned alone and without the signature envelope, the ballot will not be counted.**

**All ballots remain secret and private.**

**CHECK YOUR BALLOT CAREFULLY!!** You can request a **replacement ballot** if: you make a mistake, your ballot is damaged or spoiled, your ballot is lost, or for any other reason. Contact Columbia County Elections office at (503) 397-7214 or (503) 397-3796 to request a replacement. Please refer to the end of the County section for voting instructions.

Also included in the County portion of the Voters' Pamphlet is the **Drop Site Listing** to drop-off your ballot instead of mailing it. By using these drop sites, you are saving yourself time and money. Please refer to the listing for the location nearest to you.

The Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet is published to provide a forum for local candidates and issues. Please remember that your ballot will contain **ONLY** those issues and races for which you are eligible to vote.

All candidates on the ballot have had the opportunity to submit paid Candidate Statements in which they can describe to you the reasons you should cast your vote for them. Any "Ballot Title" and "Explanatory Statement" were written by the governing body submitting the question.

**We will be open on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to issue ballots, receive ballots and answer any questions a voter may have.**

We hope that you will take time to become informed on the candidates and issues and exercise your right to vote in this important election.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth "Betty" Huser  
Columbia County Clerk

# Columbia County

## County Clerk



**ELIZABETH  
'BETTY'  
HUSER**

**OCCUPATION:** Columbia County Clerk

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Columbia County Clerk, 25 years; Insurance Clerk, 28 years

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Scappoose High School

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Mayor of Scappoose (1979-1988); Past member of Scappoose City Budget Committee, Planning Commission, and Scappoose City Council; Past President and Past Member of Oregon Mayors Association; member of League of Oregon Cities Legislative Committee; Past Chairman and Past Board Member of Oregon Construction Contractors Board (Governor Appointee Position); and Past President for Oregon Association of County Clerks.

**LEADERSHIP ROLES:**

Past President Columbia County League of Women Voters; Past President Scappoose Kiwanis; and past involvement of Scappoose Girl Scouts

The election Department, the County Clerk's responsibility, has implemented the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration System, which ties voter registration in all Oregon Counties to the statewide registration system. The public can register on line to vote. We have the latest technology authorized by the Secretary of State.

The recording program scans all recorded documents, which allows the public and the staff, to access and research old recorded documents. The future holds the prospect of e-Recording and other new advancements. It has always been my priority to keep up with advancing technology as funding permits.

Elections and Recordings are the County Clerk's main functions. We also issue marriage licenses, take passport applications, and handle other vital records. The mandates in the Election Department and the load of recorded instruments have added to the volume of work. However, strict adherence to laws regulating the activities in the Clerk's Office is required, necessary, and remain my top priority.

I have qualified as a "Certified County Clerk" based on my years of experience and know-how and I am ready to serve you effectively for another four years. I promise to do my best to run an efficient department in the most courteous and friendly manner possible.

I would appreciate your continued support and your vote.

Re-elect Elizabeth "Betty" Huser

*(This information furnished by Elizabeth "Betty" Huser)*

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## County Clerk



**BRADY  
PREHEIM**

**OCCUPATION:** Business owner – BradySoft/Preheim Computers - 25 years

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Microsupport - software developer, 2 yrs; ICN - computer sales/service, 7 yrs

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** St. Helens HS 12 yrs; Oregon State University 2 yrs; Northern Virginia Community College 2 yrs

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Chairperson, CASA; Chairperson, Chamber of Commerce; Ford Family Foundation Ambassador; St. Helens Urban Renewal Team

I am a Columbia County native and local businessman who has spent over 30 years working in the computer industry; the last 17 years in Scappoose. It concerns me that Columbia County lags behind many counties throughout the state in accessibility and prompt recording of public documents. My expertise in the computer industry will enable me to perform the duties of county clerk at a higher level than is available at this time.

I believe it is time to modernize the clerk's office. The incumbent clerk has been in office since 1988 and the technology in the department is dated. Updating technology used in the clerk's department will provide efficiency and transparency. The price to maintain the old equipment is more costly than replacing it with new supported hardware, software and operating systems. I am uniquely qualified to provide the technical experience and expertise to oversee a technology upgrade that is sorely needed. I will be able to address any technical problems that may arise, saving taxpayer resources.

The clerk's office often charges substantial fees to research and copy public records. The clerk's website needs to be updated. This includes putting most public records online; all citizens would have increased access to public records for free.

The clerk's responsibility is to provide fair and impartial filing of all documents by all citizens. No one person should be treated differently than another. As county clerk I will administer and follow all regulations in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute. If you want open, honest and accessible government, vote Brady Preheim for County Clerk.  
<http://www.PreheimForClerk.info>

*(This information furnished by Brady Preheim)*

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# Columbia County

## Commissioner, Position 2



**WAYNE  
MAYO**

**OCCUPATION:** General Contractor 31 years; Commercial property manager 26 years

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Broker Hasselblad Lumber; Founder & Executive Director of two 501c-3 Corp, 1. Employment & service exchange, 2. Education & mentoring by successful retired craftsmen to young people; Successful grant writer; Pastor

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** St. Helens High School, PCC, OIT Mechanical Engineering and PSU Economics

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Scappoose Planning Commissioner 4+ years; St. Helens Park Commissioner 3+ years.

**Prior Public Service & Activism has helped set Columbia County apart for the future:**

- Wayne authored & was chief petitioner of 6 ballot measures
  - 1999 PUD Takeovers in Scappoose, St. Helens, Columbia City, Rainier Though discouraged by many, and outspent 25:1
  - 4 measures appeared on the ballot
  - 3 measures won saving ratepayers \$50+/mo. average now at \$30 million
  - 2008 Prepared 2 measures; 1 requiring E-verify passed 57-43% even though outspent 162:1
- 2000 Wayne advertised reasonable opposition and successfully stopped porn store near SHHS
- 2014 Built new Columbia City Veterans Memorial

**Priorities:**

- **Budget Control**
  - Resist property tax increases and find other revenue sources
  - Enforce gravel depletion fee collection and consider increase
  - Demand accounting of cancelled hospital expenses
  - Review existing bureaucracies for necessity, redundancy & efficiency
  - Reduce debt and resist new bond measures, especially for operating costs
- Consistency in law enforcement countywide
- Road repair: only 16 of the 500+miles were resurfaced this year
- **Economic Development and Job Creation**
  - Promote local businesses who are good employers
  - Attract & win new businesses **that fit with our community** and add jobs
  - Our county has exceptionally low power costs
  - Maintain our relatively low property tax rates
  - Restrain unsafe oil train shipments
  - No business income tax, TriMet taxes, pothole taxes like Portland
- **Promote and Protect Columbia County quality of life**
  - Good schools, sports programs, parks, stores, restaurants, churches
  - Outstanding fair facility, airport
  - Recreation: fishing, kayaking, equestrian, hunting, bicycling
  - Historically low crime & no gangs

*(This information furnished by Wayne Mayo)*

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## Commissioner, Position 2



**HENRY  
HEIMULLER**

**OCCUPATION:** County Commissioner, Columbia County Oregon

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Transit Coordinator 4 years; Paramedic Supervisor 22½ years; Oregon Certified Paramedic 29 years; Small Business Owner: Dutchman Services 17 years

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Scappoose School District (1-12) graduated 1978; Paramedic School graduated 1982; Willamette University's Transit Management Program; OSU County College Graduate Certificate, with Honors 2011

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Director Columbia 911 Communications District Board of Directors- 6 Terms; Columbia County Fair Board- 2 Terms; Northwest Area and Columbia County Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee; Northwest Ride Center Advisory Board; NOHA Commissioner; AOC Human Services Co-Chair, and Transportation Committee; Community Action Team Advisory Board

**Accomplishments**

- Restructured County Fair to keep it viable
- Supported industrial development to create local family wage jobs
- Successful restructuring of public health services

**This has been** my family's home since the 1880's. My experience in government services and a career in private industry affords me the unique perspective of public-private partnerships, collaboration and teamwork.

**Livable Communities** where we can raise our families with good paying jobs, good schools and a public safety system that we can be proud of is something that we all want.

**75%** of Columbia County's workforce currently commutes to work. Some people do not see this as a problem. I, on the other hand, do. Whenever people have to travel to work, their cost of living rises, and their availability for family and community participation is reduced. I will continue to work hard every day to bring good family wage jobs back into our county.

**My Experience** in a multitude of government boards, in the toughest of economic times has imparted a solid understanding of budgeting and fiscal responsibility.

**Endorsed** by many Unions including UFCW Local 555

**It would be my honor and privilege to continue to serve this great county and all who live here.**

*(This information furnished by Henry B. Heimuller)*

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# City of St. Helens

## Mayor



**RANDY  
PETERSON**

**OCCUPATION:** Owner/Operator of Citizen Storage; Retired firefighter, Columbia River Fire & Rescue

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Columbia River Fire & Rescue; Coos Bay Fire Department

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** St. Helens High School, 1972-1974; Southwestern Oregon Community College, 1974-1975; Fire Service Administrative Institute at Western Oregon University, 1998-2002

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** St. Helens City Councilor, 1989-2002, St. Helens Mayor, 2002-present

**Re-Elect Mayor Randy Peterson, St. Helens**  
*Integrity. Experience. Leadership*

Providing quality city services, and investing your tax dollars wisely, are the most important jobs of the City Council. The Council should provide safe water and sewer systems that can handle increased population, fund public safety, and create, and maintain, safe roads and sidewalks. I am also excited about the tremendous opportunity we have to redevelop the old Boise Cascade Veneer site that sits downtown. The Council must work as a team and I am proud of the following accomplishments, during my tenure, that make our city so livable.

- Recruitment of Letica Corporation, Armstrong World Industries, Pacific Stainless, and ORPET thereby creating family wage jobs;
- Worked with Women's Resource Center to bring a battered women's shelter to St. Helens;
- Remodeled and expanded the St. Helens Senior Center; Partnered with Head Start, to create a new class room on Tice Rd.
- Partnered with Columbia River Fire & Rescue to create a joint maintenance facility that reduced expenses of both agencies;
- Worked with the State Marine Board to bring docks and amenities to our water front and Sand Island;
- Coordinated volunteers to build the amphitheater in Columbia View Park;
- Built Ranney Well Collector Well #3;
- Upgraded the City Sewer Plant;
- Built a new Water Filtration Plant;
- Paved many gravel streets

With your support I will continue to work for you, and to make our city one we can be proud of.

**Randy Peterson for Mayor**

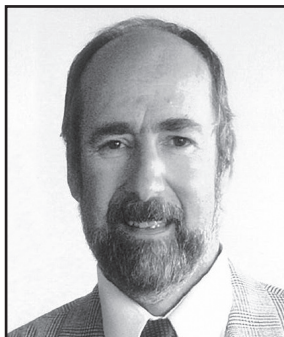
It would be my honor to continue serving you!

Thank you

*(This information furnished by Randy Peterson)*

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## Mayor



**KEITH A.  
LOCKE**

**OCCUPATION:** Council Position #2 St. Helens; Board of Directors Community Action Team; Board of Directors United Way of Columbia County; Kiwanis Noon Club

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Boise Cascade's Paper St. Helens, Oregon Retired; St. Helens Computer Center, Owner. Retired

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Chemeketa Community College; Portland Community College

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** St. Helens Waterfront Committee

As your future Mayor of St. Helens, my main priorities are:

- \***LOWER WATER RATES:** \*Have time to give all citizens an opportunity to talk to me: \*Not to change our great little city but to enhance it to make it better: \*Create jobs: \*Pave the streets: \*Connect (safe passage) sidewalks: \*Keep the JAIL OPEN: \*Make our city services more efficient and friendly: \*Communicate a State of the City report every year: \*Attend all GRAND OPENINGS and EVENTS: \*Recognize all volunteers:

Instrumental in getting the following policies updated and/or created.

- Governing policies: Code of ethics: Vision statement: Operating Rules and procedures: Council goals: Strategic plan: Economic Development Plan: Communication program – Gazette Newsletter: Filming all meetings on cable TV.

My most current accomplishments:

- Attending all the meetings for the Waterfront Visioning process: 13 Nights on the River: Grey Cliffs Park Created, Mow and Water: Sand Island Park mow, maintain and create trails and campsites last 13 years: Created Sand Island Shuttle: Organize dinner for Christmas ship Captains: Saint Helens Community Foundation.

*(This information furnished by Keith Locke)*

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# City of St. Helens

## City Council, Position 3



**SUSAN  
CONN**

**OCCUPATION:** City Councilor; SHEDCO Liaison; Columbia Learning Center Board; St. Helens Community Foundation Board; Col-Pac (Columbia Pacific Economic Development District) Representative.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Small Business; Special Olympics Area Director; Instructional Assistant; Public Access Television; Retail; Legal and CPA Assistant; Banking; Spotlight newspaper; GM Customer Relations Manager; Adult Vocational ESL Instructor; Pharmacy Technician; Volunteer; Board Member.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Diablo Valley College; Los Medanos Community College; Mt. San Antonio College.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** St. Helens School Board; Columbia County Commission on Children & Families; Library Board; Precinct Person.

**A PROVEN RECORD OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND INTEGRITY.**

I have worked beside you to improve quality of life in our community for over 25 years. I've heard your concerns and continue to work to address them. I believe our beautiful City can continue to be livable and attract businesses without compromising our values.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES START WITH HEALTHY FAMILIES:**

- Helped fund community programs like CASA, Head Start, after-school programs.
- Brought "Empty Bowls" fundraiser to Columbia Pacific Food Bank
- Worked to establish 2 alternative programs, Sacajawea Health Center and some of state's first "school based businesses".

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS ARE CRITICAL:**

- Participates in local & regional economic development.
- Believes in creating a diverse, stable local economy.
- Supports more and improved job-training efforts.
- Works for responsible stewardship and smart growth in City planning.

**PUBLIC SAFETY SHOULD NEVER BE COMPROMISED:**

- Led successful effort to keep jail funded and open.
- Supports exploring law enforcement options.
- Introduced Resolution to increase rail safety.
- Advocates for mental health Crisis Intervention training.

**ART & CULTURE MATTER:**

- Recognizes value of public art, music and performing arts.
- Believes libraries are vital to a healthy community.
- Attends and supports City and non-profit events.

*(This information furnished by Susan Conn)*

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## City Council, Position 3



**JOHN  
BREWINGTON**

**OCCUPATION:** Retired Journalist. Working part-time as Supervisor for Acti-Dyne Survey Research

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Sports Editor, The South County Spotlight; Intel Fab 20 manager, American Cleanroom Garment; Executive Director, St. Helens-Scappoose Chamber of Commerce; Marketing Director, Britt Festivals; Activities Coordinator, Jackson County Parks; Sports Editor, The Chronicle

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Western Washington University, Bachelor Degrees, journalism and political science North Thurston High School, graduate, Lacey, Washington

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** St. Helens Parks Commission, member and former chair; Columbia County Fair Board

Since coming to St. Helens over 40 years ago, I've believed in making a contribution to the community. I was a fresh-faced and smart-mouthed kid when I started but working for the newspaper taught me you should put your effort where your mouth is. I'm still often sarcastic, but I like to think it's tempered with a little more experience and wisdom.

I've been involved with the St. Helens Parks Commission in two stints. I was there when Sand Island became a park and I was there with the development of McCormick Park. I started a slowpitch league and we built a field at Campbell Park. As chairman of the Port-O-Fun community celebration for five years we moved it downtown and it blossomed. I was president of "13 Nights on the River" to help get that project started. I helped the fairgrounds improve their venue.

I've long believed that the acquisition of the waterfront property is a key to developing the community. I believe improving the business environment is also essential.

I believe in St. Helens and I want to see it succeed. My only agenda is to see the city move forward.

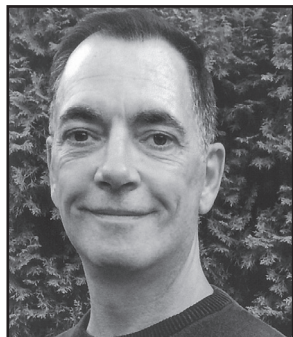
Tip O'Neill often said that "all politics is local." By that he meant that you owe to your constituents to consider their needs when making laws. I would agree.

*(This information furnished by John Brewington)*

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# City of St. Helens

## City Council, Position 3



**LONNIE RAY  
LEE**

**OCCUPATION:** Bus Driver

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Bus Driver (First Student Scappoose) School Bus; Bus Driver Columbia County Rider; Dept. of Human Services Volunteer

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Sierra High School Colorado Springs, CO 10th

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** N/A

I have lived in Saint Helens for 13 years. I worked at Wal-Mart for 6 years, and I also worked with adults with disabilities. I am currently working for First Student in Scappoose as a school bus driver, along with Columbia County Rider as a bus driver. I also volunteer at Department of Human Services in Saint Helens.

#1) I feel that Saint Helens is in need of a Boy and Girls Club, or a recreational center for our youth. We need to have organized activities, and a place for our young people to gather. This would also provide a safe environment for them.

#2) Downtown Saint Helens is in need of a face lift. There are many State and Federal grants available if our city council would pursue these avenues. I would like the opportunity to work towards a more improved downtown.

#3) I feel that our community is in need of more commerce. This would improve employment in the area, and give our citizens more opportunities for shopping and to stay in Saint Helens instead of going outside of our community.

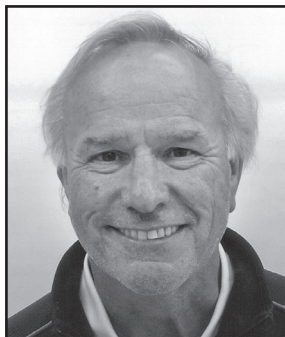
Thank you for your consideration,

Lonnie Lee

*(This information furnished by Lonnie Ray Lee)*

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## City Council, Position 1



**DOUGLAS  
MORTEN**

**OCCUPATION:** Orchard Farm Owner/Operator; Winter Sports Instructor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Morten Construction & Development Inc. Co-Owner; Morten Properties LLC. Co. Owner; Teacher, Coach, and Journalism Advisor, Portland Public Schools

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Oregon State University; Portland State University; University of Oregon; Marylhurst; Brooks Institute.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Vietnam Veteran, Parks, Public Works and Police Commissioner; City of St. Helens Councilman; Columbia County Economic Development Team, Board Director

**Past Leadership Awards:**

As a former educator, teacher and coach, I was awarded the nation's highest honor as the National High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year as well being cited multiple times for State, Regional, and District Coach of the Year. Additionally, I was selected to participate in the Reagan-Gorbachev Presidential Academic High School Partnership Exchange as an ambassador teacher/coach to Russia.

Currently, I serve as a director on various state, county, and city boards. I also serve as Council President for the City of St. Helens and am active on various committees with The League of Oregon Cities.

**Future Priorities:**

The Budget:

Use restraint and spend your tax dollars wisely. Minimize water, sewage and storm water rates as much as possible.

Public Safety:

Maintain streets, roads and sidewalks. Insure Safe Passage for our school children, disabled and elderly pedestrians. Maintain effective street lighting and above all, provide adequate police protection.

Community Services:

Provide and maintain quality parks and library services. Encourage community events by acknowledging the vast volunteer force that makes fun happen. Give support to our Senior Center and encourage youth representation and involvement with City Hall. Strive for more efficient, effective city government operations by adopting sustainable practices.

Governing:

Listen and learn from the citizens, communicate clearly, and respond to their concerns. Vision and plan for a city with vibrant businesses, social/cultural richness, and environmental sustainability. Continue to be involved as a team player working with the city staff and you, the citizens.

*It will be an honor to continue to serve you!*

*(This information furnished by Douglas Morten)*

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# Clatskanie People's Utility District

Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 3

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**LINDA A.  
HOOPER**

**OCCUPATION:** Small Business Owner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Technical Project Management Practitioner for over 35 years - ranging from small to multi-billion dollar Financial Services companies.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA); Masters of Business Administration (MBA); Bachelor of Science (BS) in Organizational Behavior.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Commissioner - Columbia County Planning Commission Secretary, WAUNA Credit Union Supervisory Committee; President, Quincy Water Association

**Linda's Leadership Approach:**

In today's global economy, our small PUD should approach the analysis and decision making with solid business principles, mitigated with a strong consumer appreciation. Columbia County, specifically the rural areas of Clatskanie, are poised for growth and sustainable change. My philosophy is that change is good; however, this change should be focused, managed, and based upon solid business concepts that take into account the long-term needs of the consumer base.

I offer an objective business-focused fiscally-responsible transparent approach, which incorporates the unique requirements of our user-base. I seek to make a positive contribution to support the sustainable growth of our PUD.

*(This information furnished by Linda A. Hopper)*

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**JANET R.  
WILLEY**

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Legal Assistant

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Wy'east High School, Hood River, Oregon, 12, Diploma; Portland Secretarial School, Diploma

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Clatskanie People's Utility District Board of Directors, Subdivision 3; Clatskanie School District 6J Board of Directors, Position 4

I am a candidate for Position 3 on the Board of Directors of the Clatskanie People's Utility District. I have served on the Board since November, 2007, and would like to continue to represent my subdivision. The future of the Clatskanie PUD is both exciting and challenging. As we move forward, we need to ensure that the District is actively working to continue to provide ample, low cost; reliable energy to our customers, while meeting the District's financial obligations. I enjoy the challenge of serving on the Clatskanie People's Utility District Board of Directors and ask for your vote.

*(This information furnished by Janet R. Willey)*

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# Clatskanie People's Utility District

## Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 4



**DON  
HOOPER**

**OCCUPATION:** Oregon - D.E.Q. Contractor; Clatskanie P.U.D. Director

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Operating Engineer; Oregon D.E.Q. Installer; Logger; Machinery Sales; General Contractor; P.U.D. Director

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Clatskanie Grade School - 8 years; Clatskanie Union High School - 4 years

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** North County C-Pac - Several years; Clatskanie P.U.D. Director

It has been an honor to serve as director of Clatskanie People Utility, District #4, since I was appointed in May 2006.

We are in a continuing phase of up-grading our system for reliability, and will continue in the future.

Market conditions are such that we will have to raise our rates this fall, however, we are still the lowest rates in Oregon, and one of the lowest, in the United States.

Thank you, for your continued support, and I look forward to serving you in the future.

*(This information furnished by Don Hooper)*

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# Clatskanie People's Utility District

## Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 2



**CRAIG J.  
MELTON**

**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner, Complete Carpet Services, 23 years

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** P&G Thriftway - 18 yrs.; Clerk/Buyer

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Scappoose High School, 12

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Board of Directors, 8 years; Columbia River PUD, Budget Committee, 10 years

My name is Craig Melton and I am running for Columbia River PUD Board Director, Position #2. I am married to my wife Ronda for 30 years, and we have 3 children, Kate-27, Kyle-27, and Zach-23. I have lived in Columbia County for 48 years and have been actively involved in the community, volunteering, and fundraising for various groups, including Friends of Columbia County Fair, St. Helens Boosters, and Youth Soccer & Football.

For the last 10 years, I have been involved with CRPUD's Budget Committee. I would like to continue streamlining business operations to provide safe and reliable power to our customers and keep rates low. It is important that we manage controllable costs, maintain load growth in order to stay within BPA's lowest Tier 1 Power rates, control demand usage by providing incentives to our residential, business, and industrial customers, and promote energy conservation through education and rebate programs.

As a Board member, I would ensure that my constituents have a voice in this process. If elected, I will advocate for your best interests, and make sure there is knowledge, accountability and integrity in all PUD decisions that would impact you, the ratepayers.

I look forward to your vote in the November election.

Thank you for your support,

Craig Melton

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## Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 2



**LOREN G.  
TARBELL**

**OCCUPATION:** Board of Directors, Columbia River PUD; Housing Authority of Portland, Retired

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Columbia River PUD, Director 19 yrs; Housing Authority of Portland 31 yrs

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Scappoose High School Diploma 12 yr

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Columbia River PUD - Director 19 yrs; Scappoose School Board - Director; Columbia River PUD Budget Committee; Education Service District Budget Committee

My name is Loren Tarbell. I am a candidate for the Columbia River PUD District 2 Director Position.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the Columbia River PUD Board of Directors for the last 19 years. If re-elected I will continue to serve with you the customer as my number one priority.

Some of my experiences include:

- \* working for the Housing Authority of Portland for 31 years
- \* served 8 years on the Scappoose School Board
- \* included at that time serving on the Educational Service District Budget Committee
- \* Prior to becoming a Columbia River Board of Director, I served on the PUD Budget Committee

We must be prepared to address the complex energy questions of the future while protecting our abundant natural resources.

I will continue to work for you the customer and your best interests to keep rates low and service reliable.

Thank you,

Loren Tarbell

*(This information furnished by Loren G. Tarbell)*

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# Clatskanie People's Utility District

## Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 5



**HARRY R.  
PRICE**

**OCCUPATION:** Retired Public Education, Retired US Army

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 30 Years in Public Schools as a Teacher and Principal; Retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Portland State College BS Degree in Psychology; University of Oregon Master's Degree in Public Education

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:**

As a long-time PUD supporter, I am ready to serve on the Columbia River PUD Board of Directors. I have been a Rainier resident for 40 years and I served for 30 years as a teacher and school principal, including 24 years with Rainier School District. I earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army after serving abroad in Korea and Japan. My wife Carolyn and I have been married for 52 years. We have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren, many of whom live in the area.

I went door-to-door in support of the original bond election that energized the PUD in the 1980s. The PUD had a long period of stable rates, but has raised rates twice in the last three years. I am running for PUD Director to keep the focus on reliable service and affordable rates. I will utilize my background in administration and budget management to push for the PUD to do a better job of controlling costs to help keep rates affordable. I will also focus on maintenance work in the areas where outages are most common.

As your Board member, I will want to hear from you. I will listen to your concerns and suggestions, and ensure that the PUD is acting in the best interests of the ratepayers at all times. I will learn all I can about public utilities, board responsibilities, staffing, and budgets. Communications with people, honesty, integrity and public service are my responsibilities, and I will carry them out to the best of my ability.

I ask for your vote in November, and for your support of my campaign.

Thank you,  
Harry Price

*(This information furnished by Harry R. Price)*

**The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. (ORS 251.335 (3b))**

## Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 5



**CAROL  
EVERMAN**

**OCCUPATION:** Deputy to the Master, Oregon State Grange, appointed June 2014

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** St. John Medical Center, Longview WA 1977-2007; Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital 1976-77

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Rainier High School, Class of 1972; Oregon State University and Oregon Health & Sciences University completing Bachelor of Science in Nursing December 1975

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Columbia River PUD Director, Subdistrict Five since 1995; Prior to election to the Board, I served on the Rate and Budget Advisory Committees.

Hello, my name is Carol Everman. I have lived in rural Rainier all my life. I have served my community on the Columbia River People's Utility District Board for twenty years. As a director, I have represented the board on the Public Power Council Executive Committee in 1997 and '98 and at Oregon PUD Association, where I served as President in 2010.

Before election to the board, I served on the Budget and Rate Advisory Committees. Before the PUD began delivering electricity, I carried petitions for the bond measures that allowed the District to purchase our distribution lines and substations from Portland General Electric.

I am confident that the PUD is well managed and on a secure financial footing. If you agree, please vote to return me to the board. If you do not agree, please come to a board meeting and help the board serve you better.

*(This information furnished by Carol Everman)*

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# Measure No. 5-241

## BALLOT TITLE

ANNEXATION OF VINE STREET PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE

QUESTION: Shall the described property be annexed to the City of Scappoose?

SUMMARY: Kirsten Van Loo has requested that the City annex approximately 5 acres of property to the City of Scappoose. The property is located at 33959 SE Vine Street, and is described as Columbia County Assessor Map No. 3118-BB-01100 & 3213-AA-04200. The property is located in the Scappoose Urban Growth Boundary and is contiguous to Scappoose City limits. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned Low Density Residential (R-). The Scappoose Planning Commission and City Council have approved this annexation proposal.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Annexation is the procedure used to add land to the corporate boundaries of a city. Approval of an annexation measure will bring that property within the City limits. Once the land is annexed, the annexed territory is subject to the City's permanent property tax rate, and becomes eligible to receive city services.

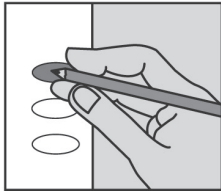
As required by Section 17.136.030 of the Scappoose Municipal Code, annexations must be referred to the voters of the City for approval.

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Submitted by:  
Larry Lehman  
City of Scappoose

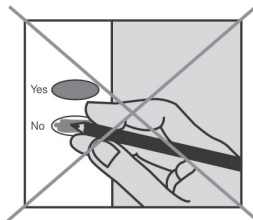
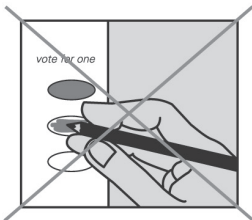
### check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both Yes and No** on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

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# City of St. Helens

## Measure No. 5-239

## Measure No. 5-240

### BALLOT TITLE

REQUEST TO ANNEX NEIDER PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF ST. HELENS

QUESTION: Should land located at 34540 Bachelor Flat Road be annexed into the City of St. Helens?

SUMMARY: On December 30, 2013, Jerry and Sandra Neider applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 0.94 acres of land located at 34540 Bachelor Flat Road. This property is also described as Columbia County Map & Tax Lot Number 4N1W-7AC-703. The City Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the property be annexed and that the property have a Comprehensive Plan designation of Suburban Residential, SR, and be zoned Suburban Residential, R10. The City Council approved the recommendation on March 5, 2014. On March 19, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3172, which would officially approve the annexation and zone the property R10, Suburban Residential, contingent upon the voters approving the annexation as required by the City Charter, Chapter 1, Section 3. Approval of this request will make the property subject to all City ordinances and regulations.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**Jerry and Sandra Neider** applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 0.94 acres of land located at 34540 Bachelor Flat Road. Annexation is the process whereby property is included or brought into the city limits. The City has a process for evaluating annexation requests that includes conformance with applicable State laws, the City Charter, City Comprehensive Plan, and City Development Code. The process requires that the City Planning Commission hold a public hearing on annexation requests and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council also holds a public hearing and reviews the recommendation of the Planning Commission. If the City Council approves the annexation request, then the City Charter requires that a majority vote of the voters of St. Helens approve the annexation.

For the Jerry and Sandra Neider annexation request, the Planning Commission held a public hearing, found that the request complied with the process for annexation, and recommended approval of the annexation request to the City Council. The City Council approved the recommendation to annex the Neider property, which is approximately 0.94 acres in size, on March 5, 2014. The next step is for the voters of St. Helens to approve or reject the request to annex this property. If annexed, the property will be zoned R10, Suburban Residential, and be subject to all City ordinances and regulations.

Submitted by:  
Kathy Payne  
City Elections Official

### BALLOT TITLE

REQUEST TO ANNEX WILLIAMS PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF ST. HELENS

QUESTION: Should land located at 58240 Old Portland Road be annexed into the City of St. Helens?

SUMMARY: On June 28, 2013, Robert Williams applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 1.05 acres of land located at 58240 Old Portland Road. This property is also described as Columbia County Map & Tax Lot Number 4N1W-8D-900. The City Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the property be annexed and that the property have a Comprehensive Plan designation of Heavy Industrial, HI, and be zoned Heavy Industrial, HI. The City Council approved the recommendation on March 5, 2014. On March 19, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3171, which would officially approve the annexation and zone the property HI, Heavy Industrial, contingent upon the voters approving the annexation as required by the City Charter, Chapter 1, Section 3. Approval of this request will make the property subject to all City ordinances and regulations.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**Robert Williams** applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 1.05 acres of land located at 58240 Old Portland Road. Annexation is the process whereby property is included or brought into the city limits. The City has a process for evaluating annexation requests that includes conformance with applicable State laws, the City Charter, City Comprehensive Plan, and City Development Code. The process requires that the City Planning Commission hold a public hearing on annexation requests and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council also holds a public hearing and reviews the recommendation of the Planning Commission. If the City Council approves the annexation request, then the City Charter requires that a majority vote of the voters of St. Helens approve the annexation.

For the Robert Williams annexation request, the Planning Commission held a public hearing, found that the request complied with the process for annexation, and recommended approval of the annexation request to the City Council. The City Council approved the recommendation to annex the Williams property, which is approximately 1.05 acres in size, on March 5, 2014. The next step is for the voters of St. Helens to approve or reject the request to annex this property. If annexed, the property will be zoned HI, Heavy Industrial, and be subject to all City ordinances and regulations.

Submitted by:  
Kathy Payne  
City Elections Official



# Columbia River Fire & Rescue

## Measure No. 5-242

### BALLOT TITLE

#### COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE AND RESCUE BOND FOR EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

QUESTION: Shall the District issue \$15,000,000 general obligation bonds to purchase equipment, finance station improvements and refinance an existing obligation? 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: Passage of this measure provides funds to finance capital costs at District facilities. Specifically, this measure would:

- Acquire new and replacement fire apparatus, ambulances, rescue vehicles and other related equipment.
- Acquire safety equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus, protective clothing, radios and other safety equipment.
- Make station improvements, including seismic upgrades at the Rainier Station, expansion and seismic upgrades of the Fairgrounds station, and other station improvements.
- Refinance outstanding obligations of the District which financed the Lee Broadbent Training Center.
- Pay associated bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in twenty one (21) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

If approved, the District plans to issue bonds in no less than three issuances to coincide with the District's apparatus replacement schedule. Each issuance would be payable over a maximum of 21 years with an estimated cost to the taxpayer of \$0.27/\$1000 assessed value or less per year. If your house is valued at \$100,000, the tax is expected to be \$27 per year.

Submitted by:  
Marit Nelson  
Finance Director

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Columbia River Fire & Rescue (the "District") has proposed this measure for voters' approval. The Board of Directors has determined after Finance and Sustainability Committee recommendation and public meetings and surveys that it is in the best interest of the District to request long-term financing from the voters of the District. This measure would provide general obligation bond financing for the replacement of critical response equipment, station expansions and other safety-related capital expenditures.

The District is requesting general obligation bond authority up to \$15 million dollars to:

- Over the next 15 years, replace current apparatus as described in the District's apparatus replacement schedule at an estimated cost of \$7,000,000.
- Improvements to the Fairgrounds Fire Station including expansion for additional apparatus, personnel and community meeting space at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000. Planned 2021.
- Make seismic upgrades and other improvements to the Rainier Fire Station at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000. Planned 2021.
- Add a Fire Engine to the Deer Island Station to meet current Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements at an estimated cost of \$450,000. Planned 2015-16.
- Replace communication hardware and other safety equipment as it reaches its end of life cycle, specifically:
  - o Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus System. \$500,000. Planned Replacement—2023
  - o Portable Radio equipment at an estimated cost of \$350,000. Planned Replacement—2020-2025
  - o Other safety equipment as identified. Planned Replacement—2025
- Refinance the Full Faith & Credit Obligations (the "Obligations") utilized to build the Lee Broadbent Training Center in 2006. This is expected to provide a savings in interest payments to the District.

# Sauvie Island Fire District

## Measure No. 26-162

### BALLOT TITLE

#### REDUCED FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

QUESTION: Shall Sauvie Island Fire District impose reduced five-year \$0.35 per \$1,000 assessed value for general operations beginning 2015-2016? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is proposing a renewal of their existing local option levy that will support the needs for general operations and expenditures. This renewal is a 25% reduction from \$0.4600/\$1,000 assessed valuation to \$0.3500/\$1,000 assessed valuation. Through efficient fiscal stewardship, the District has been able to reduce expenditures while maintaining a reserve capital replacement fund for future purchases and can request the lowered amount while providing the same or higher level of response to the community. The District anticipates the expenditure of these funds to include, but not limited to, required annual medical/health testing for all responders, required Federal/OSHA testing and firefighters use of equipment, physical testing of responders' abilities/capabilities, annual servicing and safety inspections of vehicles and equipment to include funds for capital replacement, continuing education for volunteer responder training and certification, and continued contribution to the capital reserve fund. Without this additional revenue, personnel health programs, training, vehicle replacement, and maintenance schedules will need be reduced.

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 proposed rate will raise approximately \$48,750 in FY2015/2016, \$49,725 in FY2016/2017, \$50,720 in FY2017/2018, \$51,734 in FY2018/2019 and \$52,769 in FY2019/2020, for a total of \$253,698.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The continuing mission of the Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is to provide All Hazard emergency response services to all the residents and visitors of Sauvie Island, including fire, medical, and other hazards/risks. Additionally, the District continues to provide mutual aid assistance, per Inter-Governmental Agreements, to Scappoose Fire Department and Portland Fire & Rescue. This mission necessitates the renewal of the current five-year Local Option Levy for general operations. Over the past 5 years, the District has managed the funds provided through the current levy with the best interests of the citizens in mind. Furthermore, the District's Board of Directors believes the efficiencies developed affords the opportunity to reduce the amount needed to balance the budget from this local option levy by 25%, which amounts to approximately a \$16,250 reduction in the first year of the levy from \$0.46/\$1,000 to \$0.35/\$1,000.

Many factors contribute to the District's continued cost of operations. Basic resources such as electricity, fuel, and natural gas prices have increased as a basic cost. OSHA is requiring institutional testing and physical wellness monitoring for all firefighters and the cost of these mandatory services rise each year. Maintenance of hard goods, equipment, and fire protection gear continue to be high cost items (i.e. one set of protective firefighting turnouts for one responder costing approximately \$2300). Additionally, equipment needs replacing as it becomes outdated, not functional even with current preventative or corrective maintenance services, falls below Federal or national standards, or becomes unsafe.

The above reflect only a small selection of the expenditures and reasons for the continuation of the Local Option Levy. Detailed explanations of any of the above costs or a review of the District's Budget are available to residents by contacting the District directly or by attending public meetings such as District board meetings.

Without the passing of this levy, the District faces the reduction or elimination of personnel health programs, vehicle maintenance/replacement, protective gear purchase/replacement, and/or response services.

Submitted by:  
Norvin Collins  
Fire Chief

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014  
VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, simply fill in the oval next to the name of the person with a pen or pencil.

**JANE DOE**

**JOHN DOE**

**SALLY SMITH**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(WRITE-IN)**

To vote for a candidate **WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**, simply write the person's name on the line provided under that office heading labeled "Write-in," then complete the oval next to the write-in line. **COMPLETING THE OVAL NEXT TO THE WRITE-IN LINE IS VERY IMPORTANT IF YOU WRITE-IN A CANDIDATE AS THE OVAL TELLS THE COMPUTER THAT A WRITE-IN VOTE HAS BEEN CAST AND NEEDS TO BE TALLIED MANUALLY!**

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SCAPPOOSE CITY HALL 33568 E. Columbia Ave.	OCT 15 - NOV 3 NOV 4	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
MIST BIRKENFELD RFPD 12525 Highway 202	OCT 15 - NOV 3 NOV 4	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTIONS DEPT. 230 STRAND ST. ST. HELENS	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM MON - THURS <b>SATURDAY, NOV 1ST 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b> ELECTION DAY - NOV 4 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	

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