

Columbia County
Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election
May 15, 2012
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.

With many new residents and voters in our county, this pamphlet allows us the opportunity to provide voter instructions on how to cast a vote on the Optech Ballot.
Remember to vote both sides of your ballot, if applicable.

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" was written by the district submitting the question.

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

Commissioner, Position 1



**EARL
FISHER**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Commissioner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher; Principal; Retired Clatskanie School District Superintendent.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS in Education, Central Michigan University; Michigan State University, MAT; University of Oregon, Superintendent program.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, Columbia County Commission on Children and Families; Chair, Clatskanie Fire Department; Commissioner, Port of St. Helens; Vice-Chair, NW Regional Education Service District.

Civic Memberships: St. John Hospital Foundation; Clatskanie Together Coalition; United Way of Columbia County; Clatskanie Kiwanis.

“Working Together To Get Things Done.” It still isn't just a campaign slogan to me.

I'm running for re-election for Columbia County Commissioner because I'll continue to focus on bringing jobs to our county that pay a living wage while maintaining Columbia County's scenic beauty and proud heritage.

Many decisions we've had to make as a county commission haven't been easy, but it's a responsibility I take very seriously. I'll continue reaching out, working with others, keeping Columbia County on the path to economic recovery.

Despite these economic times, as a community we've been able to move forward with measurable results to improve the quality of life for our residents.

- After three years of deliberations, the Courthouse Museum is again open for the public.
- Worked with the Port of St. Helens and others, attracting businesses to our county such as ORPET bottle recycling plant project, and PGE as they move to build a new power plant at Port Westward.
- Worked with responsible parties, seamlessly transitioning our public health services to a new foundation so residents didn't have interruption of services.
- Worked with the state on US-30 Highway safety corridor.
- Started education subcommittee getting driver safety programs into our schools.

Working together with folks around our county and our state, Columbia County can continue to find solutions that improve our community in these tough economic times and have a brighter future.

I'm Earl Fisher and I'm asking for your vote to continue serving as your Columbia County Commissioner.

www.ElectEarlFisher.com

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Earl Fisher)

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Commissioner, Position 1



**WAYNE
MAYO**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Contractor Business owner/employer 29 years; Commercial/Residential Property Manager 24 years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Account Executive, Hasselblad Lumber; Executive Director employment exchange 501c-3 corporation; Executive Director education to employment 501c-3 corporation; Successful grant writer; Chief Petitioner 3 local measures; Chairman of PUD Takeovers; Scappoose, St. Helens, Columbia City, and Rainier. Pastor.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High Graduate; OIT: engineering; PCC: Economics; PSU: Economics; Licensed Contractor

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Scappoose Planning Commissioner **4½ years**; St. Helens Park and Recreation Commissioner **3½ years**.

Priorities:

“Columbia County; great place to live, work, and raise a family. Unfortunately we have experienced the loss of jobs and opportunities. We need the wood product industries restarted for future generations. We need to prosper.”

Wayne's Innovative Activism has made a tremendous difference for Columbia County.

1. He personally organized 4 PUD takeovers in 1999. He got measures on the ballot. Voters defeated Enron reversing prior elections though outspent 25-1 **saving 3 million-\$600/household/year/approx.**

2. He advertised for successful boycott of pornography outlet near SHHS.

3. He prepared 2 measures; 1 **requiring E verify**, 2008. 1 Passed 57-43% though out spent 162-1.

Budgeting

“The county budget must be watched. State/Fed. dollars are drying up. Spending must be reanalyzed in light of emerging economic realities.”

Support Sheriff, Road Department

“First, I will upgrade rural patrol promoting safety and reducing crime. I will advocate to maintain/restore road surfaces.”

Job Creation

“Our county needs to be attractive to industry, tourism, science, universities and agriculture without damaging the environment. Permits can be expedited.

Private industry creates sustainable jobs. We shouldn't squash opportunity like Portland has done.”

Promote County

Wayne thinks we can attract new businesses and residents increasing property values. We have accountable schools, sports, churches, low crime, great fair, parks, fishing, water sports, horseback riding, bicycling, trails, and wildlife viewing. Add in resources like the airport, river access, lower taxes compared to neighboring counties and we've got livability in spades!

(This information furnished by Wayne Mayo)

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Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 1

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**BRADY
NORMAN
PREHEIM**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Business owner - BradySoft / Preheim Computers - 23 years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Microsupport - computer software developer, 2yrs; International Computer Networks - computer hardware, sales & service, 6yrs.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate St. Helens High School 1982; Oregon State University; Northern Virginia Community College

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

I was born and raised in Columbia County. I spent 13 years in the Washington DC Metro area working in the computer industry, and finally starting my own computer consulting business. In 1997 I returned to Oregon.

I began to work with the FORD Leadership program to learn the skills necessary to be an effective leader. In 2010 I became involved with other citizens to stop the 38 cent permanent hospital tax. I became vividly aware of how many of the local districts and boards have very little accountability to the taxpayers who elect them. In many cases these people ran for their positions unopposed for many years. I decided that all that is necessary for an inept government is for good people to do nothing. If you want change, you have to be involved to make the change.

When 5-209 passed by a majority of 72%, instead of supporting the taxpayers, the county commissioners failed to take any action in court to uphold the mandate of the voters. Instead they conspired to transfer millions of taxpayer dollars and assets to the county instead of crediting the funds back to the taxpayers.

I plan to be the voice of the taxpayers in the county. I will be responsible to the voters, and will not take part in backroom deals and will only be accountable to the taxpayers. If you want open, honest and accessible government vote for Brady Preheim. I am motivated to serve as your commissioner and will NEVER ignore what you ask of me.

(This information furnished by Brady Preheim)

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**TERRY
LUTTRELL**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Minister

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Boise Cascade, 1967-1981; Minister, 1977-current; Oregon National Guard, 1967-1974; Logging, Farming.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School; Non-Commissioned Officers School; Clatsop Community College; Portland Community College; Oregon State University; Berean University, B.A.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Port of St. Helens -(elected twice); Columbia County Planning Commission -(appointed)

I am not a politician. I do not have plans to run for the house or senate. My desire is to help Columbia County. What our county needs is someone with the proven experience to lead with integrity while making the right decisions for our entire county.

I come from a hard working family who teaches the value of hard work, perseverance, honesty, and integrity. I have operated a skidder, managed a farm, and pulled green chain. I have lived and served in various positions throughout our state while maintaining close ties to Columbia County through family and continuously owning property here.

I have had the opportunity to work with a variety of business professionals through my work and volunteer experience. As a Port Commissioner, I have a proven voting record that shows exactly what I stand for. I have witnessed city, county, and state agencies coming together to see projects completed.

AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER I WOULD SERVE YOU BY:

- . Putting the people of Columbia County first.
- . I would promote economic development
- . I would manage county budgets by using my previous experience and sound judgment; applying responsible spending.
- . Keep citizens safe by supporting the Columbia County sheriff's office and emergency management teams.
- . Support senior citizens by all possible means
- . By supporting our veterans
- . Maintaining our county roads
- . Advocating for local education and continued improvement.
- . By supporting our liberty with less regulations
- . I would support liberty and freedom while at the same time upholding the rule of law

I would appreciate your confidence and vote. Thank you.

(This information furnished by Terry Luttrell)

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Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 1



**COLLEEN
MARIE
DeSHAZER**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: CEO – Construction & Excavation Company

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Operations & Compliance Administrator, Aggregate Manuf.; Residential & Commercial Property Management Company, Partner; Law Office (Tax Consulting) Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Warner Pacific – Bachelors of Science in Business Administration; ITT Tech Institute – Graduate

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Port of St. Helens Commissioner; Various Land Use Committee Appointments; RHCC – Governor's Appointment.

Hard work, accountability and a realistic business approach to managing the county's operations and future are the only promises I will make. I have no hidden agendas or platforms. I will always be active in politics but I am not an activist. I simply live here, work here and raise my three beautiful children here and the livability and economic vitality of our county is important to me and my family's future.

The position of County Commissioner is a job not a political position and you the citizens should be hiring the person with the education, knowledge and experience to meet the demands of the position. I Colleen DeShazer am that person.

In today's difficult economic times Columbia County needs a leader that has the ability to manage the county's essential services on a limited budget while maximizing services to the citizens of the county. A leader that can work collaboratively with other members of the community to develop new and innovative funding mechanisms to replace two decades of lost or dwindling timber and property tax revenues without placing further economic burden on our citizens.

We need progressive innovative economic development that provides good jobs for our residents as well as enhanced community services. As a mother of three and a small business owner I am fully aware of the economic hardships that we have all been faced with in the last few years. I am also in touch enough with my community and the economy that I know how much a gallon of milk costs.

Please join my campaign by contacting me at deshazer4countycommissioner@gmail.com or by calling 503-397-7803.

(This information furnished by Colleen Marie DeShazer)

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Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 3



**TAMMY
MAYGRA**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Retired; community activist

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Mill worker, Pendleton Woolen Mills, shipyard laborer, homemaker

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate St. Helens High School 1976

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Current chairperson of the Columbia Health District (CHD) board; Columbia County Democratic Central Committee Precinct person; member of Tide Creek CPAC; member of St. Helens CPAC.

I am a fourth generation Columbia County resident, born and raised. My great grandparents homesteaded in this county in the 1880s.

I have been involved in government issues for over 20 years; the most recent being the so called "hospital" tax. Beginning in 2005, I was instrumental in fighting the misuse of taxes which continued to be collected even after the old CHD board knew the state would never allow a critical access hospital to be built. I collected signatures for measure 5-209 which should have stopped the tax. When the county commissioners refused to honor the 74 percent who voted to stop the tax, it was decided the old board needed to be replaced. I ran for that board along with four other persons. I was elected by over 90 percent and strongly continue to honor the mandate of the voters. By the time we took office, the old board and your county commissioners had stripped the money, part of the property and an entire year of accounting records. I believe this just is not right and it is now time to replace the commissioners.

You as voters should be proud of what you have accomplished thus far. With your voting support, Columbia County is the first county in Oregon to stop a special district from collecting "permanent" taxes. Please continue what you have begun. Replace the two commissioners who have ignored the accountability you deserve. If you want open, honest and accessible government vote for Tammy Maygra. I am highly motivated to serve as your commissioner and will NEVER ignore that which the voters ask of me.

(This information furnished by Tammy Maygra)

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Commissioner, Position 3



**JAMES W.
"JIM"
GIBSON**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: 2007-Present, Private Investigator, Jim Gibson & Associates, Inc., Clatskanie; 2006-Present, Part-time Clerk, Alston Country Store, Rainier.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1980-2007, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Deputy & Jail Manager, Retired; 1978 - 1980, Columbia County Sheriff's, Reserve Deputy (Volunteer); 1975-1980, Crown Zellerbach, Wauna Mill, Papermaker; 1975-1982, Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, Volunteer Firefighter; 1975, Rainier School District, Part-time Sweeper; 1974-1975, Alston Country Store, Gas Attendant.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon Association of Licensed Investigators, Portland, 2007-2012, Continuing Education; Chemeketa Community College, 2007, Criminal Justice Credits; Portland Community College, Pre-2005, Criminal Justice & Computers; Dept. of Public Safety Standards & Training, Corrections & Management, 1981-2007; Rainier High School 1975 graduate; Delena Grade School 1971 graduate.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 2011- Present, Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, Director; 2011-Present, Clatskanie Library District, Director; 2003-2007, Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee, Columbia County, Appointed; 1991, Columbia 911 Communications District, Appointed Board Member.

Lifetime county resident (55 years), Married to Leona (31 years), 4 adult children, 3 granddaughters.

My Priorities

Local jobs: Help small businesses stay in operation and bring in new businesses; **Public safety:** Work with the citizens and Sheriff to devise plans to adequately fund public safety; **Senior citizens & veterans:** We must never forget the needs of seniors and those who serve us; **Reducing administrative cost:** Find ways to reduce expenses from the top. **Review county structure for potential savings:** Appoint a citizen committee to assist with a recommendation; **Work with cities & taxing districts:** Share ideas and resources to solve mutual issues.

We currently have a financial crisis; **TOGETHER** we can find a way to solve it. I promise to **LISTEN** to, and **WORK HARD** for our **CITIZENS!**

I commit to opt out of PERS, **saving taxpayers the retirement cost, currently calculated at 22% of the position's salary.**

For **NEW DIRECTION**, VOTE **James W. "Jim" Gibson** for Columbia County Commissioner!

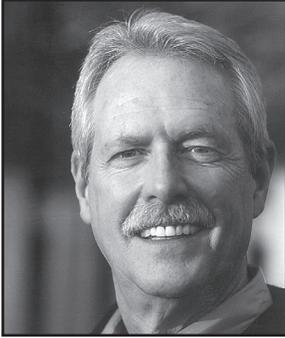
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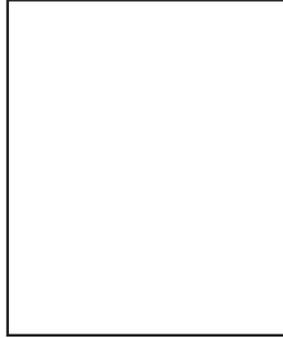
Commissioner, Position 3

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**TONY
HYDE**

Non-Partisan



**REGINALD G.
WARD**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Commissioner
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia County Commissioner, logger.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Kirkwood Community College; University of Iowa.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Board of Commissioners, 1996-present; Board of Directors, Association of Oregon Counties, 1997-present; Mayor, City of Vernonia, 1993-1996; City Councilor, Vernonia, 1989-1993.

(no information provided)

INVESTMENT/DEDICATION IS PAYING OFF FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.
 Tony's commitment to staying informed on all aspects of local government has required a large personal investment of time and energy. His participation in many different arenas; local, state, federal, and regional, has provided Columbia County a recognized seat at the table when important issues are being determined.

- HYDE'S GOALS**
- Return more jobs to Columbia County
 - Balance growth with quality of life
 - Expand Veterans Services
 - Improve roads and bridges
 - Increase youth programs
 - More focus on seniors
 - Increase healthcare resources
 - Bring higher education opportunities to Columbia County
 - More strategic use of scant public safety dollars
 - Streamline land use system
 - Encourage small business development opportunities
- CURRENT COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**
- Association of Oregon Communities; past President, Co-Chair Economic Development
 - American Leadership Forum; Senior Fellow
 - National Association of Counties; Board, Economic and Community Development Steering Committee
 - Columbia County Economic Development Team
 - Association of O&C Counties
 - Columbia Pacific Economic Development Council
 - Regional Solutions Steering Committee
 - Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee
 - Oregon Business and Economic Development Commission
 - Oregon Emergency Management Association
 - Columbia Emergency Management Association
 - Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission
 - FEMA Region 10 Advisory Committee

HYDE KNOWS COLUMBIA COUNTY
 Tony has made a positive difference in Columbia County for 40 years; community leader, husband, and father. He raised his two daughters Kirsten and Kortni, here with his wife Dana of 31 years.

RE-ELECT TONY HYDE

A Hard Working, Intelligent and Thoughtful Decision Maker

(This information furnished by Tony Hyde)

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City of Clatskanie

Measure No. 5-225

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSAL TO ANNEX CITY OF CLATSKANIE TO RAINIER CEMETERY DISTRICT

QUESTION: Shall the City of Clatskanie annex to the Rainier Cemetery District for the purpose of receiving cemetery services?

SUMMARY: Approving this measure would annex the properties within the City of Clatskanie as its boundaries now exist to the Rainier Cemetery District. The Clatskanie City Council proposed this measure annexing the properties within the City to the Cemetery District. Annexation would allow the Rainier Cemetery District to provide cemetery services directly to properties within the City, which would subject properties within the City to the Rainier Cemetery District's property tax rate, and allow residents within the City to vote on the membership of the Cemetery District's governing board, beginning with the May, 2013 election. The Rainier Cemetery District's current property tax rate is .0709 dollars per thousand dollars of assessed value. This measure requires approval of both Cemetery District and City of Clatskanie voters.

Submitted by:
Gregory A. Hinkelman
City Manager

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of Clatskanie and the Rainier Cemetery District have proposed a mutual annexation for the voters' approval. This annexation expands the Cemetery District to include the three cemeteries within the City of Clatskanie. If passed, this annexation would change ownership of the three cemeteries from the City to the District where the District would take over the maintenance and administration. This annexation requires the approval of both the citizens within the Clatskanie city limits and within the Cemetery District boundaries.

The property owners in Clatskanie would see a small property tax added to their statements. This tax equates to .0709 per thousand. If your house is valued at \$100,000, the tax is seven dollars (\$7) a year. Literally, 2 cents per day.

The advantage for Clatskanie is the City would turn over operations of the cemeteries to an entity that is in the cemetery business. The City's Cemetery Fund has been unable to cover the cost of maintenance for the past several years. The City's Cemetery Fund is operated as an "Irreducible Fund" as mandated by the State. The concept of the "Irreducible Fund" has been to operate the cemeteries with the interest generated by the fund. The fund currently has a balance of about \$165,000. The current interest rate is one half of a percent (.5%). This means that the City is expected to cover all costs with interest earnings of \$1,000 per year. The current annual operating budget is \$16,000. This does not include the cost of grave materials or the City public works crew. As a result of the shortfall, the City covers the fund with monies from other funds. This has reduced the amount of money available to provide other services (water, sewer, street repair, and police) for the citizens of Clatskanie. By annexing into the District, a broader citizen base will fund the maintenance and administration of the cemeteries.

The benefit for the Rainier Cemetery District is they also get a larger support base that would allow them to hire additional help to maintain their existing cemeteries as well as the three in Clatskanie. They would also receive the balance of Clatskanie's Irreducible Fund and, because they are a specific cemetery district, and not an Irreducible Fund entity, they are able to use this fund for cemetery purposes (example: Clatskanie's Murray Hill Cemetery needs another columbarium). The Rainier Cemetery District also wants to increase the size of its board from three members to five. The increase in board size would allow citizens of Clatskanie the opportunity to serve on that board.

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

City of St. Helens

Measure No. 5-226

Measure No. 5-227

BALLOT TITLE

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

QUESTION: Should land located at 35031 Millard Road be annexed into the City of St. Helens?

SUMMARY: On April 14, 2010, Juanita Richards for the St. Helens Bible Church applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 3.02 acres of land located at 35031 Millard Road. This property is also described as Columbia County Map & Tax Lot Number 4N1W-8CB-501. 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 Moderate Residential, R-7. The City Council approved the recommendation on October 20, 2010. On December 7, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3154, which would officially approve the annexation and zone the property R-7, Moderate 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

The **St. Helens Community Bible Church** applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 3.02 acres of land located at 35031 Millard 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 St. Helens Community Bible Church 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 St. Helens Community Bible Church property, which is approximately 3.02 acres in size, on December 7, 2011. 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 R-7, Moderate Residential, and be subject to all City ordinances and regulations.

Submitted by:
Kathy Payne
City Elections Official

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

BALLOT TITLE

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

QUESTION: Should land located at 58144 Old Portland Road be annexed into the City of St. Helens?

SUMMARY: On May 6, 2011, the Port of St. Helens applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 145.3 acres of land located at 58144 Old Portland Road. This property is also described as Columbia County Map & Tax Lot Number 4N1W-17-100. 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 January 4, 2012. On February 1, 2012, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3156, 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

The **Port of St. Helens** applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 145.3 acres of land located at 58144 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 Port of St. Helens 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 Port of St. Helens property, which is approximately 145.3 acres in size, on February 1, 2012. 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

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

The Rainier Cemetery District

Measure No. 5-224

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSAL TO ANNEX CITY OF CLATSKANIE TO RAINIER CEMETERY DISTRICT

QUESTION: Shall the Rainier Cemetery District annex the City of Clatskanie and provide cemetery services within the City of Clatskanie?

SUMMARY: Approving this measure would annex the properties within the City of Clatskanie as its boundaries now exist to the Rainier Cemetery District. The Clatskanie City Council proposed this measure annexing the properties within the City to the Cemetery District. Annexation would allow the Rainier Cemetery District to provide cemetery services directly to properties within the City which would subject properties within the City to the Rainier Cemetery District's property tax rate, and allow residents within the City to vote on the membership of the Cemetery District's governing board, beginning with the May, 2013 election. This measure requires approval of both Cemetery District and City of Clatskanie voters.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

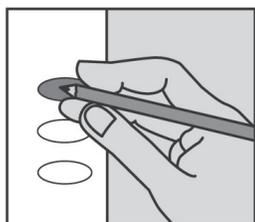
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Submitted by:
Tomey Greer
Chairman

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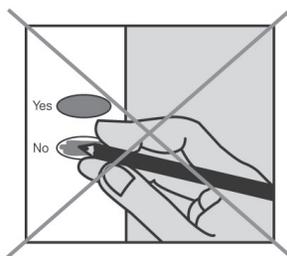
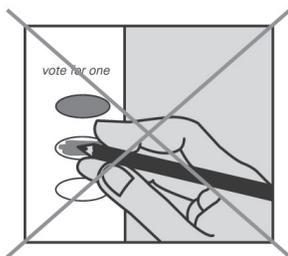
check your ballot!

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.

Contact Columbia County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY
PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 15, 2012
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!**

To vote on measures on the ballot, simply complete the oval next to the "YES" or "NO".

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.

REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT, IF APPLICABLE!

If you have any questions about voting, call the Columbia County Elections Office at (503) 397-7214 or (503) 397-3796 ext. 8445. Hearing impaired voters may use our TTY/TDD line at (503) 397-7246.

DROP SITES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 15, 2012

You may drop your voted ballots off at any drop site at times and dates as follows:

VERNONIA LIBRARY 701 Weed Ave.	APR 27 - MAY 14 MAY 15	DURING LIBRARY HOURS 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
RAINIER CITY HALL 106 B St. West	APR 27 - MAY 14 MAY 15	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
CLATSKANIE LIBRARY 11 Lillich St.	APR 27 - MAY 14 MAY 15	DURING LIBRARY HOURS 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SCAPPOOSE CITY HALL 33568 E. Columbia Ave.	APR 27 - MAY 14 MAY 15	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
MIST BIRKENFELD RFPD 12525 Highway 202	APR 27 - MAY 14 MAY 15	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 ELECTION DAY - MAY 15 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	

A DRIVE-BY DROP BOX IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Please **remember**, if you are **mailing ballots**, you must have them mailed so they will reach us no later than election day, **MAY 15, 2012**.

POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT on ballot returns. Any ballots delivered by the post office after election day **WILL NOT BE COUNTED**.

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE OUTER RETURN ENVELOPE.

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