

GARIBALDI NEWS



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July 2022

Council to poll residents for their choice to fund Fire Department staff

The City of Garibaldi is at crossroad on how to fund the salaried staff of our Fire Department.

In 2017, residents narrowly passed a local tax levy to fund one or two GFD personnel including hiring a full-time Fire Chief.

The new chief was also tasked to work on establishing a Fire District. The new district would combine the salaried fire personnel and resources of Garibaldi, Rockaway Beach and Bay City. The levy was to be discontinued once this district was in place.

In May 2019, the City terminated the employment of then Fire Chief James Rhyce. Former City Manager Geoff Wullschlager advised the Council not to hire a new chief. Jay Marugg stepped into a half-time role as chief and Blake Paulsen was later hired as a training officer.

On July 12, during a Council Work Sessions, the members discussed a number of funding options and asked for more information on each.

The City Council could follow the example of Rockaway Beach by billing residents monthly through a Service Fee included on the water bill, or Bay City, which recently passed a local tax levy.

There's also Seaside's example, which funds its Fire staff entirely through Transient Lodging Taxes (TLT). However, Garibaldi's level of tourism does not generate the abundance of TLT funds to match theirs.

It was recommended that the Council get our residents' opinions on what they feel is a reasonable and acceptable solution.

A process to conduct an informal citywide poll will be developed in August and communicated to all residents and businesses.

For the interim period, the City Council and City Manager Juliet Hyams will determine a way to pay the two salaried Fire Dept. staff until a new permanent method is decided.

Join in Celebrating Our Local Coast Guard

The residents of Garibaldi are invited to the first annual **Coast Guard Appreciation Day** celebration on **Thursday, August 4, 2022.**

The event will be held in the big tent located in the Port of Garibaldi at Biak Avenue, between 6th and 7th Street.

Kicking off the festivities at **2:30 pm** will be a Bubble Ball Soccer tourney between the Tillamook Station Coast Guard sailors and the Garibaldi Fire Department volunteer firefighters.

A delicious picnic-style meal will be served at **4:00 pm**, prepared by the Garibaldi Portside Bistro, compliments of the City of Garibaldi and Mayor Tim Hall. A No Host bar by Kelly's will be serving beer.

Americana and folk blues singer Mojo Holler will perform from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Also, there is be fun activities for children.

For this private event, residents are asked to please pick up their **tickets** by **Wednesday, July 27** at City Hall during office hours so as to estimate the amount of food and beverages.

This is a great opportunity for our community to come together to honor our local Coast Guard and for their brave, courageous service to Garibaldi.

Hope to see everyone there!

Mayor's Message

I've been told that in Garibaldi the job of Mayor is "**only ceremonial**," that you gavel at City Council meetings and ride in the parade.

I believe it's this thinking that got the city into serious trouble, both financially and administratively, which we are slowly recovering from.

It's my belief that the residents of Garibaldi expect, want and deserve more from their Mayor. To this end, I have built and renewed relationships with elected officials and state agencies to advocate for funding to make improvements for our city.

Two examples: Representative Suzanne Weber helped us gain \$361,000 in ARPA funding for water projects and ODOT is finally set to make the Highway 101 improvements. We've also reassured a Tillamook County leader of our eligibility for grants.

Garibaldi will soon install "smart" water meters that will reduce the time and manpower to collect water use data thus saving the City money. The meters will also help detect any leaks.

Regrettably, the pandemic stopped all in-person outreach, so I put aside work on the Coast Guard City designation. The offer of the historic Coast Guard buildings has shifted our focus. We don't want these icons of Garibaldi history demolished.

We're prepared to work hard to get funding to re-purpose one structure for City Hall offices and community services. And with residents' approval, we can turn the large vacant gravel lot on 7th Street and Acacia Avenue into a public park.

The mayor should also support efforts to maintain a good quality of life for all residents and businesses. That included ensuring with the Council and a developer that a new housing project fits in to our community, that it welcomes families – not just workers – and it does not strain City resources and services.

Construction on the compromised Paul Daniels' apartment project is slated to start soon. A modest groundbreaking ceremony will be held to recognize this contribution to the housing shortage in Tillamook County.

Like many others, I was disappointed to see Garibaldi was quietly being mismanaged, misled and denied funding. Public trust had to be restored and our city put on a path forward that benefits all.

Our residents and businesses should get the best from their City Council, City Administration, and especially their Mayor.

Mayor Tim Hall

Planning Commission Update

The Garibaldi Planning Commission is drafting legislation for a Design Review process for the city. This powerful tool will allow the Commission to help shape the look of the city's Downtown and commercial areas for years to come.

As businesses do not change often in Garibaldi, the impact will be slow and subtle. The purpose is to better "future proof" the city from neglect and development lacking any distinguishing character.

The Commission and City Council thanks Mike Anderson, the retired chair of the City of Wheeler's Planning Commission, who helped advise the commissioners on the process of crafting the new rules.

Special thanks also go to Valerie Schumann and Roger Cooper of the newly-formed Garibaldi Retail & Property Association. They collaborated with Commission in a workshop to gather valuable feedback from representatives of local business.

In August, Commissioners Norm Shattuck and chair Nathan Findling, along with resident Rolland Sheldon will meet with ODOT staff for the city's final design review of the Highway 101 renovation project. Due to ODOT's heavier than anticipated construction schedule, the Garibaldi project will now begin in Spring 2024.

Developer Paul Daniels' revised project to construct an 18-unit one-bedroom apartment building is moving forward. On August 15, the Commission will conduct a hearing to review the final plat plan to subdivide the remaining property for building seven to nine single-family homes as part of the project.

There is one open position on the Planning Commission. Any Garibaldi resident is eligible to apply. Please send a letter or email to Kylie Poklikuha (kylie@garibaldi.gov).

All letters will be reviewed by the City Council and a candidate will be selected at an upcoming Council meeting.

Meet & Greet Our Local Coast Guard

The **Garibaldi Cultural Heritage Initiative** invites everyone for a Meet and Greet with our local US Coast Guard members and their families. The free event includes a movie and open mic on **Saturday, August 6, 2022** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Historic Coast Guard Boathouse at the End of the Pier in Garibaldi. Parking is limited near pier entrance.

The *Finest Hours* – the greatest true story about the USCG most daring rescue by a 36 foot life-saving boat – will be shown at **1:00 pm**. Refreshments will be served at 3:00 pm followed by an open mic session where guests are invited to share their stories of when they were rescued or did a rescue.

The event is sponsored by the City of Garibaldi, Fred Meyer, Port of Garibaldi, and Tillamook County Library.

For more information, please contact Steve Denning, Retired USCG, at (310) 427-2783 or savegaribaldipier@gmail.com.

The Garibaldi Cultural Heritage Initiative organization's mission is "to explore, promote, and enhance the rich cultural heritage and natural history of the Tillamook Bay region." It was formed to preserve and rehabilitate the Boathouse and Pier's End.

Bottled Water Drive

With the fire season upon us, the City of Garibaldi is promoting a bottled water drive to help ensure our volunteer fire-fighters have plenty of drinking water during emergencies and training exercises.

Last year, the wildfire near Bay City highlighted the need for bottled water for the multiple crews who fought the blaze for days.

If you wish to donate, please drop-off case(s) of the hand-held size bottled water at the Garibaldi Fire Department.

Thank you for your support and generosity

City Corner

by City Manager Juliet Hyams

Dear Community,

As we begin a new fiscal year, I reflect on how much we have accomplished since last July. I am proud of the Highway 101 redesign plans underway, our engagement with homelessness and hazard mitigation initiatives and repairs to roads and crosswalks.

We have improved the City's internet security, recordkeeping and financial compliance. Our City Council and Planning Commission are hard at work pursuing economic development, a Main Street makeover, a Salmonberry Trail extension and events that celebrate Garibaldi!

I look forward to another year of progress with my staff and volunteer.

Thank you.



City Meeting Schedule

CITY COUNCIL

Third Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

First Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM

Both meetings are held at City Hall
107 6th Street

When announced, the meetings will be available online via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 503-322-3327
Password: 97118 Optional call-in number: (253) 215-8782 Enter Meeting ID and Password when prompted

Garibaldi's tallest barber, at 5-foot-tall, Tami Stover is celebrating her 25th year in business caring for the haircut needs of many customers along the coast.

"I'm lucky to do what I enjoy," says Stover. "My guys feel just as lucky too."



Stover found her way to Garibaldi after a short stay in Rockaway Beach. She is originally from Boise, Idaho.

"I like a small town. Garibaldi feels like home. You go to the post office to get your mail and you see your neighbors," she says. "You feel the camaraderie."

Adjacent to Stover's barbershop is a "cell phone booth" that has become a Highway 101 roadside attraction of sorts.

Featured in a recent *Oregonian* story, Stover said: "People walk by and they stop. They come back, and they take pictures of each other in it. It's goofy. But I'm goofy."

The City of Garibaldi joins in celebrating Tami's business anniversary and her truly standing "tall" in the eyes of so many in Garibaldi.

Museum Names New Director

The Board of Directors of the Garibaldi Maritime Museum announced that **Duncan Maher** has been hired as the new Executive Director.

Mahler has first-hand experience in the maritime industry, having worked for years as a deckhand on board passenger ferry boats and also animal husbandry for aquariums.

"I have a bold new vision to refresh the museum's galleries, starting with big changes coming to the west gallery," says Maher.

"Duncan's proposal to overhaul the west gallery has impress the Board," says Board President Christine Bacon. "I'm certain that guests will be just as impressed with the new exhibits."

Join us during Garibaldi Days for a fun Wine night on Friday, July 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Silent Auction on Saturday, July 23, from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm.

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