


Election Coverage

Wheeler candidate Meet-and-Greet slated every Friday

A Wheeler Candidate Meet-and-Greet will be held every Friday at 10 a.m., at the small city park directly across from the Roost coffee shop. Come hear from candidates interested in guiding Wheeler’s future in these challenging times. The emphasis will be on getting to know who is running and an opportunity to share and compare ideas for the small town. Get a cup of coffee from the Roost across the street, and come share your questions and ideas.

Below are introductions from a few new candidates for office:



I am Gordon Taylor, and I am running for Wheeler City Council

I want to be a part of a city government that actively listens and responds to its citizens. We must work effectively within the guidelines of the City Charter, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Wheeler Vision Plan.

My wife Martha and I have owned Wheeler on the Bay Lodge for the past four years. Before that, we were frequent visitors to this beautiful area.

I was a self-employed woodworker for thirty years. It was hard work, and I learned how to run a business, meet deadlines, and be responsible for my word.

If you have any questions about my interest in serving our community, feel free to stop on by Wheeler on the Bay Lodge and say hi.

You can also reach me at:
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Gordon Taylor for Wheeler City Council



Time for a Change

Former Wheeler City Council President **Mike Glowa** would like to help Wheeler focus on community voices, the Wheeler Vision, and careful attention to our charter and city ordinances in all future decision-making.


Mike discovered Wheeler years ago, through his love of fishing. He built his house and moved here permanently in 2005. Mike graduated from Portland State University with a B.A. degree in Russian Language and worked in the steel industry for 37 years, retiring as a safety/environmental specialist.

A vote for Mike Glowa will bring a can-do attitude to the council. His positive attitude and team-building approach will bring results. Mike’s experience includes:

- City Council Member (president)
- Park and Recreation Committee Council Advisor
- Emergency Preparedness Committee Founder
- St. Catherine Bishops Advisory Council

As a committed citizen of Wheeler, Mike has a strong appreciation of the natural beauty of our town and the value of its unique place on Nehalem Bay. He has represented citizens well in his previous five-year tenure as a city councilor. Mike has pledged to listen actively to all citizens’ ideas and concerns, and will work hard to bring solid solutions supported by the majority of the citizens for responsible government.

Mike Glowa for Wheeler City Council



Doug Honeycutt for Mayor

Years ago my wife and I had a home in Bay City, and we would wander up to Nehalem Bay to fish. We were attracted to Wheeler’s small town feel, the friendly people, and of course the incredible views. In 1998, after multiple years of searching, we found a home in Wheeler. Three years ago we retired and decided to move here full time.

I worked at Portland General Electric Company for 39 years. My work had a high level of responsibility, resolving both resource and personnel issues. Since my appointment to the Planning Commission in November 2019, I have become very familiar with the laws and mandates that govern our town, and have heard the concerns of the Wheeler community. I will always follow Wheeler’s ordinance’s and comprehensive plan, listen to citizens and make decisions accordingly.

The Wheeler community has shown they care about future growth. I want to work together to support local businesses and also new development within the guidelines of Wheeler’s vision plan. I will form an alliance within our business community to establish ways to revitalize and refurbish the downtown area.

Everyone’s voice is important! Yes, I want to hear from you. My vision is to re-energize our unique small town by listening to you and working together with the talents of the City Council, Planning Commission and City Staff.

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Garibaldi considers applications for planning its commission

Hilary Dorsey
Staff Writer

The Garibaldi City Council discussed at a meeting Monday, Sept. 21, applications for the vacancy on the planning commission. The council reviewed three submitted applications and will vote at next month’s city council meeting.

The council discussed applications from Carolee North, Linda Bade and Jeff Walters.

Former Councilor Paul Daniels had submitted a letter for consideration previously, which was tabled during a special meeting Aug. 24, as he was the only applicant. City of Garibaldi voters recalled Daniels from the city council on July 14.

Councilor Tim Hall said all three candidates are exceptional and two have served on the planning commission before.

“I have been participating in workshops over the years,” North said. “I have a vision for Garibaldi. I’ve been passionate about it. I’ve spoken to many people and I have the support of the community in my vision.”

North said she does not want Garibaldi to be an apartment city, but if developers follow the rules exactly, she cannot stop them.

“I will be fair, absolutely fair,” North said. “I’m only one of five.”

North said the community has very little commercial property that can be developed. The county has a lot of tourists and the City of Garibaldi needs to draw them into the community so they spend their money in the city and get involved in the feel of the community. She said she wants that to be developed.

“The commission’s role is in part to encourage development,” Bade said. “There is a function there for commissions to get involved in making changes or suggestions for changes.”

Bade said her interest in the commission is more about her skill set and the ability to look at something objectively. The other experience she would bring would be that she has development going on adjacent property and she also has experience as a performance auditor.

“I think development is very necessary for a community,” Bade said. “I don’t think you can avoid it.”


Bade added that she believes the planning commission was initiated by the state of Oregon in order to

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Harmon

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ber of the district technology committee and is always eager to provide instructional technology professional development to her colleagues, said Neah-Kah-Nie School District Superintendent Paul Erlebach.

Harmon said she was part of the OASL board from 2011 until 2018. She had experience on the board working in different roles, such as Webmaster. She has been the library media specialist for 15 years. This year, she was the person who received the secondary Library Media Specialist of the Year award.

“I didn’t expect to get this award from OASL,” Harmon said. “I was really, really pleased.”

Harmon said it is cool to be recognized by librarians across the state.

“The award that I won is the secondary Librarian of the Year Award,” Harmon said. “They will also give out an elementary award a lot of the times and they also have a Paraprofessional of the Year award, which is for anyone who works in the library who isn’t a library media specialist.”

While this isn’t the only award given out each year, it is a big deal.

Kathy Kammerer, who works in media at Nehalem Elementary School, had been nominating Harmon for the award for 10 years.

“I can’t get over how much I owe to Kathy constantly telling OASL that they should consider me the Librarian of the Year,” Harmon said. “She just went out of her way.”

A number of staff wrote letters stating what Harmon does for the school community and why she deserved the award. Kammerer coordinated those letters and submitted the nomination form.

“She had deserved this nomination for many years, and this year, she has gone so far above and beyond the call,” Kammerer stated in the nomination letter.

Libraries are the heart of the school, Harmon said. They should be at the center of learning. Harmon said she believes in fiction books.

“If you look at libraries historically, books were too expensive for one person to own,” Harmon said.

In the era of the internet, the library’s focus is shifting, Harmon said.

Harmon has been a point person for troubleshooting for technology issues for staff and students during distance learning. She also provides technology training on software the school district uses. She has been helping make sure every teacher can use technology effectively with students.

Harmon said she appreciates the support from staff, parents and students and the community is a great place to live.

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Local News

Community bands together to fill needs during evacuations

Hilary Dorsey
Staff Writer

The evacuation center at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds 4-H building was closed after the weekend of Sept. 12-13 and donations are not being accepted at this time.

The Pike Road Fire has not grown since Friday, Sept. 11, and is 100 percent contained, ODF reported Thursday, Sept. 17. The fire was mapped at 301 acres, the largest fire in Tillamook County in the last 40 years.

The Pike Fire began Sept. 7 in the Pike Road/ Doughty Area. A small garage was lost, but no known residences. The north side of Lincoln

City had been evacuated and some of their residents had taken shelter in Tillamook.

Fairgrounds Manager Camy VonSeggern said all evacuees have either returned home or found shelter closer to their residence.

"The fairgrounds does still have evacuated horses and providing help to those families that need it," VonSeggern said.

Justin Aufdermauer, president/CEO of the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber worked in coordination with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office to be a cash donation site. They have used cash donations to fill needs at the firefighter meal site that were not filled

by donation, as well as cover loss of families' refrigerated and frozen food from power outages.

"We are still getting periodic requests for assistance, however, the need has not been overwhelming," Aufdermauer said.

Aufdermauer added that once the local needs have dissipated, the chamber would look to move the remaining funds to the PNW Fire Relief, which is a locally formed nonprofit that have raised over \$15,000 to assist with local and Pacific Northwest relief.

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The kitchen at the 4-H Dormitory in the Tillamook County Fairgrounds was chalk full of food, beverages and supplies for people who were evacuated due to the Pike Fire. Another command station was set up at the Alderbrook Grange Hall for first responders fighting that fire. Many local businesses, organizations and individuals donated money, supplies or food to this community effort. Photo by Joe Warren.

Manzanita Writers' Series presents Author & Editor in Conversation

Manzanita Writers' Series presents Author & Editor Conversation at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, via Zoom. Admission is \$10.

A Zoom link will be provided to registrants a day before the event.

One book, two worlds: Learn how editors and authors work together to hone and shape fiction on the page. From acquisition to edits to publication day,

author Deborah Reed and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt editor Nicole Angeloro share how "Pale Morning Light With Swan" came to be.

Deborah Reed is the author of the novels "Pale Morning Light with Violet Swan", "The Days When Birds Come Back", "Ol-ivay", "Things We Set on Fire," and "Carry Yourself Back to Me." She was previously the co-director

of the Black Forest Writing Seminars at the University of Freiburg in Germany. She lives on the coast of Oregon and is the owner of Cloud & Leaf Bookstore, an independent bookstore in Manzanita.

Nicole Angeloro is an editor at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) and is also the manager of Mariner Books, HMH's paperback imprint. She edits both fiction and nonfiction and

oversees the Best American series. A graduate of Brown University with a degree in history, she attended the Columbia Publishing Course before moving to the Boston area.

Manzanita Writers Series is a program of Hoffman Center for the Arts, located at 594 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita. Learn more at <https://hoffmanarts.org/programs/>



Nicole Angeloro



Deborah Reed

Hoffman Gallery presents October show

The Hoffman Gallery's October show features the 24 collaborations from this year's Word & Image project, a unique pairing of 12 North Coast artists and 12 writers who are invited to create original work, each in response to the other's. The show runs from Saturday, Oct. 3, through Sunday, Oct. 25. Gallery hours are Thursday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Now it's fifth year, Word & Image is a juried show that attracts applicants from coastal communities and beyond. But due to the pandemic and the ongoing need to remain socially distanced, this year's program could not include the community events that have become part of its growing appeal.

"We wondered if we could generate the same level of energy with no

in-person interactions," said Emily Ransdell, a Hoffman Center volunteer who co-organizes the event with fellow volunteers Andy Barker, Bonnie Kost and Vera Wildauer. "But the Hoffman Center believes creative expression can foster hope and positivity and help us cope with the uncertainty of these times. And our participants proved it: the work this year is some of the most exciting we've received."

On display at the Hoffman Gallery during October will be the original artworks created for the show, plus printed broadsides that feature the work of each writer/artist-pair. In



GIRLFRIEND BY DEBORAH PAUL IN RESPONSE TO WORDS BY ANNA ORTIZ

addition, a keepsake book including each broadside and notes about the contributors' experiences will be available for purchase, both in the gallery and online.

We Three Ladies

Heads thrown back and
Open mouthed we laugh
Trails of cigarette smoke
Still rising from our throats

We sit on mismatched chairs
Pulled from inside
Teacups and ashtray
On a makeshift table

We three ladies
In imaginary splendor
Revel in jokes
And posh English accents

Our worries gone
Lost in this moment
Of warmed backs
Turned to the sun

This bond sealed on a
Narrow path outside the shack
Was made to last
A thousand cups of tea

The Hoffman Gallery observes strict protocols to keep everyone healthy and safe, while still offering a welcoming creative space to enjoy art.

Pods

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many bikers experience since they travel so light," Havel said. "Our standard hiker-biker sites are just a space to pitch a tent."

These upgrades provide convenience and added safety, Havel added, as

keeping cell phones and GPS devices fully charged for a long trip is important. Having a locker to store some possessions gives hikers and bikers the opportunity to explore the park or shower without worry of lost or stolen items.

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Hiker, biker pods at Cape Lookout State Park. Photo by Hilary Dorsey.

Josh

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conditions, which increases productivity and creates a high level of service to the public. The corrections division would be another strong focus as staff hiring and employee retention continue to be an issue. Inconsisten-

cies seem to be prevalent as well, and all this creates low morale.

What are your goals for the sheriff's dept. over the next 4 years? I have many goals and ideas, far more than I am able to list here. Some highlighted ideas would be my hope to reestablish the Reserve Program, the Tactical Team, the Traffic Enforcement position, and

the Civil Deputy position. All of these once existed and were valuable tools but unfortunately are no longer a part of the sheriff's office. Another is to strengthen the relationship with the public

we serve through face-to-face contacts, press releases, social media posts, and town hall style meetings. I have always believed in positive, proactive policing and this will be another focus of mine.

Garibaldi

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facilitate a better development process.

"I previously served the planning commission for seven years, finishing as chair before taking a break to travel," Walters stated in his application letter. "I bring years of experience, know-

how and understanding to the job."

Walters stated that he does not wish to chair the planning commission again but would like to help on the commission.

The council will vote and appoint a member to the planning commission during the October city council meeting.

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Letters to the Editor

Jobs and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive

We all want our families to be able to have reliable, good-paying jobs now and in the future. But the corporate interests behind Timber Unity PAC, along with Koch Industries and other large corporate interests, have created a false choice in rural Oregon: either economic prosperity or clean drinking water and air, healthy forests and thriving wildlife.

These corporations want short-term profits that leave our communities with fewer jobs. Mechanization of logging and mills has greatly reduced the employment that

the timber industry historically provided.

That's why we need to elect new leaders like Debbie Boothe-Schmidt to be our voice in Salem. Her opponent, Suzanne Weber, is endorsed by Timber Unity PAC.

Debbie will work to ensure that rural Oregon has the reliable, good-paying jobs we need. And she'll help ensure that we have the clean drinking water and air, healthy forests and thriving wildlife that we cherish, now and in the future.

Nadia Gardner
Arch Cape

My response to the city hall researchers

The only issue I have ever raised was paying the city manager and the assistant city manager 50 percent of their salaries from the Water Fund.

If you look only at the city manager salary in the years I was employed by Manzanita, 25 percent was charged to the water fund, not 50 percent. Unlike the present situation of five staff at City Hall receiving compensation from the Water Fund, there were only two staff at City Hall taking salary from the Water Fund back in 1989-1996, myself and an Accounting Clerk/Secretary who took 75% and who did all of the billings, new accounts, and customer service and correspondence.

The Water Fund paid 80 percent of city hall maintenance for most of that time because all utility administration and billing was done at city hall and there was no Oak Street Public Works facility. All Public Works staff offices and their water utility equipment and supplies were housed at City Hall and in the adjacent garage building.

The fixed assets inventory record keeping was completed once I convinced the city that we needed to embrace the use of computers for record keeping tasks. Up until I became City Manager there were no computers, EVERYTHING was done by hand on paper ledgers and the City had no records of equipment inventory or a process to calculate depreciation.

For that 25 percent each year, this is what the city manager did:

- Wrote all of the water system grant applications and contract proposals for water utility projects.
- Developed the first Water System Master Plan.

- Created the first Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund for Water Fund equipment.

- Created the Anderson Creek Watershed Timber Management Program.

- Administered the construction and financing of the blue water reservoir without any additional Bond funding request to city taxpayers.

- Served as City Personnel Officer for water utility personnel.

- Developed the "City Water Conservation Program" which received the 1992 statewide 1st place award for Excellence from the League of Oregon Cities.

- Administered the construction and financing of the Public Works facility on

- Oak Street without any additional Bond funding request to city taxpayers.

- First installation of City wide water meters.

- First computer generated water billing system.

- First personnel manual for Public Works employees.

- First water system System Development Charges to insure that developers and not current water system users were paying their fair share to upgrade and expand the City water system.

- Served as the Chairman of the North Tillamook County Water Resource Committee to investigate and plan for the future water needs of all 3 area cities.

The point is that during my tenure, the city manager was heavily involved in the administration and operation of the water utility and for that responsibility and time during the period in question, took about \$8,000 (\$13,000 in 2019 dollars) a year from the Water Fund.

If the City Hall researchers can document similar accomplishments and responsibilities of the city manager and assistant city manager over these past years that would justify 50 percent of their respective salaries being taken from the Water Fund, please present your findings so that the community can decide how relevant your analysis is. Given the fact that our full time Public Works Director now has the lead role in operating our water system as stated in his job description, I am sure that citizens will look forward to your analysis that supports a conclusion that by lessening the City Manager's responsibilities to operate the water utility the City needed to create another full time management position and then double the Water Fund's contribution to both of those respective positions from what I was receiving when I was doing the job on my own.

Finally, if the city hall researchers or anyone from Manzanita 2020 would like to have a debate with me on municipal government operations in general or operation of Manzanita specifically, Manzanita Citizens Alliance will investigate how to make such a presentation available to our citizens.

Randy Kugler
Manzanita

In support of Josh Brown for Sheriff

I previously worked with both candidates from March 2014-March 2020 and I believe that Josh is the better choice for our community. Josh took a chance and

stepped up at the beginning of this election to run against the current Sheriff because he knows that the management in the office needs to change. His opponent on the other hand has mentioned that he believes the current morale in the office is high. The truth is many have left, myself included, within the past year due to the LOW morale within the office. Take a minute to look at some of the turnover in the office with the current management. In the past year or more, we have witnessed the retirement (many taking early retirement) or resignation of the following: two Sergeant's, one Jail Lieutenant, the Chief Civil Deputy, along with numerous other Jail / Road Deputies and Office Staff, all of which were valued employees.

I left the sheriff's office in March 2020 due to the poor treatment from upper management and I feel that if elected Gordon McCraw will allow the same treatment to continue. Josh Brown knows that a positive change is needed to bring the office back to its full potential and to create a healthy working relationship with the community. Josh has been open and honest about his credentials from day one, while his opponent has stated he has been third in command since 2016, yet he only recently applied for his management and supervisory certifications. If you have been in a supervisory/management position for the past four years, why did you not apply for your certifications prior to this election? I respect the work that Gordon has done as our Emergency Management, however, I believe fresh and new ideas are what the office needs to move forward.

As Josh has stated.... Respect, fairness, proactive policing, and open communication from a long time Tillamook native is the right direction to go in 2020. Vote Josh Brown for Tillamook County Sheriff, I know I will Sincerely,

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City of Nehalem, NCRD gets new wayfinding, interpretive signage

When in Nehalem, you will see newly installed interpretive boards, directional, parking and gateway signs, all part of a county-wide master wayfinding plan developed in 2016 by Tillamook Coast Visitors Association (TCVA). The city of Nehalem's plan was approved in 2019 and funded from the portion of county transient lodging tax managed by TCVA.

"We worked with TCVA on plans, signage and content that would fit our strate-

gic vision for Nehalem, as well as to direct visitors to services such as restrooms, our city park and the North County Recreation District's (NCRD) performing arts center," said Dale Shafer, city manager of Nehalem.

In downtown Nehalem are two interpretive signs: one about the Nehalem watershed and the other about living along a river. There is also a sign with a city map on one side, and a welcome to Nehalem greeting for visitors approaching from the

river. A new city park sign includes the history of Native Peoples, and a parking sign at the corner of 7th and Hwy 101, will have a tsunami route map on one side.

Restroom signs have been added, and the Hwy 101 southbound welcome sign has been remounted. As more wayfinding funding becomes available, the city plans additional signage.

At NCRD, there is a new facility entrance sign, directional to the performing arts center, and an interpretive

board that tells of the commitment of the town to teach each child to swim.

In 2015, the Tillamook Board of County Commissioners asked the tourism organization to make wayfinding a priority. The countywide plan provides a blueprint for types and designs of signage while allowing each city or unincorporated area to adapt with their own logo and color palette. Each community also determines the type of interpretive signage, provid-

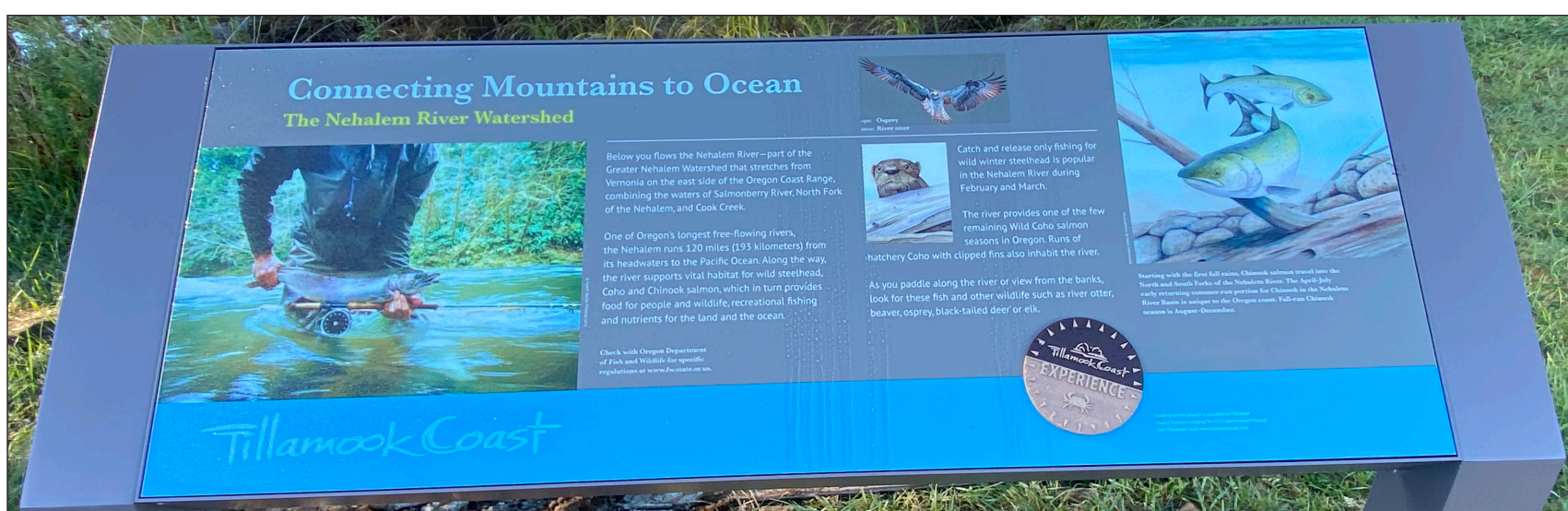
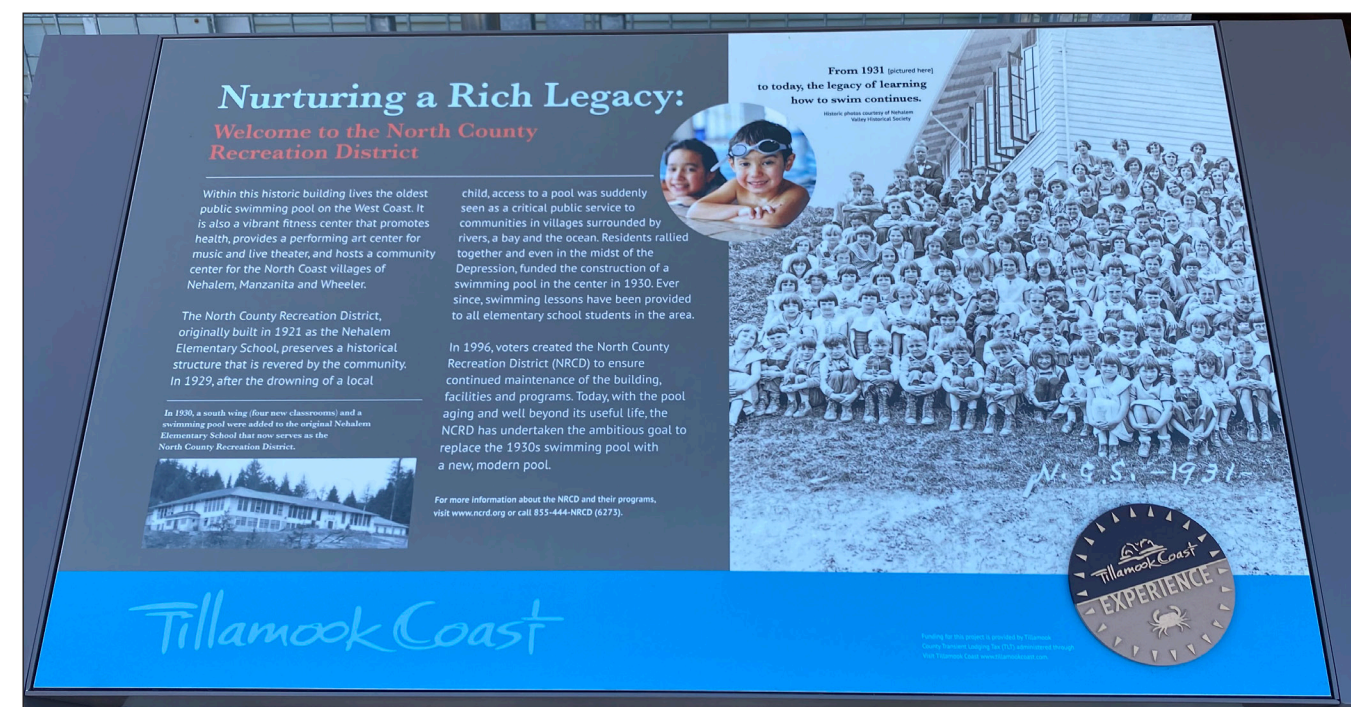
ing a way to share stories important to their area and vision plan.

In 2019-2020 fiscal year, TCVA also funded Neskonwin area tsunami signage, Nestucca Rural Fire District emergency message sign, Tillamook Bay interpretive signs developed by Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, and lumber mill and train history signage at the Port of Garibaldi. In addition, wayfinding plans were developed for Rockaway Beach, Wheeler and Pacific City-

Broton Road.

TCVA works with Lennox Insites and Partners in Design, experts in interpretation and wayfinding signage design. Nehalem's signs were fabricated and installed by Ramsey Signs.

TCVA would like to thank Dale Shafer, Melissa Thompson-Kiefer, Don Davidson and Brian Moore at City of Nehalem, and David Wiegman and Bruce Townsend at NCRD for their assistance and input throughout the wayfinding process.



Top: NCRD Interpretive sign, Top right: New parking sign in Nehalem. Bottom: New sign for Nehalem River Watershed.

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