

State plans for more equitable vaccine distribution

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Oregon is faring better than other states during the COVID-19 pandemic — but not by every measure.

During a press conference last week, state health officials discussed plans to address racial and ethnic disparities in who's getting the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as other news about the status of the pandemic across the state.

"At a minimum, we need to make sure our vaccinations proportionately reflect the

faces of our communities," said Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen. "But we want to do more. Our COVID-19 efforts should be a model for how we're eliminating health disparities in Oregon."

Allen pointed to a few statistics which show the inequities in Oregon's vaccine distribution. He said the state's Latino population has the most pronounced disparities: While Latinos make up 13% of the population and 26% of the state's COVID-19 cases, Allen said it only accounts for about 5% of the

vaccines administered to date.

On the other hand, white people make up 75% of the population and about half of the state's virus cases, but 74% of the vaccines distributed, Allen said.

Allen went on to say that the effects of the pandemic have hit communities of color the hardest, particularly because those communities tend to see higher rates of underlying conditions due to uneven access to care and a history of unfair treatment.

"I want to be perfectly clear, health inequities are the product of systemic racism,

toxic stress, the targeted marketing of harmful products like tobacco and sugary beverages, and other factors. This is not about personal choice," Allen said. "This is about the weight of larger social inequities that cut short lives and opportunity more often for people in communities of color."

In response, Allen said the state would promote a more equitable distribution of COVID-19 doses across the state by prioritizing pharmacies and federally qualified health centers which serve communities disproportionately

impacted by the virus.

OHA officials also expect those rates to become more equitable as vaccine eligibility expands: Most of the groups already eligible for vaccines skew whiter than the rest of the population yet to be eligible, Allen said.

"Just by simple virtue of who's eligible, we'll begin to be able to start addressing that," Allen said.

Doses up, cases down
State officials on Friday shared a number of positive data points which suggest Oregon is trending in a better direction in the pandemic than

many other states across the country.

Governor Kate Brown pointed to the number of schools which have reopened in Oregon as a positive. Over 130,000 students are back in classrooms, more than double the number than eight weeks earlier when Brown directed officials to prioritize school reopenings, the governor said.

"Our kids will benefit greatly from these efforts," Brown said. "It's my expectation that more schools will bring students back for in-per-

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CREATING BIODIVERSITY



FRIENDS OF CAPE FALCON MARINE RESERVE PROVIDE CONSERVATION EFFORTS, RESEARCH AND MORE

Hilary Dorsey

Staff Writer

Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve gave a presentation during a Nehalem City Council meeting earlier this month. Coordinator Margaret Treadwell, marine coordinator for the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) oversees five marine reserve sites on the Oregon coast.

"They were established between 2012 and 2016 from state legislation," Treadwell said. "They're in Oregon's territorial waters, which go out three miles from shore."

A rule for marine reserves is all removal of marine life is prohibited, Treadwell said. This is part of the marine reserve's goal to conserve marine habitats and biodiversity.

"Marine reserves are open to all non-extractive activities," Treadwell said.

"That includes boating without fishing equipment deployed, beach walking, surfing and tidepool exploration."

Cape Falcon is the northern most marine reserve in Oregon. It is located off Oswald West State Park and is 20 square miles.

Treadwell said the second goal of marine reserves is scientific research. That research is teaching Friends of Cape Falcon about Oregon's ocean environment.

"The marine reserve is a little bit too new to draw any conclusions about trends over time," Treadwell said. "In Oregon, because Oregon's ocean is so cold, and many species are long-lived and slow to grow and mature, you really need long-term data sets on the order of 20-30 years to start seeing some ocean changes."

Right now, conclusions cannot be drawn but the marine reserve is starting to get those data sets, Treadwell added.

Some fish can live 70 to 100 years or longer.

"The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and some of the marine reserve community teams, do some human dimensions research or socioeconomic research," Treadwell said. "This ties into that third goal of avoiding adverse impacts of ocean users and to coastal communities."

This research shows how marine reserves are perceived by people. Coastal residents are significantly more aware of marine reserves than I-5 corridor residents, Treadwell said. The research is ongoing.

"People who visit the Oregon coast often or those of us who are lucky enough to live out here, have a better understanding of current ocean issues in general," Treadwell said.

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Vaccine scheduling continues Pharmacies now able to book vaccines

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Staff Writer

A total of 131 COVID-19 vaccines were administered Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Tillamook County Health Department reported Wednesday, Feb. 17, during a Tillamook County Board of Commissioners meeting. As of Feb. 16, 1,921 Phase 1A primary doses were issued.

"We still encourage all who are eligible under Phase 1A, and within those Groups 1-5 of Phase 1B to use our online form, which is available in English and Spanish on our website," Emergency Coordinator Ed Colson said. "Once they fill out those enrollments, they automatically get put on a list to be contacted for an appointment when available."

Due to high call volumes, the health department is unable to schedule appointments by phone or email. Health center staff or a vaccine partner will contact those individuals who have filled out an eligibility form for an appointment.

"The exact site of where vaccinations happen is

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COVID-19 update: 7 new confirmed positive cases, vaccines continue

Hilary Dorsey

Staff Writer

Tillamook County Health Department reported seven new confirmed positive COVID-19 cases this week, as of Friday morning, Feb. 19. The health department is monitoring 19 people.

"We didn't have any hospitalizations this week," Administrator Marlene Putman said during a Tillamook County Leadership update Feb. 19.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reports 358 confirmed positive cases overall for Tillamook County, as of Thursday, Feb. 18.

Putman said Tillamook County is likely to remain in Lower Risk. County risk level adjustments will be announced Tuesday, Feb. 23, and in effect Friday, Feb. 26.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Ed Colson said the vaccine process continues to follow OHA's vaccine plan. Vaccine providers are working to vaccinate those in Phase 1B. To date, 3,369 vaccines have been administered in the county since December.

"We encourage all eligible under Phase 1A, as well as Groups 1-5 of Phase 1B to utilize the online enrollment form," Colson said. "That's available on our website in English or Spanish."

Those eligible for a vaccine are encouraged to utilize on the online enrollment form. Those eligible include Phase 1A and those in Groups 1-4 in Phase 1B, which include child care providers and those 65 and older. For those completed enrollments, they are automatically put on a list to be contacted when vaccine doses are available.

The public health team is scheduling around 300-350 doses per week, Colson said. They hope to increase it to 600 vaccines per week.

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Governor Kate Brown announces 16 counties improve in risk level

Tillamook County remains at 'low risk' category

Gov. Kate Brown announced Tuesday, Feb. 23, that 16 counties

improved in risk level, with 10 of those improving from Extreme Risk. County risk levels under the state's public health framework aim to reduce transmission and protect Oregonians from COVID-19. The framework uses four different risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread — Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk, and Lower Risk — and assigns health and safety measures

for each level.

Effective February 26 through March 11, there will be five counties in the Extreme Risk level, 11 at High Risk, 10 at Moderate Risk, and 10 at Lower Risk.

Tillamook County will remain in Lower Risk.

"For the second time in a row, we are seeing great progress in stopping the spread of COVID-19 across Oregon and saving lives."

said Brown. "Oregonians continue to step up and make smart choices. While these county movements are welcome news, we must continue to take seriously health and safety measures, especially as more businesses reopen and we start to get out more. As we see infection rates going down and vacci-

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ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system comes to Oregon

What if you could get a notice of earthquake shaking before it's felt at your location? The technology exists, is already in place along most of the West Coast and operational for key infrastructure systems such as automatic water valve shutoffs and starting back-up generators.

ShakeAlert®, an earthquake early warning system powered by the U.S. Geological Survey, uses science and technology to detect significant earthquakes quickly so alerts can reach people before shaking arrives. These seconds of advance warning allow people and systems to take actions to protect life and property from destructive shaking.

In Oregon, ShakeAlert-powered alert delivery to wireless devices such as cell phones via the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) System, mobile apps and other technologies will begin as of 10 a.m. on March 11. No specific action is needed for WEA alerts and for cell phones using the Android operating system. The mobile app, QuakeAlertUSA, is currently available in Oregon.

March 11 coincides with the 10th anniversary of the M 9.1 Great Tohoku, Japan earthquake, which killed thousands and leveled cities. The Tohoku tsunami inundated coastal communities in Oregon, causing millions of dollars in damages.

Like Japan, a subduction zone lies off the coast of Oregon, capable of generating M 9.0 earthquakes.

“This amazing technology could provide valuable seconds or tens of seconds on the front of an earthquake, not only mitigating lives lost by giving people a chance to seek shelter but also helping to drive a more efficient response,” said Andrew Phelps, director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. “The ability for first responders to take protective actions for themselves and their equipment means more resources to help Oregonians once the shaking stops.”

How it works

According to Robert de Groot, USGS ShakeAlert coordinator for Communication, Education, Outreach and Technical Engagement, ShakeAlert is an infrastructure of seismic sensors within a regional network that is part of the Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS), the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) and the California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN). A network of seismic sensors across California, Oregon and Washington are constantly measuring ground motion. They send this ground motion data to a USGS managed ShakeAlert processing center in Seattle; Pasadena,

Calif.; or Menlo Park, Calif.

“When a sensor detects shaking, fast working algorithms and a state-of-the-art network may potentially give you seconds of warning before that seismic wave arrives to your location,” said Robert. Algorithms take just a few seconds to do calculations and issue a ShakeAlert Message containing information about the estimated magnitude and area of shaking of the earthquake. The message is made available to ShakeAlert distribution partners such as utilities, hospitals, transportation systems, schools, emergency management agencies, etc., producing and delivering alerts, thus enabling people to take protective actions, such as drop/cover/hold on. In addition, ShakeAlert protects people and vital infrastructure by triggering automated actions such as closing water valves, starting back-up generators and issuing public announcements. For a ShakeAlert Message to be issued by the USGS, at least four seismic sensors need to detect the same ground motion.

What to do

When an alert is received, over a mobile device or from another communications channel, drop, cover and hold on.

- DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees – this position protects you from being

ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning Basics

1 During an earthquake, a rupturing fault sends out different types of waves. The fast-moving P-wave is first to arrive, followed by the slower S-wave and later-arriving surface waves.

2 Sensors detect the P-wave and immediately transmit data to a ShakeAlert® processing center where the location, size, and estimated shaking of the quake are determined. If the earthquake fits the right profile a ShakeAlert® Message is issued by the USGS.

3 The ShakeAlert® Message is then picked up by delivery partners (such as a transportation agency) that could be used to produce an alert to notify people to take a protective action such as Drop, Cover, and Hold On and/or trigger an automated action such as slowing a train.

Adapted from Erin Burkett (USGS) and Jeff Goertzen (Orange County Register). Updated by ShakeAlert® team (2020).

knocked down and allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby. If no shelter nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows).

- COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand; if a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl under it and hold on with

one hand. If there is no table or desk near you, maintain a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary.

- HOLD ON until shaking stops.

Why ShakeAlert?

Oregon is one of the most earthquake-prone areas in the continental United States. Over the years, Oregon has had a series of earthquakes, large and small.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone is a 600-mile long fault that runs from northern California up to British Columbia and is about 70-100 miles off the Pacific coast shoreline. Oregon has the potential for an M 9.0+ earthquake caused by the Cascadia Subduction Zone and a resulting tsunami of up to 100 feet in height that will impact the coastal area. There have been 41 earthquakes in the last 10,000 years along this fault, occurring as few as 190 years or as much as 1200 years apart. The last M 9.0 (estimated)

earthquake that occurred in this fault was Jan. 26, 1700.

Earthquakes strike suddenly, without warning and at any time of the year. Any and all preventative or warning resources can help to mitigate loss of lives, severe injury and devastating infrastructure damage.

“The last 12 months have been extraordinary, especially for us here in Oregon,” said Phelps. “One of the biggest takeaways from our experiences with catastrophic floods, battling a global pandemic, historic deadly and devastating wildfires, and the most recent severe winter storm is that there are things we can do as individuals, families and communities to reduce our risk and lessen the impact of these disasters. Avoiding floodwaters, wearing a mask, heeding evacuation warnings, creating defensible space and preparing for the worst make us less vulnerable. So, too, does earthquake early warning.”

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- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting
- 12 Plant a Flower Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 22 World Water Day

* Event to be held at Tillamook Transfer Station 1315 Ekloff Rd, Tillamook, OR 97141. Registration and Appointment necessary. For more information contact Tillamook County Solid Waste 503.815.3975, or find the registration form at www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/SolidWaste

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David's Corner

As we all know, 2020 was a challenging year. For those of us working at the Tillamook County Solid Waste Department, it was sometimes overwhelming and rewarding. As people refrained from traveling on vacation, or worked from home, they took on a lot of projects. You may have noticed the increase in lumber prices; we experienced significant increases in recycling. While our Manzanita Transfer Station saw a **19% increase** in recycling and a **27% increase** in yard debris, our Pacific City Transfer station saw a **30% increase** in recycling and **more than doubled** the quantity of yard debris collected – **in just one year!**

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David McCall, Solid Waste Program Manager

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Communities for watershed protection needs your help

North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection needs your help. We were all shocked and angered about the recent clearcut logging by Stimson Lumber in the Jetty Creek watershed, and that has motivated us to take strong actions. In addition to that example of industrial forestry, we have been particularly dismayed by the following: the large clearcuts on steep slopes above Wheeler plus those on steep slopes near the fish habitat of Foley Creek, as well as pesticide spraying of clearcuts that are less than a half mile from Nehalem Elementary School.

We were both humbled and energized by the strong response of so many of our members who wrote letters and made phone calls to the Oregon Department of Forestry, public officials, and news media to try to stop that recent clearcutting of one of the last vestiges of older trees in the Jetty Creek watershed. In response, NCCWP is embarking on a new effort to shine a brighter light on what is happening to many of the watersheds on the Oregon Coast. Even though many of us are very aware of what has been happening to these vital sources of drinking water and fish habitat, there are still many people who are not. It

is imperative that we get the word out to a larger group. In order to make this happen, NCCWP is developing a Strategic Communications Platform that will place both state-wide ads produced by groups affiliated with us and our own locally-produced ads in local print and digital media. (A campaign to encourage more people to write letters advocating better forestry practices is also a part of our plan.) Our intention is to use local media outlets to inform more Oregonians about what is going on around the state behind the “beauty” strips that are left next to highways after clearcut logging.

Please make a donation to support this new and important effort to protect our forest waters and the true beauty of the places in Oregon that we all love.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation to NCCWP, please make your check payable to Fulcrum Community Resources and write NCCWP on the memo line.

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Our drinking water sources are in danger

“Water Is Life” says a sign in my neighbor’s yard. Lives of people on the North Coast are in jeopardy, because our drinking water sources are in danger. Many previously-forested areas which provided our sources of drinking water are now bare acres of

stumps, due to clearcutting. In addition, these areas have been sprayed with potentially harmful chemicals which run off into streams that feed our watersheds and are the sources of our drinking water.

This past year has had glaring incidents of clean water threats: first, the pesticide spraying of a

huge Weyerhaeuser clear-cut less than a half-mile from Nehalem Elementary School; next, pesticide spraying immediately above the town of Wheeler; then, the clearcuts on steep slopes above both East Foley Creek and the Trask River, salmon-spawning streams; finally, the Jetty Creek watershed lost a large area of older trees (in an area known as Olympic Line) due to clearcut logging. Jetty Creek provides water to Rockaway Beach, where a new multimillion dollar water filtration system had to be built at community expense due to damage to the watershed caused by clearcuts. In early December 2020, with only two weeks notice, Olympic Line was due to be clear-cut. Since this short notice was given right before the

Thanksgiving Day weekend, those of us with North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection (NCCWP) asked for letters to be written to the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), requesting more time for public comment and investigation before

the operation was approved. Amazingly, 110 people wrote to ODF. Unfortunately, in spite of the large public outcry, no time extension was granted and Stimson was allowed to proceed with the clearcutting of Olympic Line, one of the last vestiges of older trees that remained in the Jetty Creek watershed.

All of our coastal watersheds are potentially in danger from the timber companies that log aggressively while reaping benefits of tax cuts that have cost coastal counties at least \$3,000,000,000. Many profits from logging are funneled to Wall Street real estate

investment trusts that have profited at the expense of rural communities. In the past, for decades, private timber owners had been required to pay a severance tax on the value of the trees they logged, but starting in 1994, that tax was eliminated by the Oregon Legislature. So today, monies that the counties need

for education, roads, and other infrastructure have evaporated.

North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection is working to shine a light on what is happening to drinking water for our coastal residents. Unlike Portland, that has its primary source of water in the protected Bull Run Reservoir, coastal residents do not have the assurance that our water sources

will be protected. The laws governing forestry practices in Oregon are more lax than in Washington, Idaho, and California, largely because of lobbyists for the forestry industry. Our legislators, the ODF and Tillamook Board of Commissioners need to work for the people of Oregon in demanding that our drinking water be safe!

Betsy McMahon
Manzanita

We need better info on the vaccine program

Why isn’t there a single source of information in Tillamook County to convey info about our covid vac program?

A daily situation report provided by the tch dept. could alleviate a lot of confusion and anxiety. Such reports could answer questions and provide basic info such as 1. How many vacs given out by category? 2. What does “randomized selection” mean? 3. Are other sources for vac other than the county available? 4. Will all people in a given group get the vac before the next group? The official reports could be posted on email and facebook.

Terry Kandle
Garibaldi

Give Seeds a Chance takes on a new look this year

The eighth Annual Give Seeds a Chance: Seed Exchange, like every other live event in recent times, will not be a live event.

Instead, Ashley Mersereau and Justin Bailie, owners of Wild Coast Goods, have generously offered a space in their store in downtown Nehalem to house a collection of free seeds.

The Tillamook Library and Oregon Food Bank have received their annual shipment of seed packets from various companies

and these flower, herb and vegetable seeds will be available free for people to take. Individuals can also bring in seeds to share if they desire. Please be sure to label them with variety and date. As seen on a free “little box” of food stuffs in Manzanita: “Take what you need, give what you can.”

The free seeds will be available from Saturday, Feb 6 till Sunday, Feb 28th.

Wild Coast Goods is located at 35870 7th St. Nehalem and is open Thursday through Sun from 11-4.

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The annual-Give Seeds a Chance: Seed Exchange and MORE, is a program of Fulcrum Community Resources who has partnered in the past with the White Clover Grange, the Nehalem Bay Garden Club and Food Roots.

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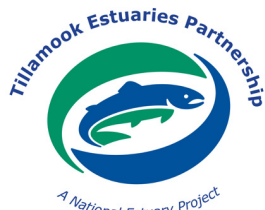


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Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP), a non-profit environmental organization located in Garibaldi, Oregon, is seeking a qualified individual to hire as its

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More information about TEP and a detailed job description for this position may be found online at www.tbnep.org.

The application deadline is February 28, 2021.

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• Obituaries need to be submitted by Friday at 5 p.m. the week prior to publication.

All obituary announcements are placed on the North Coast Citizen website at no cost.

Stranded motorists rescued by sheriff's office, US Forest Service

Tillamook County Sheriff's Office deputies Tom Mayne and Billy Cloud, along with US Forest Service (USFS) Forest Protection Officer (FPO) Travis Sisco, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, spent the day cutting their way through hundreds of downed trees on the USFS 8533 Road in south Tillamook County to reach stranded motorists who were stuck behind miles of downed trees.

According to the sheriff's office, the rescuers hiked up the snow-covered road, cutting and removing trees in their way, then drove their trucks up behind them. Cloud's 16-year-old son, Brody, was riding along with his dad, and was also put to work.



"Billy and Travis are cutting machines, so me and Brody cleared the trees and logs from the road after they were cut free," said Mayne. "There were hundreds of trees down."

As darkness fell, the road got steeper. Deputies had been in touch with the motorists throughout the day. One of stranded motorists had been camping and had several days' worth of

food, supplies and fire-start remaining.

The motorists told deputies they were fine spending another night where they were, the sheriff's office said. After hours of carving their way nine miles in, it was decided to return in the morning, fresh and ready to resume cutting.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 14, Mayne, Griffith, Awe and Greiner were determined to

push their way through to the motorists. After several hours and as many miles on the USFS 1400 Rd, they reached the stranded folks at South Lake. The two men in the pick-up truck were from Hillsboro, and in addition to the barricade of fallen trees, their 4WD system had failed, making a self-extraction impossible.

The sheriff's office said the other motorist was from Texas and had been camping. He had plenty of supplies, but no chainsaw, and a branch had fallen through the rear hatch of his parked Jeep. The mission ended with everyone and all vehicles safely back on the pavement.

"Had there been any injuries, or lack of shelter, supplies or loss of contact, our tactics would have been much different. But based on all of that, and freezing rain, darkness, and the danger of cutting at night, we felt it was the best decision to return the next day," said Mayne. "It's hard to describe the amount of trees down; it was insane."

And if that wasn't enough excitement in the woods, later on Feb. 14, Cloud and Griffith responded to the Jordan Creek area of the Tillamook State Forest and had to cut their way several miles in to assist another trapped motorist. The man had gotten stranded behind a seemingly endless wall of downed trees.

"Luckily, Blake Miller, a timber faller friend of mine - and a wizard with a chainsaw - was there to assist us. We had to cut about 50-60 trees off of Jordan Creek Rd," said Cloud. "The man was camping and said that with the number of trees falling, it sounded like a (military) firefight."

The man's vehicle was also damaged by falling trees. After a few hours, the motorist was successfully returned to the pavement.

TCSO reminds you before venturing off into the forest, especially in winter, prepare for the unexpected and plan accordingly.

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Members are appointed by the TCTD Board of Directors to serve a 3-year term and meetings are generally held on an annual schedule. To be qualified to serve on the Committee, an individual must:

- Reside or work in Tillamook County; and
- Be knowledgeable about the public transportation needs of residents and employees located within or traveling to and from the County; and
- Represent various constituency groups within the County and be representative of the perspectives of the various demographics of Tillamook County.

If you are interested in learning more information, or to download the Budget Committee Application, go to the TCTD website at: <https://www.nworegontransit.org/tctd-budget-committee-recruitment/>

Please submit completed Applications no later than Thursday, March 11, 2021. Completed application can be faxed to 503-815-2834, Dropped off at the TCTD District Admin office at 3600 3rd St, Suite A, Tillamook, Oregon 97141 or emailed to dpilant@tillamookbus.com



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The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 29th @ 7:00 PM. If a second meeting is required it will be held May 06 @ 7:00 PM.
Applicants should reside in the District which is the same boundaries as Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue except for the River-side Estates Annexation. State-ments of interest with contact information should be received prior to March 15, 2021.
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