



OFFICIAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

**PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 15, 2018**

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Dear Benton County Voter:

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, a Primary Election will be held in Benton County. Major party voters will have the opportunity to nominate candidates to the November General Election ballot for partisan offices. All voters will have the opportunity to vote on non-partisan offices, as well as, state and local measures affecting them. Additionally, voters NOT affiliated with a political party are provided the opportunity to participate in Independent Party candidate nominations. The deadline for non-affiliated voters to request an Independent Party ballot is April 24th, 2018.

All candidates are provided the opportunity to issue a statement about their candidacy for inclusion in this pamphlet. Measure proponents and opponents also have the opportunity to submit arguments for or against local measures that will appear on the ballots of voters affected by each measure.

The County Clerk publishes and distributes this Voters' Pamphlet to provide candidates and those interested in local measures an opportunity to share their message and views with voters. This publication also provides information on registering to vote, applying for absentee ballots, marking your ballot, obtaining a replacement ballot and returning your ballot.

It is our hope that the content within this publication will better inform our voters about the candidates and measures in this election. This pamphlet and additional election information are available on the Elections Division website at www.co.benton.or.us/elections.

You can drop your ballot at one of the ballot drop site locations listed in this pamphlet. Please contact the Benton County Elections Division located in the basement of the historic Benton County Courthouse at 120 NW 4th Street in Corvallis for additional assistance.

Please Note: All ballots, must be received at an official ballot drop site within the State of Oregon no later than 8:00 p.m. on May 15, 2018, Primary Election Day.

Sincerely,

Anne Schuster
Commissioner

Xanthippe Augerot
Chair

Annabelle Jaramillo
Vice-Chair

Exercise Your Right to VOTE.

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**Benton County
Commissioner
Position 1
Democrat**

**Joel
Hirsch**

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Musician

Occupational Background: Two successful start-ups. Producer

Educational Background: Ethnomusicology

Prior Governmental Experience: 8 Years Corvallis City Council

Joel Hirsch is the most qualified candidate in the May 2018 Democratic Primary Election for Benton County Commissioner with the most practical experience actually running government effectively and efficiently, serving four terms on the Corvallis City Council. 8 Years of accomplishments including hiring two fantastic City Managers, Sustainability efforts like "Fareless Transit" on City busses, eliminating single use plastic shopping bags locally, and making Corvallis a Sanctuary City; serving all 8 years on the Administrative Service Committee, we created and successfully implemented the Corvallis Livability Code, which took three years working with all stakeholders and staff. I'm also the Councilor who initiated Corvallis getting a Burgerville!

As 1 of 9 Councilors on Council I was ultimately responsible for the administration of the whole of Corvallis City Government, from Public Works to Parks & Rec, Police & Fire to Finance; making policy decisions during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression. Also, the Administrative Services Committee considered all things Fiscal/Financial/Pecuniary for Council, giving me special advantages over the other candidates, including my creativity and working cooperatively. A fellow director on the Coop Board explained my actual governing experience is more than the other candidates combined.

I enthusiastically support, volunteer, and love the Benton County Dems. Although others are more involved in party politics, I'm the candidate who would make the best Benton County Commissioner, putting all my many years of experience to work for the people of Benton County; experience both in the private sector with two successful start-ups allowing me at the age of 40 to pursue a career as a musician, performer, and music producer; and then the Corvallis City Council years from 2009 to 2016 (The Obama Years). I am proud of being a liberal feminist on the right side of history, supporting Health Care as a Right. Si Se Puede!

(This information furnished by Joel Hirsch)



**Benton County
Commissioner
Position 1
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**Vincent
Adams**

Occupation: Program Director, Rural Communities Explorer, OSU Extension

Occupational Background: Sonar Technician, U.S. Navy; EMT, Bay Cities Ambulance; Ski Lift Technician, Mt. Bachelor; Branch Manager, West Coast Event Productions; General Manager, Bay Cities Medical Supply; Assistant Biologist, Strange Aquatic Resources; Commercial Diver, ORCA Divers; Research Assistant, OSU

Educational Background: Master of Public Policy (rural/environmental focus), OSU; Honors BS in Environmental Science, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis School Board Chair, Benton County 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative, ODOT Transit Analysis Technical Advisory Committee

Progressive Leadership for the Future We Want

"I believe that government works best when the community is brought into the process and partnerships are created to implement solutions. We need to make evidence-based investments in people and infrastructure to build a future that works for every Benton County resident."

Health & Safety

Eliminate child homelessness; expand affordable housing
Promote healthy food choices and active living
Expand physical and mental health access
Work collaboratively on community disaster preparedness

Vital Economy

Boost local business through regional collaboration
Promote rural and urban entrepreneurship
Promote workforce housing to allow local business growth
Simplify regulation compliance for local business

High Quality Environment

Human enterprise should renew natural systems
Expand access to outdoor recreation opportunities
Leverage our connection to our natural resources
Plan now for climate and population changes

Experience making a difference

Chair, Corvallis School Board
Benton County Thriving Communities Initiative
OSU Extension - Rural Community Development
Business manager; Union Local President; Gulf War Veteran

Endorsed by:

Anne Schuster, Benton County Commissioner; Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner; Jim Swinyard, Retired Benton County Sheriff; Richard Hervey, Former Corvallis Council President; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Corvallis School Board Director; J. Conroy, Corvallis School Board Director; Sarah Finger-McDonald, Corvallis School Board Director; Terese Jones, Corvallis School Board Director; Ed Junkins, Corvallis School Board Director; Rev. Matthew Gordon, Minister; Kevin Ahern, Educator; Paul Smith; Our Revolution - Corvallis Allies

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(This information furnished by Vincent Adams for Commissioner)



**Benton County
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**Nancy V
Wyse**

Occupation: Corvallis City Councilor, Ward 6

Occupational Background: Sales; Outside Sales; Resident Management

Educational Background: Oregon State University, General Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis City Councilor; Corvallis Budget Commission; Benton County Planning Commission; Corvallis Local Contract Review Board; League of Oregon Cities Telecom, Cable, & Broadband Policy Committee; South Corvallis Urban Renewal Advisory Committee; liaison positions to:

- Historic Resources Commission
- Parks, Natural Areas, & Recreation Advisory Board
- Downtown Advisory Board
- Downtown Parking Committee
- The Economic Vitality Partnership

Other: NAACP, member; League of Women Voters, member; St. Mary's Preschool Playgroup Coordinator

Core goals:

- Address underlying causes of homelessness: affordable housing, mental health services, addiction/substance use treatment programs.
- Preserve Benton County resource zones including Exclusive Farm Use, Multi-Purpose Agriculture, Forest Conservation, and Open space while planning for future growth. Advocate for updated Urban Fringe agreements with incorporated areas in Benton County.
- Support for environmental responsibility and climate justice
- Involve more "young" people in government

My highest priority is putting people first, as people are the backbone of our community. The people of Benton County have high standards for their elected officials and I work everyday to hold myself to those standards. I am honest, accountable, and lead by example. My record as a city councilor demonstrates my dedication and work ethic. As a city councilor I have quasi-judicial and legislative decision making experience analogous to that of a county commissioner. I have used my voice and my vote for the city of Corvallis, and I am ready to be the voice and vote Benton County needs.

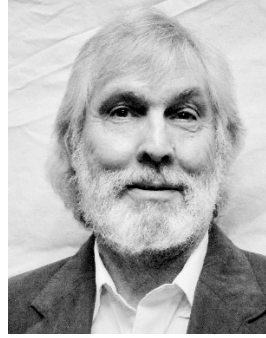
Nancy Wyse: The Wyse Choice!

Endorsements:

Barbara Bull, President, City Council
Hyatt Lytle, M.A. City Council Vice President
Pieter deVos, Owner Mastercraft Restoration
Gaylin deVos
Dolf deVos, Owner/President IPMG Inc
Dawn De Garmo, Real Estate Broker
Travis N Forsman

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(This information furnished by Nancy Wyse)



**Benton County
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**Pat
Malone**

Occupation: Woodland Owner

Occupational Background: Sunrise Tree Farm, Christmas trees and timber; Portland Community College Instructor; University of Oregon Teaching Assistant

Educational Background: MFA, BA History, U. of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Benton County Soil and Water Conservation Board; Workforce Development Board (Northwest Oregon Works); Benton County Committees: Law Enforcement Review Committee, Charter Review, Extension Advisory, Forestland Classification, Bicycle Advisory. LBCC Budget Committee; Kings Valley Fire Department Chief; Oregon Department of Agriculture, Christmas Tree Advisory Com.

Volunteer Experiences: Agricultural Research Foundation Board, OSU affiliated; Kings Valley Area Association; Firefighter; Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association Board; Benton County Democrats, Vice Chair and Precinct Committee Person.

Awards: Goodyear Award of Merit for Outstanding Accomplishments in Resource Conservation; Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation Cooperator; Socially and Environmentally Responsible Farm certification; Distinguished Service to Christmas Tree Industry Award; Christmas Tree Research Award.

We're supporting Pat!

Congressman Peter DeFazio
State Senator Sara Gelsler
State Representative Dan Rayfield
Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo
State Representative Brian Clem (ex ASOSU President)
State Senator Cliff Trow, retired
Commissioner Linda Modrell, retired
Retired Benton County Sheriff Diana Simpson
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

"I will continue the work of health care transformation, promote sustainable environmental protection and create common goals through community involvement, pragmatism and building consensus using my stewardship skills and business acumen. As a fifth generation Oregonian, I want to leave our farm in good shape for our kids and grandkids. I feel the same way about Benton County. I am the right choice for your county commissioner. I ask for your vote!"
Pat Malone

**Elect Pat Malone County Commissioner
Environmentalist, Experienced, Endorsed**

www.voteatmalone.org
www.facebook.com/PatMaloneForCountyCommissioner

(This information furnished by Friends of Pat Malone)



Benton County
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Position 1
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**Christine
Kramer**

Occupation: Self -employed Pet Groomer, 1992 to Present

Occupational Background: Advanced Underwriter,
Bookkeeper, Waitress, Tractor Trailer Operator,
Telemarketer

Educational Background: High School Graduate, New
Hyde Park Memorial H.S. 1983; New York School of Dog
Grooming , Completed 1992, Certified Master Groomer

Prior Governmental Experience: none

In 1992 I moved from New York to Corvallis. It is home to me and my high school aged daughter. I am a self - employed Pet Groomer/ business owner since 1994, and I love what I do for a living. Seeing things through the eyes of a parent, my priorities have changed and what is best for my family and my child take precedence over everything else. What happens in Benton County and the decisions made, truly impact all of our families.

I would like the opportunity to personally serve this county, and have a positive, direct impact on the decision making process. What is important to me is being safe and content where I live. Highway safety has been a grass roots project that I have, along with my neighbors, local police, ODOT and politicians already made great strides towards improving. In office I will continue this work and prioritize other areas of community safety and growth. My tenacity and integrity are driving forces that I will utilize to accomplish what needs to be done.

(This information furnished by Christine Kramer)

City of Albany Measure 22-172

Ballot Title

Caption: Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax

Question: Should Albany impose a 5-cent per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax for street maintenance and repair?

Summary: This measure, if approved, would authorize Albany to impose a tax on retail motor vehicle fuel sold within the city. The 5-cent per gallon tax would provide funding for preservation of city streets, including repair, reconstruction, and maintenance. Proceeds could only be used for street maintenance and repair of streets and related required improvements. Priority will be given to residential/local streets.

Explanatory Statement

The measure, if approved, would authorize the City of Albany to impose a motor vehicle fuel tax at the rate of five cents per gallon for retail motor vehicle fuel sold in Albany.

If approved, the fuel tax is expected to generate \$1,250,000 per year, according to Oregon Department of Transportation estimates. The proceeds would be primarily dedicated to the maintenance and improvements of Albany's residential/local streets.

Currently, street maintenance is mostly funded by state and federal fuel tax funds. This funding source has failed to provide sufficient funds to maintain approximately 187 centerline miles of city streets. Under Oregon law, net revenues from fuel taxes may be spent only on construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and use of city streets.

Over 20 cities in Oregon have adopted a motor vehicle fuel tax.

If approved, the measure would take effect on January 1, 2019.

(Submitted by City of Albany)

No Arguments Against This Measure Were Filed

City of Albany Measure 22-172 Argument For:

**YES for Measure 22-172-Local Gas Tax
Vote YES to pave and preserve
Albany's residential/local streets!**

This local gas tax will be designated for residential street preservation. Crack sealing is a cost-effective method to slow the pace of wear on pavement. Albany has not had sufficient gas tax funds to crack seal or preserve residential/local streets for almost ten years.

State and federal gas taxes fund Albany's street maintenance and reconstruction. Our current gas tax funds have not kept up with inflation and the federal tax has not increased in almost thirty years. Albany has a back-log of needed maintenance and improvements for residential streets.

If this measure does not pass, then Albany's streets will continue to fall into disrepair at an even faster pace, as Albany has close to 200 miles of streets.

"Local gas tax lessens the burden on Albany residents **better** than a street utility fee or general obligation bond that raises property taxes. Shoppers who live outside of Albany's city limits and visitors through tourism would not be paying for a street utility fee, where as they would with a gas tax-which is a benefit to Albany taxpayers. The downtown street project is from designated funds with a bond associated through private investment properties and cannot be spent on street maintenance for residential streets."

Ray Kopczynski, Albany City Councilor

"Albany voters we have all waited years for the state and federal government to increase our gas tax revenue and we just cannot wait any longer. I do not like a gas tax increase any more than you do, but we need some additional funds to maintain Albany's residential streets. A local gas tax is **the most-fair tax** for Albany residents versus imposing a street utility fee or a general obligation bond that raises our property taxes. Please **vote Yes** for maintaining Albany's residential streets."

Sharon Konopa, Mayor of Albany

(This information furnished by Sharon Konopa and Ray Kopczynski)

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City of Philomath Measure 2-114

Ballot Title

Caption: A Measure Proposing Annexation of Main Street Island Properties

Question: Shall the properties located at 501, 529 and 615 Main Street, together a property island, be annexed?

Summary: A "Yes" vote would support the annexation of the property into the City of Philomath. Approval of this measure would annex approximately 3.27 acres of property located at 501 Main Street, 529 Main Street and 615 Main Street to the City of Philomath. The property is comprised of three individual county tax lots completely surrounded by the City. Upon annexation, 501 Main Street would be zoned R1 - Low Density Residential, and 529 Main Street and 615 Main Street would be zoned C2 - Commercial. The property at 501 Main Street currently has one house; 529 Main Street has one commercial building; and 615 Main Street has one house. Additional development of the property is not planned at this time. Future development shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission. The City Council will determine the effective date of the annexation of residential properties at the time of consideration of the annexation ordinance. By State law, the effective date may be no less than three years or more than ten years.

Explanatory Statement

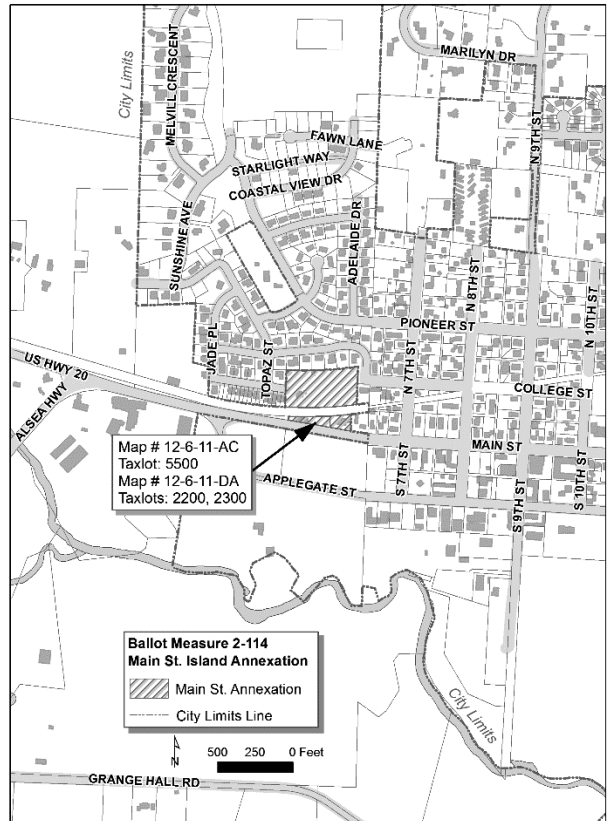
If approved by the voters, this measure would result in annexation of 501 Main Street, 529 Main Street, and 615 Main Street, consisting of three tax lots totaling 3.27 acres of property, to the City of Philomath. The City Council has found the proposed annexation meets all applicable land use laws and island annexation criteria of the State of Oregon and the City of Philomath. The City Municipal Code relating to Island Annexation requires submitting this annexation to the voters.

The City is proposing to annex 501 Main Street, 529 Main Street, and 615 Main Street because together they create one property island. Property islands are created when surrounding properties are annexed into the City, leaving one or more unincorporated "county lots" completely surrounded by "city lots". These property islands have access to and receive the same benefits as neighboring city properties (public safety, police protection, public library, bus service, public parks and trails); however, because they are not in the city, they do not pay city property taxes which are used to provide public services. These types of public services are "non-excludable", meaning property owners cannot be excluded from receiving their benefits because they do not pay for them. Annexation of just one or two of the properties would leave the same end result, a property island, so these three properties are being considered together as one island.

The properties are designated in the Philomath Comprehensive Plan as Commercial and Low Density Residential and upon annexation into the City 501 Main Street would be zoned City of Philomath R1 - Low Density Residential, and 529 Main Street and 615 Main Street would be zoned City of Philomath C2 - Commercial. The City's proposal calls for no new development at this time given the existing development on the property – one house on 501 Main Street, one commercial building (restaurant) on 529 Main Street, and one house on 615 Main Street.

Additional information and land use findings regarding the proposed annexation are contained in the staff report dated February 12, 2018. Copies of the staff report are available for public review online on the city's website or at Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, Oregon.

(Submitted by City of Philomath)



No Arguments For or Against This Measure Were Filed

City of Philomath Measure 2-115

Ballot Title

Caption: A Measure Proposing Annexation of Landmark Drive Island Properties

Question: Shall the properties located along Landmark Drive, together a property island, be annexed?

Summary: A "Yes" vote would support the annexation of the property into the City of Philomath. Approval of this measure would annex approximately 7.56 acres of property located along Landmark Drive, specifically 432 Landmark Drive, 428 Landmark Drive, Lot 13300 Landmark Drive, Lot 1301 Landmark Drive, Lot 13200 Landmark Drive and 2707-2709 Main Street, together forming a property island, to the City of Philomath. The property is comprised of six individual county tax lots completely surrounded by the City. Upon annexation, all six properties would be zoned City of Philomath IP – Industrial Park. The properties currently have industrial and commercial uses or are vacant lots adjacent to industrial lots. Additional development of property is not required or planned at the time of annexation. Any future development proposal for this property shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Explanatory Statement

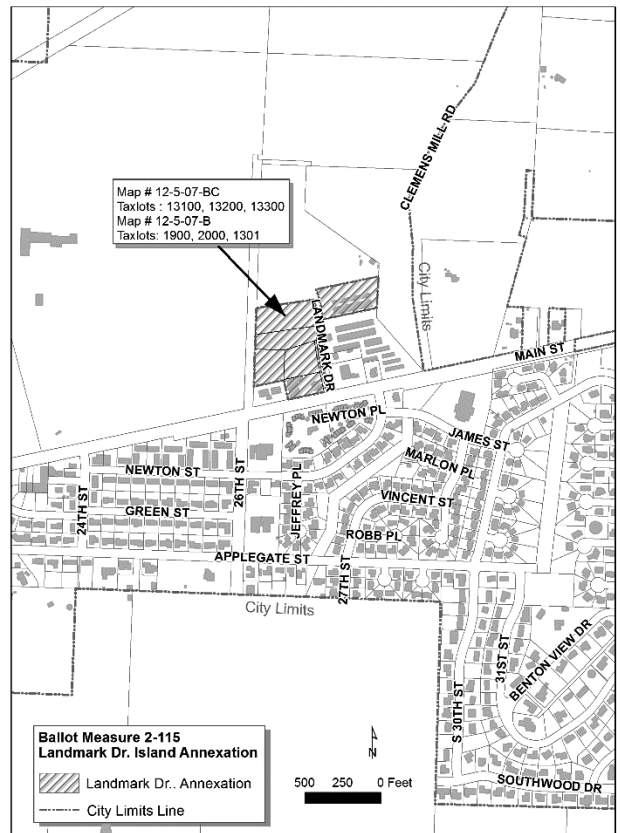
If approved by the voters, this measure would result in annexation of properties along Landmark Drive, specifically 432 Landmark Drive, 428 Landmark Drive, Lot 13300 Landmark Drive, Lot 1301 Landmark Drive, Lot 13200 Landmark Drive and 2707-2709 Main Street, consisting of approximately 7.56 acres, to the City of Philomath. The City Council has found the proposed annexation meets all applicable land use laws and island annexation criteria of the State of Oregon and the City of Philomath. The City Municipal Code relating to Island Annexation requires submitting this annexation to the voters.

The City is proposing to annex these properties because together they are a property island. Property islands are created when surrounding properties are annexed into the City, leaving one or more unincorporated "county lots" completely surrounded by "city lots". These property islands have access to and receive the same benefits as neighboring city properties (public safety, police protection, public library, bus service, public parks and trails); however, because they are not in the city, they do not pay city property taxes which are used to provide public services. These types of public services are "non-excludable", meaning property owners cannot be excluded from receiving their benefits because they do not pay for them.

The property is designated in the Philomath Comprehensive Plan as Industrial and upon annexation into the City, it would be zoned IP – Industrial Park. The City's proposal calls for no new development at this time given the existing development on the property.

Additional information and land use findings regarding the proposed annexation are contained in the staff report dated February 12, 2018. Copies of the staff report are available for public review online on the city's website or at Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, Oregon.

(Submitted by City of Philomath)



No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

City of Philomath Measure 2-116

Ballot Title

Caption: A Measure Proposing Annexation of 3157 Main Street

Question: Shall the property located at 3157 Main Street, a property island, be annexed?

Summary: A "Yes" vote would support the annexation of the property into the City of Philomath. Approval of this measure would annex approximately 0.56 acres of property located at 3157 Main Street to the City of Philomath. The property is a single county tax lot completely surrounded by the City. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned City of Philomath IP - Industrial Park. The property currently has one house on it and additional development of property is not required or planned at the time of annexation. Any future development proposal for this property shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing. The City Council will determine the effective date of the annexation of residential properties at the time of consideration of the annexation ordinance. By State law, the effective date may be no less than three years or more than ten years.

Explanatory Statement

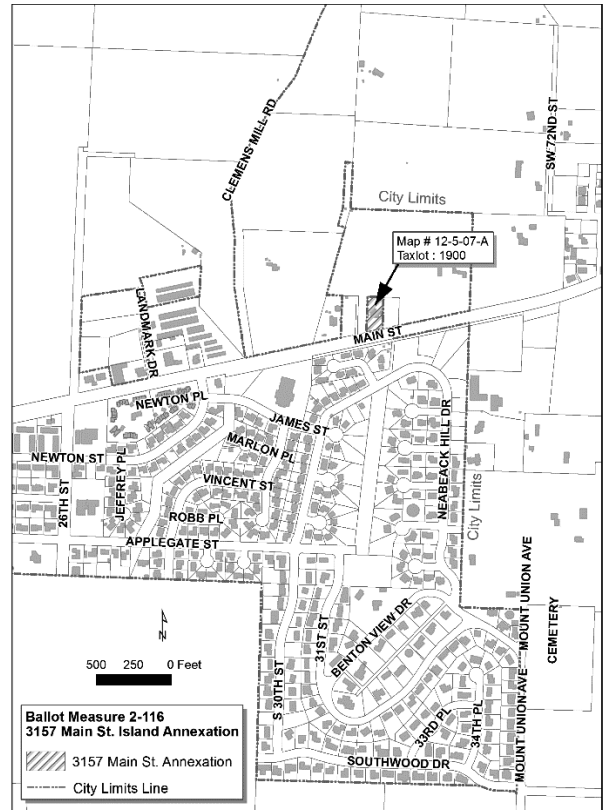
If approved by the voters, this measure would result in annexation of 3157 Main Street, consisting of approximately 0.56 acres, to the City of Philomath. The City Council has found the proposed annexation meets all applicable land use laws and island annexation criteria of the State of Oregon and the City of Philomath. The City Municipal Code relating to Island Annexation requires submitting this annexation to the voters.

The City is proposing to annex 3157 Main Street because it is a property island. Property islands are created when surrounding properties are annexed into the City, leaving one or more unincorporated "county lots" completely surrounded by "city lots". These property islands have access to and receive the same benefits as neighboring city properties (public safety, police protection, public library, bus service, public parks and trails); however, because they are not in the city, they do not pay city property taxes which are used to provide public services. These types of public services are "non-excludable", meaning property owners cannot be excluded from receiving their benefits because they do not pay for them.

The property is designated in the Philomath Comprehensive Plan as Industrial and upon annexation into the City, it would be zoned IP – Industrial Park. The City's proposal calls for no new development at this time given the existing development on the property – a single family house.

Additional information and land use findings regarding the proposed annexation are contained in the staff report dated February 12, 2018. Copies of the staff report are available for public review online on the city's website or at Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, Oregon.

(Submitted by City of Philomath)



No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

City of Philomath Measure 2-117

Ballot Title

Caption: A Measure Proposing Annexation of North 7th Street Undeveloped Lots

Question: Shall the property located above N 7TH Street, comprising of three lots with a delayed annexation agreement, be annexed?

Summary: A "Yes" vote would support the annexation of the property into the City of Philomath. Approval of this measure would annex approximately 7.36 acres of property located at the north end of N 7th Street, specifically unassigned Tax Lots 12-6-11A 3300, 3400 and 3500 to the City of Philomath. The property is three undeveloped tax lots surrounded by the City on three sides. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned City of Philomath R1 –Low Density Residential. Development of property is not required or planned at the time of annexation. Any future development proposal for this property shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Explanatory Statement

If approved by the voters, this measure would result in annexation of the Oregon Sequoia LLC properties, consisting of three lots totaling approximately 7.36 acres, to the City of Philomath. The City Council has found the proposed annexation meets all applicable land use laws and delayed annexation criteria of the State of Oregon and the City of Philomath. The City Municipal Code relating to delayed annexation requires submitting this annexation to the voters.

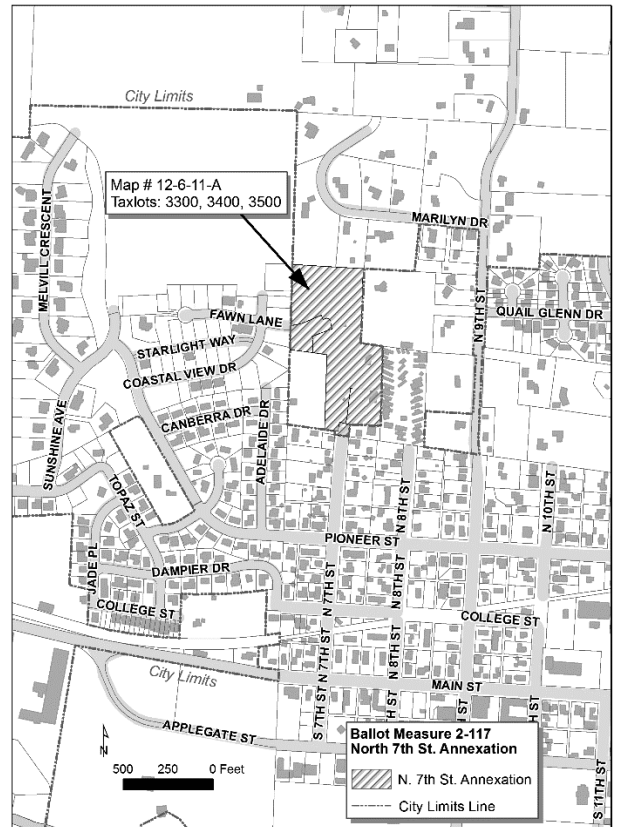
The City is proposing to annex tax lots 3300, 3400 and 3500, three undeveloped lots, all of which have delayed annexation agreements in place and all owned by Oregon Sequoia LLC. Given the property owner's repeated expressed interest in receiving municipal services, the City believes now is an appropriate time to annex these properties into the City so all City utilities can be extended to the property.

Delayed annexation agreements were used before the City's current code provisions, adopted in 1998, required voter approval to extend City services outside city limits. Prior to that time, when a property outside city limits had need for City water and/or sewer services, but was not able to annex into the City, a delayed annexation agreement was entered into by the property owner and the City. The agreements often granted the extension of water and/or sewer to the property in exchange for the property owner agreeing to annex into the City upon the City's request.

The property is designated in the Philomath Comprehensive Plan as Low Density Residential and upon annexation into the City, it would be zoned R1 –Low Density Residential. The City's proposal calls for no new development at this time. The property could be developed with up to 37 homes, though significant slopes in the terrain may limit that number.

Additional information and land use findings regarding the proposed annexation are contained in the staff report dated February 12, 2018. Copies of the staff report are available for public review online on the city's website or at Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, Oregon.

(Submitted by City of Philomath)



No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

City of Philomath Measure 2-118

Ballot Title

Caption: A Measure Proposing Annexation of Cooper Lane Properties

Question: Shall the Cooper Lane Properties, comprising of seven developed lots, one vacant lot, and one city street lot, be annexed?

Summary: A "Yes" vote would support the annexation of the property into the City of Philomath. Approval of this measure would annex approximately 1.72 acres of property located on Cooper Lane, made up of the following nine tax lots: 105 Cooper Lane, 106/108 Cooper Lane, 107 Cooper Lane, 110 Cooper Lane, Unaddressed Tax Lots 12-6-12CD 700, 800 and 1200, 100/102 Cooper Lane, and 109 Cooper Lane, to the City of Philomath. The property is seven developed lots, one vacant lot, and one lot owned by the City containing the street. This annexation meets the non-unanimous triple majority criteria for annexation because the properties in favor of the annexation have the majority in numbers, total lot square footage and total assessed property value. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned City of Philomath R1 –Low Density Residential. Development of property is not required or planned at the time of annexation. Any future development proposal for this property shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Explanatory Statement

If approved by the voters, this measure would result in annexation of the Cooper Lane properties, consisting of nine lots totaling approximately 1.72 acres, to the City of Philomath. The City Council has found the proposed annexation meets all applicable land use laws and non-unanimous triple majority annexation criteria of the State of Oregon and the City of Philomath. The City Municipal Code relating to non-unanimous triple majority annexation requires submitting this annexation to the voters.

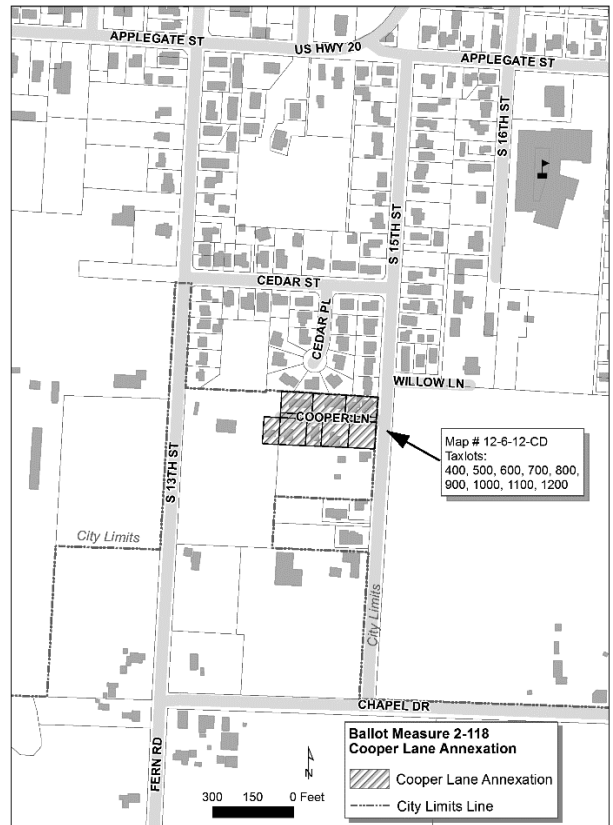
The City is proposing to annex nine tax lots, 105 Cooper Lane, 106/108 Cooper Lane, 107 Cooper Lane, 110 Cooper Lane, Unaddressed Tax Lots 12-6-12CD 700, 800 and 1200, 100/102 Cooper Lane, and 109 Cooper Lane to the City of Philomath. The seven developed lots are hooked up to City water and sewer, there is one undeveloped lot, and the street is its own separate lot owned by the City. Because these properties are receiving all City services, including water and sewer, the City believes they should be annex into the City and start paying City property taxes to help pay for these services.

The Philomath Municipal Code allows an area to be annexed into the City even when the annexation is not unanimous among the properties to be annexed through the triple majority rule. If the majority of the property owners want to annex also own the majority of the land and their total assessed properties are greater than those opposed, then the area meets the triple majority criteria and can be annexed into the City.

The property is designated in the Philomath Comprehensive Plan as Low Density Residential and upon annexation into the City, it would be zoned R1 –Low Density Residential. The City's proposal calls for no new development at this time. The property is already developed with the exception of one .23 acre lot, so no significant new development is anticipated.

Additional information and land use findings regarding the proposed annexation are contained in the staff report dated February 12, 2018. Copies of the staff report are available for public review online on the city's website or at Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, Oregon.

(Submitted by City of Philomath)



No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113

Ballot Title

Caption: Bonds to Expand, Modernize Schools; Address Overcrowding; Make Safety Improvements

Question: Shall Corvallis School District improve safety and security; replace and expand schools and address overcrowding by issuing \$199,916,925 in bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: If approved, the District would issue general obligation bonds to finance the following capital projects:

- Safety and security enhancements including seismic upgrades, secure main entrances, controlled access locks, lighting and video surveillance.
- Replacement of Hoover Elementary and Lincoln Elementary to address overcrowding and ensure access to modern classrooms. Buildings to be constructed on same sites in phases that allow students to remain on site.
- Capital repairs and improvements at other district facilities to extend the life of existing buildings including replacement of dated and inefficient mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and heating/ventilations systems, and roof, window and door replacements.
- Elementary school additions to replace all unsecure and inefficient modular classrooms, create dedicated spaces for music and art/science instruction, and add multi-purpose dining commons separate from physical education/gymnasium spaces.
- Expansion and renovation of classroom spaces to modernize hands-on learning for secondary career and technical education.
- Demolition, site improvements, furnishings and equipment, and fees associated with bond issuance costs.

The bonds would mature in 20 years or less from date of issuance.

Explanatory Statement

The Corvallis School District serves about 6,800 students in 13 school buildings.

The District has only built two new schools since 1971. The average age of all elementary schools is 60 years old. Although these buildings have been maintained, many need major capital investments to extend their useful life, make them safer, and enhance instructional programs.

In 2016, the District convened a facilities planning committee made up of students, parents, staff, business representatives, local government representatives and community members to develop a long range facilities plan to help transform an aging infrastructure and provide more innovative and equitable learning opportunities for all students.

The committee recommended a long range facilities plan to address the highest priority needs at all schools and to ensure safe and effective learning environments. The School Board decided to seek voter approval to issue \$199,916,925 in general obligation bonds to fund prioritized projects from the plan at all schools including:

Improve Safety and Security: Make health and life safety upgrades including seismic and structural upgrades, entrance redesign to provide improved visibility of visitor access, surveillance infrastructure, and communications systems for emergency notification.

Elementary Schools Additions and Modernization: Address overcrowding by adding permanent classroom space to replace all unsecure and inefficient modular classrooms, create dedicated spaces for music and art/science instruction, and add multi-purpose dining commons separate from physical education/gymnasium spaces.

Replace Hoover Elementary and Lincoln Elementary: Address overcrowding and ensure access to modern classrooms by replacing schools on existing sites with construction phasing that allows students to remain on site.

Modernize Hands-On Learning: Expand and renovate middle school and high school classroom spaces to create flexible learning spaces that can support current and future teaching and learning strategies that prepare students for college and career.

Protect Investment in Existing Schools: Make capital repairs and improvements to extend the life of existing buildings. This includes the replacement of dated and inefficient mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and heating/ventilations systems; roof, window and door replacements; and site improvements including accessibility, parking lots and vehicle circulation, sidewalks and fields.

A full list of bond projects is available on the district's website.

The bonds approved by voters in November 2002 will fully expire in 2019; the average levy rate of those bonds has been \$1.64 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If approved, this measure would result in an estimated combined levy rate of \$1.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an increase of \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value when compared to the average levy rate of the last bond.

For example, the owner of a home assessed at \$240,000 would pay \$475 annually, which is \$81 more per year or \$7 more per month when compared to the average cost of the last bond. Actual rates may differ depending on interest rates and growth in assessed value.

The District would establish an independent Bond Accountability Committee to ensure bond funds are used as approved by voters.

(Submitted by Corvallis School District 509J)

**No Arguments Against
This Measure Were Filed**

**Corvallis School District 509J
Measure 2-113
Argument For:**

Vote YES on Measure 2-113

Improve School Safety and Security, Reduce Overcrowding, Modernize Aging Schools, and Expand Learning Opportunities

Vote YES so every student can learn in safe and secure schools

Providing secure main entrances, controlled access locks, and video surveillance will help keep our students and staff safe. Making seismic upgrades to vulnerable schools will reduce risk to students and staff during an earthquake.

Vote YES so all students have opportunities for a modern education in up-to-date classrooms

Modernizing and expanding spaces at our middle schools and high schools will ensure access to hands-on career and technical educational opportunities.

Vote YES because overcrowded schools are places where learning gets crowded out

Our aging, outmoded elementary school buildings are at 106% capacity. That forces students into inefficient, unsecure portables. Renovations and new buildings will ensure our youngest learners have access to safe and modern educational spaces.

Vote YES to redirect taxpayer dollars into the classroom through energy-savings

Upgrading our local schools will save taxpayers money by making buildings more energy efficient. Investing in windows and insulation, LED lighting, and high-efficiency heating systems reduces costs, saving money that can be redirected to the classroom.

Vote YES to address problems now so they don't cost taxpayers more later

This Bond Measure will pay for needed and necessary improvements, replacements, and expansions at every one of our 13 schools. The focus is on basics: It reduces overcrowding, modernizes outdated classrooms, and enhances safety and security. It fixes problems now, before they grow into far more expensive ones in the future.

Vote YES for Better Schools! Vote YES for Brighter Futures!

Vote YES on Measure 2-113

(This information furnished by YES for Better Schools)

**Corvallis School District 509J
Measure 2-113
Argument For:**

CTE AND STEM EDUCATION EXPANDED BY SCHOOL BOND

Join **Stand for Children Oregon** in voting **YES** vote on **Measure 2-113**.

We are a nonprofit organization of parents, students and educators committed to providing every student in Oregon with an education that prepares them for life beyond high school. **Measure 2-113** will modernize and expand classrooms, providing access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming, including Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) classes.

Corvallis High School (Grad rate for CTE students at CHS is 95%)

- Reconfigure and update metals, auto, and wood shops to improve work flow and integrate computer technology;
- Create a covered outdoor work area between the Applied Technology Buildings;
- Improve access to Applied Technologies Building with a covered walkway from main school building;
- Upgrade power and technology infrastructure in CTE-STEM classrooms.

Crescent Valley High School (Grad rate for CTE students at CVHS is 93%)

- Expand metals shop to include welding stations;
- Expand a covered outdoor work area for additional project work space;
- Reconfigure the metals and wood shops, as well as the ceramics and art labs to improve work flow and access to integrated computer technology;
- Upgrade infrastructure in CTE-STEM classrooms to provide adequate power resources to support advances in technology.

College Hill at Harding Center

- Renovate two classrooms to support high level science instruction.

Cheldelin Middle School

- Convert unused wood shop into a CTE-STEM lab.

Franklin K-8

- Renovate two classrooms to support middle school level science instruction.

Adams, Garfield, Jefferson, Mt. View, Wilson Elementary Schools

- Add dedicated classrooms for project-based art and science learning.

Every student in Oregon deserves a world-class education that prepares them to succeed in college, a career, or both after high school. **Measure 2-113** provides learning environments aligned with modern careers and the skills kids need to succeed.

Stand for Children. Vote YES for Measure 2-113.

(This information furnished by Stand for Children Oregon)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

We strongly urge a "YES" vote on this important measure to upgrade and modernize our district's aging schools. We support this measure as parents of public school children, but just as strongly as working professionals, community members, and citizens. The Corvallis community has consistently demonstrated that it values public education and equal opportunities for all students, and it is time for all of us, together, to step up and renew this commitment.

As parents, we see the daily struggles of our teachers to find space to work in overcrowded schools; their efforts to deliver quality education, with hands-on learning and creative exploration, thwarted by school buildings that have outlived their ability to be quality learning environments. The children of Corvallis need school buildings not only to be safe and seismically sound, but they must provide space for dynamic and engaged learning. The new improvements in this bond will provide dedicated space for music, art, and science, more efficient heating systems and healthier buildings, and much more secure entrances to our schools, all of which lead to a far better learning environment.

As participants in the process that led to the proposed facilities plan and this bond, we expect that this package will seem too much for some voters, but too little for others. As taxpayers, we recognize and value fiscal responsibility and the sound use of school funds. This bond represents long-term thinking for not just our students and providing them with the best possible education but for our school buildings and how we manage and use our collective school resources. A "YES" vote is for our kids, our community, and the future.

Vote yes on measure 2-113. Vote yes for our students.

This information furnished by
Courtney Shaff
Lauren Gwin
Aaron Lesan
Laura Peterson

(This information furnished by Courtney Shaff, Lauren Gwin, Aaron Lesan, Laura Peterson)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

Corvallis Teachers Say YES to Safer and Better Schools!

As teachers, we devote ourselves to ensuring every child receives a high-quality education. Our students achieve at levels and graduate at rates that far surpass state averages. **But our aging facilities are grossly inadequate, making it harder for us to help students reach their full potential.**

All of our elementary schools lack secure main entrance and office areas with visibility to the outside.

Eight Corvallis schools require seismic upgrades to keep children and staff safe during an earthquake.

Six elementary schools have students in modular classrooms detached from the main school buildings, most without bathrooms or running water.

Five elementary schools have shared gym and cafeteria space. Due to these tight quarters, teachers must plan academic lessons around lunch and PE times, sometimes limiting their ability to follow instructional best practices.

Nine schools have deferred maintenance requiring extensive capital repairs. The safety, crowding, and building maintenance challenges at Lincoln and Hoover are so vast that replacing them altogether is more fiscally responsible than repairing these facilities.

Demand for career and technical education programs in the middle and high schools is exciting and a source of pride for Corvallis, but limited and outdated facilities exclude many students wanting to participate in these programs and hinders participants from attaining their maximum learning potential.

This bond will create **SAFER** schools by providing:

- o secure main entrances;
- o controlled access locks;
- o video surveillance; and
- o larger facilities so that all students can learn in classrooms inside school buildings.

It will improve adequacy of facilities by:

- o addressing overcrowding;
- o modernizing and expanding career and technical education spaces in middle and high schools; and
- o addressing overdue critical maintenance issues.

To provide the high-quality education to which we are committed, it is critical that we have safe and adequate facilities in which to do so.

Please support our students – vote yes on 2-113!

(This information furnished by Corvallis Education Association)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

Benton County Democrats Urge You Vote Yes On Measure 2-113 For Better Education For Corvallis Children, Through Better Schools

Corvallis area voters have an opportunity to support our children's education. To educate our children, it takes more than school days and caring teachers. Children can't learn if they are cold. They can't focus if they don't feel safe. They can't concentrate if the environment isn't conducive to learning.

That's why we urge you to vote YES on Measure 2-113. This measure will provide critical seismic upgrades to keep our kids safe in an earthquake, a major event for which we are past due. It also will enable our schools to have secure main entrances, controlled access locks, video surveillance and upgraded emergency communications systems. The news media continually provide coverage of events that show the need to be extra vigilant in keeping our kids safe at school. Measure 2-113 will help provide that security.

We urge you to vote YES on Measure 2-113 because our children need the skills to compete for 21st century jobs. Passing this measure will improve the career and technical education spaces in middle and high schools to help our kids get that preparation.

We also know that inadequate, overcrowded and outdated facilities can create unnecessary distractions from learning. This bond will fix that by replacing failing roofs, plumbing, and heating and ventilation systems. It will replace two inadequate school buildings and improve energy efficiency to reduce utility costs so more money goes into the classroom.

Though we are a political organization, we are motivated by a drive to help and serve our communities. Our kids aren't a political issue. They're our community's future, and it is incumbent upon us to make sure they have the tools and education they need to be successful. That is why we urge you to join us in voting YES on Measure 2-113.

(This information furnished by the Benton County Democrats)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

Our students need our vote to help overcome the **huge loss of adequate support caused by Measure 5.**

In 1989, prior to the statewide enactment of **Measure 5 property tax limitations**, the Corvallis School district levied local property taxes at almost \$20/thousand of assessed value of real property for district operations, not including intermittent building bond levies. **We valued excellent schools, and we were willing to pay for them.**

In Corvallis pre-Measure 5, high school teachers taught five periods, averaging 18 students per class; the district employed 23-25 full-time maintenance workers; a few "portable classrooms" were "temporarily installed" for "overcrowded" facilities; and the average age of elementary schools was about 31 years.

Today, 29 years later, under severe local tax limitations mandated by Measure 5 and weak state budget replacement funds, the district's **operations budget has been severely squeezed**: those "portable classrooms" are still here—hundreds of students are in one of the 21 in the district; three elementary schools were closed to save costs; high school teachers teach six periods, 28-29 students per class; maintenance staff has been cut in half; and standard building upkeep and improvements are short-term fixes or deferred.

The "newest" elementary school is now 50 years old and the **average age** of our elementary schools is 61 years. Four have only 1 gym/cafeteria on site to handle overcrowded PE, activities and lunches.

Under Measure 5 Corvallis homeowners now pay a rate less than half the amount we once contributed to support our local schools. Please note, the current building and maintenance bond levy, which has averaged \$1.64 over the life of the bond, is due to expire this year. The modest increase in property taxes associated with this measure would make an enormous difference in bringing schools to 21st Century standards.

Our community, **our students deserve Excellent Schools.**

Vote Yes on Bond Measure 2-113. Thank you.

(This information furnished by Jay Conroy, School Board member, retired Corvallis teacher, school principal)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

Improving schools - an investment in our community and our future

We are longtime residents of Corvallis. Most of us came here because of our jobs. When we retired we stayed because we love living here. We are voting YES on Measure 2-113 because it is an investment in our schools, our community, and our future.

Corvallis schools are above average in student achievement levels and student graduation rates. Our school buildings are not above average. Our schools are old. The elementary schools are on average 60 years old. Cheldelin middle school is 51 years old. Crescent Valley High School is 47 years old. These buildings need updating. **School buildings must be safe and secure.**

A YES vote on 2-113 will ensure that every school has a secure main entrance, controlled access locks, video surveillance, and seismic upgrades.

A YES vote on 2-113 will pay for upgrades to windows and insulation. The bond will provide improved lighting and high efficiency heating systems. Increased energy efficiency will save money that can be redirected to the classroom.

A YES vote on 2-113 will allow schools to address deferred maintenance issues. Leaking pipes and roofs need to be repaired; outdated and inefficient boilers must be replaced; and floor tiles with asbestos must be removed.

Today's students are tomorrow's employees, employers, parents, and leaders. Today's students are our future.

A YES vote on 2-113 keeps Corvallis a great place to live.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 2-113!

Jo Anne Trow, Cliff Trow, Susan Poole, Alice Mills Morrow,
Curtis Wright

(This information furnished by Yes for Better Schools)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

MEASURE 2-113 MEANS BETTER SCHOOLS FOR OUR YOUTH, AND A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR ALL OF US

Measure 2-113 will support critical improvements to every school building in the Corvallis School District. Bond funds will make it possible to expand and modernize our schools while addressing overcrowding and making security and safety improvements, including seismic upgrades.

On average, the district's elementary school buildings are 60 years old. Crescent Valley High School and Cheldelin Middle School are approximately 50 years old. For our students to thrive, our district needs facilities that are safe and support today's best practices for teaching and learning.

Bond funds will address essential maintenance issues that will only become more expensive to fix if repairs are delayed. Passing Measure 2-113 will support the health and wellbeing of our students and the teachers and staff who work hard every day to create a positive learning environment.

As public officials, we agree that it's imperative to spend taxpayer funds wisely. Corvallis School District has a strong track record of using bond funds responsibly. The district's last facilities bond saw all projects completed under budget. Investing in our schools is an investment in our community's future.

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure 2-113!

Senator Sara Gelsler
State Representative Dan Rayfield
Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner
Anne Schuster, Benton County Commissioner
Mayor Biff Traber
Hal Brauner, Corvallis City Councilor Ward 9
Barbara Bull, City Councilor
Bill Glassmire, Corvallis Ward 7 City Councilor
Roen Hogg, City Councilor
Hyatt Lytle, M.A., City Councilor, Ward 3
Mark Page, City Councilor Ward 8
Nancy Wyse, City Councilor
Penny York, City Councilor Ward 1
Vince Adams, Corvallis School Board Chair
Corvallis School Board Vice Chair, Sami Al-Abdrabbuh
Corvallis School Board Member Jay Conroy
Corvallis School Board Member Terese Jones
Corvallis School Board Member Ed Junkins
Corvallis School Board Member Sarah Finger McDonald

(This information furnished by YES for Better Schools)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

As classified employees of the Corvallis School District, we experience every aspect of school facilities.

Front office staff urge you to **vote YES for safer schools**. We are like sitting ducks with unsecured entrances and without line of sight to the outside. This bond will provide secure main entrances, controlled access locks, and video surveillance.

Classroom staff urge you to **vote YES for getting kids out of modular classrooms and into the school building**. Our outdated elementary buildings are at 106% capacity, and we have students in "temporary" modular classrooms, some of which were put in place nearly 30 years ago. This bond will eliminate modulars and create indoor classrooms for all students.

Food service and custodial staff urge you to **vote YES for separating cafeteria and gym spaces at all elementary schools**. At five of our elementary schools, the cafeteria and gym are the same space. Lunch time is squeezed to a minimum to make the gym available for required PE classes. Most schools are at or above maximum capacity, so we have to rush students through lunch, often leaving them with 10 minutes to eat. This produces far-reaching unhealthy habits. Additionally, our custodians and other personnel are performing duties beyond their job descriptions to ready the lunch space for conversion back into a PE space in time for the next class.

Campus stewards urge you to **vote YES for addressing critical maintenance issues**. Leaking roofs and pipes, inefficient boilers, and asbestos in floor tiles are among the many deferred maintenance issues at almost every campus. The district will spend \$5 million this year attempting to keep up with its outdated facilities. The repairs needed at Lincoln and Hoover are so vast that fixing them would cost more than 70% of the replacement cost of the schools, making it more feasible and responsible to build new schools.

Classified employees urge you to vote YES on Measure 2-113!

(This information furnished by Corvallis Chapter, OSEA)

Corvallis School District 509J Measure 2-113 Argument For:

Vote YES for Corvallis Schools Vote YES on Measure 2-113

Corvallis has a proud tradition of supporting our schools and providing our children with a high-quality education. By voting in support of Measure 2-113 you will help improve or replace aging school buildings so that the district's children can receive a safe, modern, truly 21st century education.

What will the bond fund?

- Increase safety –
 - Secure entrances
 - Upgrade emergency communication
 - Provide seismic upgrades
- Address overcrowding –
 - Eliminate aging portable classrooms
 - Provide adequate gym and cafeteria spaces
- Update schools –
 - Provide much needed upgrades to HVAC, electrical, lighting, and structural systems
 - Improve and expand career and technical education spaces in middle and high schools
 - Remodel elementary schools to incorporate spaces for collaborative learning and art and science education
 - Replace aging Lincoln and Hoover schools with modern, safe school buildings
 - Improve building energy efficiency
 - Tackle deferred maintenance and needed upgrades to structures, playfields, and drop-off sites.

How will accountability be assured?

- Appointment of a bond oversight committee consisting of independent community members ensure funds are spent responsibly.

Why now?

Corvallis schools are at 106% capacity. Some elementary students attend class in aging portables. Eliminating portables and expanding classroom and learning space will give all of our students the opportunity to learn in safe, modern classrooms.

Completing capital improvements and deferred maintenance upgrades, while improving the energy efficiency of our school buildings, will reduce utility costs and save the Corvallis School District money that will be redirected to the classroom.

Thank you for your support!

Corvallis School Board Members:
Vincent Adams, Chair
Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Vice-chair
Jay Conroy
Terese Jones
Ed Junkins
Sarah Finger McDonald

(This information furnished by Sarah Finger McDonald, Corvallis School Board Member)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-119

Ballot Title

Caption: Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Operating Levy for K-12 Education

Question: Shall district renew operating levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2018-2019 for K-12 education? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure would continue the local option levy originally approved by voters in 2013. The current levy expires June 30, 2018. If renewed, the current levy rate would not increase.

The Philomath School District will use the revenue from this measure to continue working towards its vision "to graduate every student and transition each of them into a job, training or college" by minimizing any impacts on class size, school days, instructional time, and programs such as PE, music, vocational courses, foreign languages, advanced college courses, art, drama, forestry, manufacturing and technology, athletic programs, activities, the community pool, and other valued programs.

Since passing the current operating levy, the district has been successful at maintaining small class sizes, the number of school days, all program offerings, and increasing student enrollment and graduation rates, high school completion rates, and college enrollment rates.

The proposed levy will raise approximately \$650 thousand in 2018-2019, \$670 thousand in 2019-2020, \$690 thousand in 2020-2021, \$715 thousand in 2021-2022, and \$735 thousand in 2022-2023 for a total of \$3.5 million.

Explanatory Statement

The Philomath School District is seeking to renew the current operating levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning 2018-2019, for K-12 education. In 2013, Philomath residents voted to implement this local operating levy to fund staffing and programs in Philomath schools. Over the last five years, funding from the levy has allowed all six schools in the district to continue offering a wide array of athletic, arts, science, and citizenship programs in addition to core academic subjects. Without continued funding from the local operating levy, the Philomath School District (PSD) will likely need to cut school days, school hours, teaching staff, classified staff, and/or vocational programs, arts, sports, or other extracurricular activities. Renewal of the local operating levy would not be a tax rate increase for Philomath School District residents.

With the help of the current operating levy, the district has weathered the recent statewide school funding crises without eliminating any school programs, while maintaining high academic performance at every grade level.

Small class sizes and daily music or PE programs benefit all elementary-level students. Sixth graders attend a weeklong outdoor school program, and 55% of all middle school students participate in band or choir. Philomath High School (PHS) has 18 active athletic teams, including many that routinely win district titles and occasional state titles (most recently the Boys' Basketball team in 2016). Philomath consistently ranks in the top ten statewide, for the "Oregonian Cup" awarded for academics and sportsmanship. The PHS choir won its first state championship in 2017, and the PHS band placed second. PHS also offers forestry classes and other CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs, including several industry partnerships, which create student opportunities for job placements and internships.

The Philomath School District finances and manages the Clemens Community Pool, which is available to students as well as the surrounding area.

As part of PSD, Kings Valley Charter School (KVCS) provides a rural, community-based education tailored to the individual needs and interests of each child, emphasizing the involvement of parents and the community. KVCS has grown to an enrollment of 206 students from kindergarten through high school.

PSD maintains strong partnerships with the Philomath community. Professionals in this area mentor every PHS senior project (111 in the 2017-18 school year), donating hundreds of hours of their time and expertise. At key sporting events and school musical performances, fans fill the stands to cheer students' skill and perseverance. The "Mr. and Miss PHS" programs have raised nearly \$50,000 in the last five years, all donated to charities including Doernbecher's and the Jackson Street Youth Shelter.

PSD has a demonstrated track record of fiscal responsibility. All money raised by this levy stays here within the District, its appropriation overseen by the school district budget committee or the KVCS Board. Additionally, the State will award matching grant funds up to 50% of local levy revenue.

The PSD vision is to graduate every student, and transition each into a job, training, or college.

(Submitted by Philomath School District 17J)

**No Arguments Against
This Measure Were Filed**

**Philomath School District 17J
Measure 2-119
Argument For:**

**Philomath School District teachers support
Ballot Measure 2-119**

We are proud and honored to teach, guide, and inspire the students of Philomath, and we urge you to support our schools by renewing our operating levy.

Each day, the children of Philomath walk into our classrooms, and we work tirelessly to ensure every one of them feels valued and included. We understand the transformative power of a great education, and we are proud to work in Philomath, where our fellow citizens understand and share this vision.

With the generous commitment of our community, Philomath schools have been able to maintain exemplary programs in academics, arts, citizenship, and athletics, and we encourage the people of Philomath to continue this tradition of excellence by renewing our operating levy.

Children are Philomath's most precious and irreplaceable resource, and we, the educators in Philomath schools, implore you to join us in ensuring their education is as strong as Philomath.

**Please vote YES on 2-119.
Our children need your support.**

Respectfully,

Beth Edgemon
&
Mike Panico

Co-Presidents
Philomath Education Association

(Information furnished by Philomath Education Association)

**Philomath School District 17J
Measure 2-119
Argument For:**

Philomath Schools tax levy renewal

Trying to decide on whether to vote to renew school levy? Here are some points to consider. I feel School Board, teachers and staff have high goals to get our children a quality education and graduation a high priority, keeping class size manageable will help with this endeavor. The School District has a very dedicated building and grounds maintenance group that will save the schools money in the long term by keeping ahead of problems. Hope you will join with a yes to renew the levy.

Dale & Mary Jo Collins

(Information furnished by Dale L Collins and Mary Jo Collins)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-119 Argument For:

We are writing this letter in support of the renewal of the Philomath School District Operating Levy. We have had the honor to work for the Philomath School District band, choir, and theaters. We have been blessed by this community's support and involvement with our students and programs.

The levy will not raise taxes and will allow the district to maintain all the quality programs we offer - Music, Theater, PE, Vocational Education, Forestry, as well as our tradition rich athletics. We are proud of what the performing arts programs at all our schools have been able to provide to our students and know that without your support, these programs will struggle financially.

The high school has been able to maintain a long history of quality and success because of your support. In the past 14 years, we have won two Grammy Signature School Awards, a state choir title, and numerous top 5 state finishes and league championships. Our Theater program has been able to produce top quality performances that enrich both the lives of our students, but the community.

At the Philomath Middle School, we enjoy a high percentage of students involved in the arts programs. The support we have received from the community has allowed all of these programs to grow and meet the various needs of our incredible students.

We eagerly ask members of the community to join us in supporting the Philomath Operating Levy. Together we can continue to do great things for our students and our community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dan Johnson
Philomath High School
Performing Arts

Diane Crocker
Philomath Middle School
Performing Arts

(This information furnished by Dan Johnson, Philomath High School, Performing Arts and Diane Crocker, Philomath Middle School, Performing Arts)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-119 Argument For:

Philomath School District support staff support Ballot Measure 2-119

OSEA Chapter 64 endorses the renewal of a five-year local option operating levy for Philomath Schools K-12 education.

As classified employees of the Philomath School District we are urging members of the community to renew the five-year operating levy. Passage of the levy will help provide vitally important financial stability for the Philomath School District to continue its vision "to graduate every student and transition each of them into a job, training or college."

The school district can only attain this goal by continuing to fund the student and staff support services classified employees provide. We are the instructional assistants, playground and lunchroom assistants, custodians, administrative assistants, food servers, building custodians, facilities and landscape maintenance workers, crossing guards, interpreters, pool supervisors, job coaches, technology specialists, and speech and language instructional assistants.

While supporting our school's teaching staff, administrators, facilities and, most importantly, families and students, we have a personal stake in the investment of our future community and our students. Renewing levy funds will help to not only maintain the programs and courses, but also the ability to retain the needed support services.

It is our belief that money spent on educational support services for the children of our community benefits us in many ways making our schools and community stronger. It is our hope the renewal of this levy will help retain valued education time and support services for Philomath students as we weather the state and federal budget shortfalls.

OSEA Chapter 64 urges you to vote Yes on Measure 2-119 and keep our schools and community strong by keeping our children's education and support services a priority.

Respectfully,

Jean Chiappisi

Chapter 64 President
Oregon School Employees Association

(This information furnished by Jean Chiappisi)

Philomath School District 17J Measure 2-119 Argument For:

I am supporting continued investment in the Philomath School District with renewal of the existing Operating Levy (Measure #2-119). Philomath schools have demonstrated responsible and successful use of these monies over the last 5 years by providing numerous opportunities for students to learn and succeed. From music to athletics, the Philomath School District provides opportunities for students to learn the skills needed to be successful.

I moved to Philomath intentionally. The connection between a community and its schools is important to me personally and as a business leader. I recognized the strong connection between the Philomath School District and the greater community immediately. I have learned the community and schools, through good times and bad, have worked together to provide the greatest opportunities for students. As I learn more, I realize the wide variety of opportunities provided to kids in Philomath schools comes from this strong connection. Such connections are unique, built on trust and track records of success.

Investing directly in our local schools provides assurance our students will have access to the programs and activities we prioritize in their education. Relying solely on money from Salem limits our ability to build and maintain programs we know align with our community, our families and our businesses. Investing directly also reflects our willingness to step up to make sure our priorities are met. The ability to leverage our local dollars with additional state support for our use adds to the value of continuing the operating levy.

The Philomath School District has utilized our previous investment well improving student success and providing more opportunities for every student in our community. Continuing the good work that is occurring and continuing to support additional opportunities for our students will benefit us all.

I encourage you to join me in continuing to support our Philomath Schools and renew the Operating Levy.

(This information furnished by Jake Gibbs, President and CEO of Starker Forests, Inc.)

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Proposed Hidden Valley Special Road District Measure 2-112

Ballot Title

Caption: Establish Hidden Valley Special Road District

Question: Shall District be formed to provide road maintenance with maximum tax rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 assessed value?

Summary: If approved, the Hidden Valley Special Road District would provide road maintenance, repair and upgrading of the roads within the district. The proposed road district would provide a reliable source of funding to support maintenance and periodic improvements to a road system that is currently providing access to 27 tax lots. The road system is currently managed by members of the Hidden Valley Roads Committee (HVRC), all of whom are volunteers and residents of the proposed District. As a volunteer group and an unofficial road committee, the HVRC has no authority to mandate collection of funds to support road maintenance.

The proposed District would be governed by a three-person elected Board of Directors. The District would be subject to the provisions of state law set forth in ORS 371.305-371.385. The Board may adopt bylaws or form advisory committees.

The District would implement a maximum tax rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$600 per year. If approved, the District could levy any tax rate up to, but no more than, \$2.50 per \$1,000. The District may also choose not to levy a tax rate in any given year.

Explanatory Statement

The purpose of the proposed Hidden Valley Special Road District is the formation of an entity that would provide road maintenance, repair and upgrading of the roads within the proposed district. The proposed road district would provide a reliable source of funding to support maintenance and periodic improvements to a road system that is currently providing access to 27 tax lots. The road system is currently managed by members of the Hidden Valley Roads Committee (HVRC), all of whom are volunteers and residents of the proposed District. As a volunteer group and an unofficial road committee, the HVRC has no authority to mandate collection of funds to support road maintenance.

If the District is formed, it would be governed by a three-person elected Board of Directors. The District may create advisory committees to provide input on finances, repair projects and priorities or other purposes.

The District would have the authority to levy a maximum tax rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Such authority would allow the District to levy tax rates ranging from no tax, up to a maximum of \$2.50. If the maximum tax rate is levied, a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$600 per year in taxes. The District may also choose not to levy a tax rate in any given year.

(Submitted by Benton County)

No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

Harrisburg School District 7 Measure 22-170

Ballot Title

Caption: Bonds to Upgrade and Expand School Facilities, Improve Safety

Question: Shall Harrisburg School District issue \$8,945,000 in bonds to upgrade and expand facilities and potentially receive a \$4,000,000 state grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: The District is first on the waiting list to receive a \$4,000,000 state grant if these bonds are approved and state funds are available. If approved, bonds and grant funds are expected to:

- Provide energy upgrades district-wide to increase building efficiency, including replacement and upgrade of lighting, deteriorating roofs, outdated heating, ventilation, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, other building repairs and site improvements.
- Improve safety and security including: security cameras, intercoms, emergency phone systems, door access controls, fire sprinkler systems, and emergency lighting.
- Add classrooms as needed.
- Upgrade athletic complex, especially reconstruction of the track to meet regulation guidelines.
- Construct a district storage facility.
- Fund site improvements, demolition, bond management costs, furnishing and equipment and bond issuance costs.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed fifteen years from issuance. The estimated tax rate is \$1.59 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

Harrisburg School District is seeking a \$8.945 million bond measure to renovate, construct, and modernize existing facilities and property. The District will receive a \$2,276,397 - \$4,000,000 state grant if voters approve our bond measure and state funds are available. If the bonds are not approved, these funds will be diverted to another district. An oversight committee would meet regularly to track progress and report, monthly to the School Board. This bond is expected to fund the following projects:

CAPITAL REPAIRS

REPLACE ROOFS

Middle School – Remove failing roofs and replace with built-up roof system

High School – Remove failing roofs and replace with appropriate roof system.

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING SYSTEMS

All schools require repair or complete replacement of old, non-working equipment.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

At all schools: create controlled entry areas; create line of sight for front office staff, add security system controls at prime entries, add camera systems, and emergency communications systems.

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM SPACE

The Elementary School would receive two new classrooms to accommodate a surge in enrollment and keep class size at an optimal level.

The Middle School would receive classroom space for electives such as art and robotics.

The High School would receive state of the art Science classrooms and an expanded art classroom.

ATHLETIC COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

Renovate the track to comply with current metric standards.

Add drainage to fields where needed.

DISTRICT STORAGE FACILITY

Build a district storage facility replacing the two cargo containers and high school shop storage areas. This would provide a climate controlled place to store items and maintain quality of items.

Why

The middle school built in 1938, and the elementary school built in 1952, are more than six decades old; the improvements resulting from this bond measure would extend the life of the buildings, thus making them more energy efficient and saving taxpayer money. When our schools were built, school safety and security was not as crucial as it is today. Our school entrances have blind areas and each campus is easily accessible by the public.

What would the bond cost?

This bond measure would cost the property taxpayer an estimated \$1.59 per \$1,000 assessed property value. For a home within the Harrisburg School District area with an assessed value of \$200,000 the annual property tax is estimated to increase by \$99 annually over the amount paid on the current bond which is set to expire June 2019.

(Submitted by Harrisburg School District)

No Arguments For or Against
This Measure Were Filed

BENTON COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROPSITES

BENTON COUNTY ELECTIONS & PASSPORTS OFFICE

Basement of County Courthouse
120 NW 4th St Rm 13, Corvallis OR 97330
541-766-6756
Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Election Day 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

24-HOUR OUTSIDE DROP BOXES

BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Courthouse lawn on Fourth Street
120 NW 4th St, Corvallis OR 97330

BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Accessible entrance on Fifth Street
120 NW 4th St, Corvallis OR 97330

BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Across the street on Fifth Street
180 NW 5th St, Corvallis OR 97330

WELLS FARGO BANK

Timberhill Shopping Center
2543 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis OR 97330

BENTON COUNTY SUNSET BUILDING

Drop box in parking lot
4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97333

LINCOLN HEALTH CENTER

Drop box in parking lot
121 SE Viewmont Ave, Corvallis OR 97333

NORTH ALBANY SHOPPING CENTER

Drop box in front of former Ray's location
621 Hickory Ave NW, Albany OR 97321

MONROE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Drop box in parking lot
380 N 5th St, Monroe OR 97456

PHILOMATH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Drop box near main entrance
1050 Applegate St, Philomath OR 97370

INSIDE BALLOT DROP BOXES

CORVALLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis OR 97330
541-766-6793
Mon thru Thu 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Fri thru Sat 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sun 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

OSU VALLEY LIBRARY

121 The Valley Library, Corvallis OR 97331
541-737-3331
Mon thru Thu 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight
Fri 7:00 am to 10:00 pm
Sat 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Sun 1:00 pm to 12:00 midnight

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER OF CORVALLIS

2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis OR 97330
541-766-6959
Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Election Day 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

LBCC BENTON CENTER

757 NW Polk Ave, Corvallis OR 97330
541-757-8944
Mon thru Thu 8:00 am to 10:00 pm
Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

CITY LIMITS MARKET

5800 NW Hwy 99W, Corvallis OR 97330
541-745-7194
Mon thru Thu 6:30 am to 8:00 pm
Fri 6:30 am to 8:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am to 8:30 pm
Sun 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

JOHN BOY'S ALSEA MERCANTILE STORE

186 E Main St, Alsea OR 97324
541-487-4462
Mon thru Sat 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sun 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

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