

## ELECTION NEWS

# Ward 4 has three candidates

The incumbent, Laurie Swanson Gribkov, is not running for re-election

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Laurie Swanson Gribkov is leaving her Eugene City Council volunteer position after serving Ward 4 for four years.

And after meeting all three candidates who are running for the position in the May primary, she said she had no worries about the job they would do.

However, she did warn them that the job is harder than it looks. "I told them that the issues at the city level are more complicated than how they are reflected by the media," Swanson Gribkov said.

But she did tell them that the experience is worth it.

Ward 4 includes most of east Eugene. The three candidates running for the council position are Mary Ann Holser, David Kelly and Mike Lewis.

Holser said she would like to see the council take a more pro-active approach to issues, for instance, innovative ideas in drug and crime prevention.

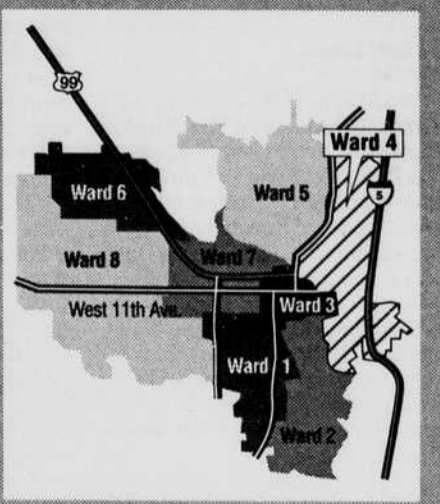
While drawing on her experience with a drunken driver diversion program, she said she would like to see a comparable drug program that, instead of sending people to jail, would provide an alternative treatment backed up by a jail sentence.

Holser has a doctorate in community health education from the University and two master's degrees. One of her degrees is in public administration from Harvard and the other is in social work from Ohio State University.

### Eugene City Council wards

The location of Eugene city wards and a list of their current representatives:

- WARD 1: Tim Laue
- WARD 2: Betty Taylor
- WARD 3: Bobby Lee
- WARD 4: Laurie Swanson Gribkov
- WARD 5: Ken Tollenaar
- WARD 6: Pat Farr
- WARD 7: Scott Meisner
- WARD 8: Nancy Nathanson



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She said at the age of 69, if she is elected to the council, she could offer "a little older, wiser and broader view" of the community.

David Kelly, 43, is a computer consultant and has worked for a number of community organizations in the last several years. Some of his positions include secretary-treasurer of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens and board secretary and cultural arts chair of the Temple Beth Israel.

Kelly said he wishes to address issues such as growth management, the lack of recreational parks and services and the council's ability to listen to public comments.

"I'm interested in the council job because I want to do a great deal about protecting and enhancing the distinctive community that we have," he said. "I can take my background and apply it on the city level."

The third candidate, Mike Lewis, is an attorney and has been practicing law in Eugene for the last 13 years. He hopes, if elected to council, to rework the duties the council takes on to become a more efficient policy-making body.

"The City Council wants to go beyond what it is supposed to do," he said. "City Council meetings have to be streamlined. Too much of the time is taken up with actions and public comments. I encourage people to make comments, but in a group sense, by having the opportunity to make planned presentations to the council."

He also wanted to see important community services reinstated after being cut by Measures 47 and 50. Some of his other concerns include the city's lack of parks and playing fields. He also said he would like to enlarge the current library or to encourage satellite library branches.

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