

Viewpoints

Editorial: Support passage of the police levy

In order to move forward as a growing community and protect our property, families and way of life here in Port Orford, I would like to add my voice and vote to the groundswell of support for the upcoming vote on the police levy.

I, like many of you, was shocked when the last levy failed - but accepted the will and voice of the people.

However, with the new, reduced police levy

which has been put on the May ballot, combined with the new streamlining of our police department and the new responsiveness of the department to the wishes of our city government, I firmly believe that the time has come to step forward, once again, and pass the police levy.

There are nights when you, or your loved ones need the help and support of our policemen.

They are hard-working, trustworthy, willing to

put their lives on the line and most importantly - they are your friends, fathers, brothers, husbands and neighbors.

They are ours - and they take care of us.

And not just in big ways, they take care of us in many small ways, also. This includes helping children, safeguarding seniors and watching over us to make sure that we are protected.

So I urge you, don't take a step back - take

heart and help us all to move forward by voting yes on the police levy.

Do it for our community.

Do it for your loved ones and family.

Do it with a vision of a safe and secure future.

But most of all, do it because it is the right thing to do.

They support us. Let's support them, too.

— Matt Hall, Editor

Candidate's forum

David Rickel: Incumbent write-in candidate for Port Commissioner

I recently was out of state for about a month due to a death in the family.

After getting back into town onthe 23rd of March, I learned that the deadline had passed to fild for re-election to the Port Commission.

I was very disappointed to learn that my name would not be on the ballot int he next election as I want to continue to serve the Port Of Port Orford District as a commissioner.

So this year I will be running as a write-in for the Port Commission.

Please, when you ballot comes out in May, write-in David Rickel for position #2.

Thank you.

— Dave Rickel

Dave Bassett: Candidate for Rural Fire Director, position #2

Dave Bassett seeks your vote for position #2 on the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board for the following reasons:

1. Qualified: Registered Professional Engineer, Certified Building Official and many state and national certifications in Building, Mechanical and Fire/Life Safety codes. Many years working with fellow Building Officials and Fire Marshals.
2. Experienced: 35+ years of public service for City of Medford, Josephine County and State of Oregon as Building Safety Director, Plans Examiner, Structural, Mechanical and Life Safety Inspector as well as special projects coordinator and prior deputy administrator for the State Building Codes Division.
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of Structural Codes Advisory Board,. and member of Plumbing Codes Advisory Board, President and chairman of the board of the International Conference of Building Officials, predecessor to ICC (International Code Council) producer of full family of construction and Fire Codes.

4. Practical: Knowing how to do something has always been important to Dave, who has personally built several homes and commercial buildings. He also is a commercial pilot, a scuba diver and operates many types of heavy equipment, including his four private fire trucks on forest and ranch property in Josephine County.
5. Interested: Now semi-retired in Port Orford, Dave would like to serve the community in an appropriate way and did him homework by talking to may people, including John Johnston, who verified he would not seek re-election and to Edna Auld who suggested he not run against the incumbent in position #3.
6. Problem Solver in a Positive Way: Analytical and creative by nature and training, Dave brings a proven track record to all his projects and obligations by finding answers that are effective, frugal, innovative, positive and constructive. When the "cross-beach" breaching of Garrison Lake bothered him, Dave became the permittee for the "long route" to control the flooding caused by Garrison Lake and stayed involved with the project, including helping State Parks finalize the current constructed design.
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Dennis Woodward: Candidate for Rural Fire Director, position #4

My ame is Dennis Woodward, I am running for position #4 on

— Ed Tennant

the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board.

I am currently a member of the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Dept. In 1996 I purchased and began work on my home here. Since retiring from truck driving and farming in 2003, I've called this community home. I have experience working with multiple agencies during catastrophic wildfires, including federal, state, county as well as private contract fire suppression.

I ahve worked with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and worked in my neighborhood last fall to help organize a CERT program with Curry Conty Disaster Services. I have had extensive training and experiencew working with budget means. I strongly believe in community service and would be honored to serve ont he Port Orford Rural Protection Dist. Board, position #4 to help insure that our fire and emergency response will be the best it can be!

sincerely
— Dennis "Woody" Woodward

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Letters to the editor

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All letters must have a name, address and phone number for contact questions. Please keep your comments and arguments empirical - and please show respect for the opinions of others in this, your open forum. Thank you.

— Matt Hall, Editor, Port Orford News

'Problems that need to be acknowledged ...'

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that our volunteer Fire Board and our volunteer firefighters of the Port Orford Rural Fire District devote to the safety of our community - sometimes at great personal risk - and we have the utmost respect for them. The comments that follow are not intended to detract from this respect and appreciation, but to call attention to problems that need to be acknowledged and can be addressed by the choice of candidates for the three open positions in the upcoming May election.

These problems were highlighted in the past year when a house in the fire district burned to the ground. It was alleged that firefighters at the scene were heard on the scanner saying they had no water. It was alleged that neighbors noted that it seemed there was not adequate water, that nearby equipment evidently was not ready for deployment, and that few firefighters responded initially. It was alleged that the first significant water on the scene was from the Sixes Rural Fire District. Many neighbors—people who elected the fire board members and

Questions about a candidate

I read in the papers that an individual, who has his signs around town, is running for the fireboard again. If you read the part of a letter, running for director, that states, and I quote "I have years of experience on other boards, I am respectful to all, and I am a good listener" end of quote, then I would like you to refer to an article that was published in both of Port Orford papers dated may 17 2000, PON and June 1 2000, Port Orford Today.

It is about the meeting conducted May 9th 2000, of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting. It tells of the unprofessional manner that the then secretary, the one running now, conducted himself.

What it basically says is that the above referenced individual was not willing to conduct meetings as set forth in the Attorney General's Public Records and Meeting Manual, dated December 1, 1999 edition. It tells of receiving a letter from the Curry County District Attorney demanding that he comply.

I could go on about this again, but if you have any doubt ask to listen to the tape of the meeting, where three

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8. No conflict of Interest: Dave Bassett has no conflicts of interest if elected to the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board, position #2.

Please vote for DAVE BASSETT for position #2 for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board.

Thank you! Cell phone: (541) 660-3131