

# Debate: Last debate will be on Oct. 19

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For voters appalled by Trump's words, the businessman likely did little to ease their concerns. He denied he had kissed and groped women without their consent, dismissing his comments as "locker room" talk.

Clinton on Monday tweeted: "If Trump stands by what he said about women as 'locker room talk,' he's clearly not sorry."

But Trump's intensely loyal supporters were likely to be energized by his vigorous criticism of Clinton. He labeled her "the devil" and promised she would "be in jail" if he were president because of her email practices at the State Department — a threat that drew widespread criticism.

"That was a quip," Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager, said Monday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." She also wouldn't confirm Trump's plans, announced at the debate, to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Clinton if he is victorious. Trump was "channeling the frustration" of voters, she said.

Don Haskell, a former Clatsop County commissioner and attorney who lives in Astoria, said in an email that Trump "hit it out of the park last night. Trump's the modern-day presidential comeback kid. Trump won the debate by a mile."

"After a weekend of horrendous media hype of Trump's terribly lewd video remarks 11 years ago about women and sex, Trump managed to take control of the debate. Trump got across that Hillary Clinton's simply a lying, good-talking-do-nothing professional politician of the elite Washington, D.C., establishment."

Laurie Caplan, a local Democrat, community volunteer and activist, thinks "it's been a really sad campaign for this country, in terms of lowering expectations of what we want in a president."

Caplan said the biggest issue for her has become fitness for office. While Clinton looked poised, professional, knowledgeable and unflappable, she said, "I can't even imagine letting Mr. Trump into my house, much less the White House."

## Stunning stretch

The debate was the culmination of a stunning stretch in the race for the White House, which began with the surprise release of the video in which Trump is heard describing attempts to have sex with a married woman. The businessman said he wasn't proud of his comments and insisted he had "great respect for women."

The tension between Trump and Clinton was palpable from the start of their 90-minute debate, the second time they have faced off in the presidential campaign. They did not shake hands as they met at center stage.

In a brazen pre-debate move, Trump met with three women who accused the former president of sexual harassment and even rape, then invited them to sit in the debate hall, not far from Bill Clinton and his family. The former president never faced any criminal charges over the allegations, and a lawsuit over an alleged rape was dismissed. He settled a lawsuit with one of the women who claimed harassment.

Trump struggled at times to articulate detailed policy proposals, repeatedly dancing around questions about how he would fulfill his vow to replace President Barack Obama's health care law.

Breaking with his running mate, Trump made clear he did not agree with Pence on how to deal with war-torn Syria. Last week, Pence said the U.S. military should be ready to strike Syrian military targets are President Bashar Assad's command. The threat was a departure from Trump's focus on hitting Islamic State targets.

Said Trump, "He and I haven't spoken and I disagree."

## Struggles

Trump's campaign was already struggling before the new video was released, due in part to his uneven performance in the first presidential debate. Many Republicans saw Sunday's showdown as his last best chance to salvage his campaign.

The Trump video overshadowed potentially damaging revelations about Clinton's paid speeches to Wall Street firms. Emails released by WikiLeaks last week showed Clinton told a group that it's acceptable for a president to project differing positions in public and private.

Asked if that's "two-faced," Clinton pointed to Abraham Lincoln's effort to get the 13th Amendment passed, allowing emancipation of slaves, by lawmakers who did not support African-American equality.

"I was making the point it is hard sometimes to get the Congress to do what you want them to do. That was a great display of presidential leadership."

Rolling his eyes, Trump said, "Now she's blaming the late, great Abraham Lincoln." WikiLeaks published another 2,000 emails Monday that it said belonged to Clinton campaign chief John Podesta.

In the debate's final moments, the candidates briefly put aside their animosity when asked by a voter if they respected anything about each other.

Clinton said she respected Trump's children, calling them "incredibly able and devoted."

Trump, as if pulling a line directly from the Clinton campaign, called his Democratic opponent a "fighter."

"She doesn't quit, she doesn't give up," he said. "I respect that."



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ABOVE: Spencer Watson, from Bellevue, Washington, flies inside at the Seaside Convention Center during the American Kitefliers Association's 39th annual convention. BELOW: Attendees at the American Kitefliers Association's 39th-annual convention brought kites of all types, from painted to appliquéed.

# Kites: 'You take what you can get'

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The association has visited Seaside six times over the past 39 years.

Loik Lamalle traveled from southern France to Enid, Oklahoma, for last year's convention. Lamalle said he travels the world to kiting events to meet old and new friends with a similar hobby.

The winds had deflated kites by Saturday afternoon, canceling many of the outdoor events. By Sunday's drizzly afternoon, winds were blowing above 20 mph, again canceling events.

"You take what you get," said Marti Dermer, on the beach Sunday near the Turnaround, launching a large yellow sled kite decorated with the name of her restaurant in Stillwater, Oklahoma,

Hideaway Pizza.

Helping her was her son, Craig, and his family, who traveled from Portland. Dermer has been representing the association and attending events for more than 30 years, many of them with her late husband, Richard, a past president.

"We both used to sail ... so we were used to playing with the wind," she said of their introduction to kiting. "You're still using the wind for entertainment."

Incoming president Nic O'Neal said convention regulars are like a family.

O'Neal said the Pacific Northwest has one of the biggest indoor kite communities in the U.S. The Windless Kite Festival comes to Long Beach, Washington, in January. The convention next travels to Ocean Shores, Maryland.



# Gearhart: Foes plan challenges

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"We've engaged attorneys on both the Land Use Board of Appeals and the initiative," Townsend said. "We are seriously pursuing one if not both options. If we win at LUBA, we don't need to do the initiative."

A notice of intent to appeal must be filed by Oct. 27, which is 21 days after the ordinance went into effect, according to City Administrator Chad Sweet.

## FAQs

In a list of frequently asked questions delivered to property owners this week, the city laid out rules for homeowners with short-term rentals, including limits to street parking, septic capacity, weekly side-yard garbage pickup, landscaping and property manager contact information. Inspections will be conducted by the city's building official.

Applicants must provide proof that city lodging taxes were paid. While property owners can apply for a variance from a requirement by applying to the Planning Commission, all conditions must be met within 180 days from Dec. 16, the last

day of the 60-day short-term property owner application period.

Should opponents take action, supporters will look to the city to respond with a counter initiative.

If the city doesn't challenge the initiative, the Friends of Gearhart, a group of concerned residents who want to maintain and preserve the city's residential nature and quality of life, will take a stance, the group's Wilson Mark said. "We are very sure the city will challenge the initiative," he said. "That being the case, we will support what the city does."

## Residents only

Should there be a ballot initiative, voters must be registered in Gearhart, a matter of concern to the Friends of Gearhart, which sent a letter to the Secretary of State's Office with their concerns. They said they had determined 10 registered Gearhart voters are not full-time residents in Gearhart. "Most of these individuals have used their Gearhart properties as short-term rentals for many years, and have actively advertised these properties as vacation rentals," they said.

Because of their concerns, Sweet shared state voting residency requirements on the

city's blog.

Gearhart's mayoral election features Matt Brown, who endorses the new short-term rental rules, and Bob Shortman, who does not.

At a Monday candidate forum in Seaside, Shortman called the process "alienating."

Two other councilors, Sue Lorain and Dan Jesse, are running unopposed. Each voted for the regulations.

"I'm still holding out hope that after the elections, we can sit down and do something reasonable," Townsend said. "Whoever the mayor, I'm not sure there's enough votes on the council for moderation."

# DUIIs: 'There is a clear trend'

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In Clatsop County, roughly 40 percent of drunken-driving cases each year involve people who live outside the county. The Daily Astorian reported earlier this month.

Marquis acknowledges the vast majority of visitors do not abuse the law, but when the volume of people in each city expands, crimes such as drunken driving increase as well. For example, Cannon Beach's population swells from about 1,700 to about 30,000 during busy summer days.

"You can see it and it's completely consistent with the data," Marquis said.

Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston said the extra number of people in town puts a strain on police services. It is not just tourism, Johnston said, but also people who commute to work

## OREGON DUIIS

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission compiled data for District Attorney Josh Marquis on the drunk-driving charge rate per 1,000 population over five years.

- Sherman County — 58.7 percent
- Hood River County — 42.3 percent
- Grant County — 35.1 percent
- Clatsop County — 32.8 percent
- Deschutes County — 32.8 percent
- Lincoln County — 31.6 percent

in the city.

The trouble is that when it comes to funding for mental health or other social services, Johnston said, the money

is often based on census population estimates, not the actual number of people in the city each day.

"The taxpayers of Astoria are funding policing for a much larger population than those that live in Astoria," Johnston said.

For counties such as Clatsop, the drunken-driving rates are also fueled by an ingrained drinking culture.

Johnston has worked in Astoria for more than two decades, so he can recall what it was like before the tourism boom. The chief said he can remember when it was common to have a drunken-driving arrest every night. On weekends, he remembers police making multiple arrests. Since the early 1990s, Johnston said, he has seen education and local attitudes change.

"We have made huge strides," Johnston said.

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