

# Warrenton: Candidates are longtime residents of community

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Lampi, 26, serves on the Planning Commission and is a project manager at Big River Construction in Astoria. He graduated from Warrenton High School and attended Oregon State University. His term on the Planning Commission is slated to end December 2019.

## Ackley

Ackley, a permanent Warrenton resident for 25 years, is running for Position 1 on her community involvement, including her two years on the City Commission.

She is the city liaison to the Hammond Marina, a place which is "near and dear to my heart." She and her husband have kept a boat there for 35 years for commercial and sport fishing.

Warrenton, Ackley said, needs more well-paying manufacturing jobs, such as those at the Hampton lumber mill and Lektro, which builds towbarless electric aircraft tractors.

And, she said, "we still need more housing."

Ackley said she supports Community Development Director Skip Uring's suggestions for increasing Warren-

ton's housing stock. The city may modify the development code to allow, as a conditional use, residential development in commercial areas.

In addition, Warrenton should begin thinking about how to prepare for a Cascadia Subduction Zone megquake, she said. Some residents could be out of power for six or more months.

"That's a conversation that we definitely need to add to our agenda this year," she said.

But Warrenton, she said, should be prepared for any catastrophic blow, even an act of terrorism.

"If they took out our power grids, we'd be screwed," she said. "And how are people in the community going to deal with that?"

Asked why she decided to run again, Ackley said, "I truly believe in Warrenton and the growth," she said, adding: "And I think that I made a difference."

## Lampi

Lampi, who was born and raised in Warrenton and now has a young daughter with his wife, is running for City Commission for the same reason he joined the Planning Commis-

sion: to get involved in the city he loves.

He said wants others in Warrenton to have the same opportunities he's had: To be able to leave for college, return to their hometown, start a career and raise a family.

"I have a vested interest in Warrenton," he said. "I just want to see it prosper."

However, he said he's not running on any specific issues or agenda.

On the housing shortage, he said he doesn't have the answer for it but realizes, as many people do, that it is a problem.

"I think everyone, collec-

tively, is trying to get on the same page and make building a home or a duplex or an apartment complex an economical thing, something that's not impossible," he said.

He believes his background in construction engineering management will be an asset for the City Commission, particularly on the issues of business and housing development.

"Warrenton's going to grow, whether people like it or not," he said. "But I want to see it grow in a positive direction, and I want it to be a place for others to enjoy, for a better quality of life."

# Neighbor: 'I thought I heard a person screaming for help'

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Barb, who preferred that only her first name be used for this article, was delighted. After that, every time Rone passed by, she would give him a wave. Then one day, Barb wasn't there, nor the next day, or the day after that. Rone grew a little worried and looked for an excuse to check in. He purchased a bookmark and decided to offer her a title he had about Northwest women settlers. Mostly, he said, he just wanted to see if she was OK. He drove his four-wheeler up

a small hill to Barb's place and was again surprised by her absence.

"I was going to turn around because I didn't see her sitting in her normal spot," Rone recalled. Instead, he hesitated then continued up the hill. He honked the horn of his four-wheeler impulsively.

"I thought I heard a person screaming for help," Rone recalled.

He yelled back. "Can you hear me? Are you all right?"

A strained voice answered. "Please help me. I've been stuck in this bathroom since Sunday!"

## Broken door latch

Rone told Barb who he was and she asked if he could get the door off. Something had broken and now the handle of the door just spun, uselessly. The 74-year-old woman was trapped and had been for several days. Rone asked if he should call 911, but Barb insisted she just wanted out of the bathroom to take her meds, feed her cats, and then maybe herself.

Rone quickly drove home where he grabbed a hammer and screwdriver. He rushed back and removed the hinges.

"Unfortunately, we live in

a time when people aren't real neighborly," Rone said, as he recalled the incident a few days later, "but I was raised to be neighborly."

Within minutes the door was off and Barb was beaming. She had gone into the bathroom at 6 a.m. Sunday and was freed by Rone on Tuesday around 5 p.m. She had been stuck for almost 60 hours.

"She was ecstatic," Rone said. "She was more concerned that her pets hadn't had food since Sunday."

## Scary close call

Rone was ecstatic, too.

But he was also bothered that no one had come to check on Barb before he did and at the thought of what could have happened had he decided to just turn around and not come back.

"It really shook me up, to be honest," Rone said. "She thought she was going to die."

While trapped, Barb kept thinking about her two cats and her pet cockatoo. She remained remarkably more stoic about her own fate.

"I got to where I wasn't hungry," Barb said.

Every time she would hear someone come up the drive

past her house she'd let out a holler, but "Nobody heard me." She started to doubt she'd ever make it out of the bathroom. Over those three days, "I prayed a lot," she said.

She tried breaking the door down, but didn't have the strength. She sipped water and even considered writing a note to her family — a sort of goodbye.

## Thank God for Ivan

Then, Rone showed up, driven by his worry and simple faith in neighborly kindness.

"I thank God for Ivan, I really do," Barb said.

# Grace: 'I couldn't be happier to learn about the ocean'

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know coastal residents leading ocean-related initiatives.

"I'm very interested in the people, what motivates them, why they're passionate about this or make sacrifices to do this kind of research," Grace said. "The idea of everyday heroes — they see problems with the ocean and feel compelled to do their part."

Grace was drawn to the ocean out of both curiosity

and concern about environmental issues, such as plastics, climate change, ocean acidification, species depletion and overfishing. He became interested in marine life as a scuba diver years ago.

"I remember seeing an incredible multitude of life, just amazing creatures, but I couldn't put a name to them, much less understand how they're interacting with each other," he said. "I wanted the ocean to be more than a spec-

tacle and understand how it all fits together."

Grace began tidepooling last year at Ecola State Park, Cape Falcon and Haystack Rock. In the spring, Grace began talking to the Haystack Rock Awareness Program when he started seeing the red truck.

"They were helpful in answering my questions and pointed me to resources where I could learn more," he said. "Before I knew it, I was spend-

ing so much time there I was answering questions as visitors would come up."

Since he was at the rock often enough, he decided to volunteer.

"I really appreciated what they were doing," he said. "I felt inspired to join in and try to do my part in educating people."

Grace supplements what he learns from the program with science articles and academic journals. Though all visitors

challenge him to learn more with their questions, Grace's favorite part is working with kids.

"They are just absolutely thrilled to be there, especially the younger kids who still have that unbridled enthusiasm," Grace said. "It helped me tap back into my childlike curiosity, which I think we could all do well to revisit at times."

Grace plans to begin guiding private, customized tours

of the intertidal zone. Writing about and participating in citizen science — such as students getting involved in microplastics cleanups or surveying sea stars — also interests him.

"I'm learning everything I can," Grace said. "I couldn't be happier to learn about the ocean and I'm more interested every single day. I jump out of bed excited to get down there and see what's happening at the ocean's edge."

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