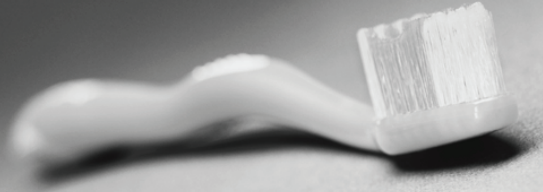


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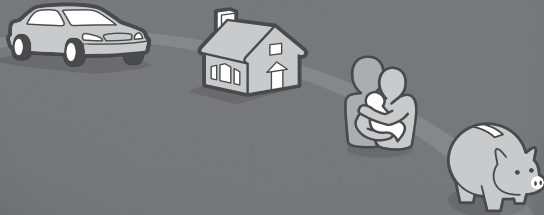
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**COUNCIL**

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likewise intends to campaign this fall and has already secured donations to do so. He said he recently spent a day touring Cottage Grove's water treatment plant and plans to be a guest on a police ride-along soon.

"As someone with the time, I'm putting full-time effort into it," he said. "I'm enjoying it a lot, and I care about this town and want to give back."

Meanwhile, Gowing, who has served on the Council for seven years, said that he's planning a run for mayor that should include at least two other established candidates.

"That's the plan right now," Gowing recently said. "I feel the time is right for me. It's ultimately what I wanted to do when I first got involved, to someday be mayor, and I feel like I've spent my time on the Council

making sure I'm ready."

Gowing said that he considered running for the mayor's seat even before he was appointed to replace Lynn Miller in 2009, though he realizes now that the experience he's gained as a councilor should serve him well.

"Once I got involved with things I realized that if you do it that way, you may be in over your head," he said. "People think that the mayor can do magical things, but there are still lots of procedures and policy to learn."

A native of Cottage Grove, Gowing said he originally got involved with city government for a reason that holds true today.

"Change is inevitable, but a lot of us like Cottage Grove this way," he said. "It's a nice, simple town, and it's worked for

close to 150 years."

Two other familiar names and faces say they also intend to run for mayor this fall. At-large Councilor Mike Fleck said he plans to run and has explored the need to balance his work and civic lives.

"I think I have the experience and the ability," Fleck said. "My concern has mostly been about time commitments."

Ward I Councilor Jake Boone said he also plans to run for mayor.

"I'm just big-headed enough to think that I might do OK at it," he said. "I have a good grasp of the issues facing the City, and I have the ability to effectively run meetings."

Boone said that he wouldn't be surprised if the fervor of election season inspired more candidates for mayor or the Council. He and Fleck would be

campaigning for mayor without the threat of losing their council seats if their mayoral bids are unsuccessful, as their Council terms do not expire until the end of 2018. Gowing, by contrast, would find himself off the Council if he isn't elected mayor, and he said he's fine with that.

"In the event that I didn't win, I'd just as soon not be there," Gowing said.

Regardless of the outcome, each of the three prospective mayoral candidates said a three-way race would be both interesting and informative.

"If it's a three-way race, the City wins either way," Fleck said. "I'm looking forward to a positive campaign."

Candidates for local office can begin filing their intent to run for office on June 1 and must do so by Sept. 8.

**MEETING**

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prevalent downtown recently, including graffiti and vandalism, criminal mischief and noise in alleys that has been attributed to smokers outside downtown bars. He said that many such incidents seem to go unreported.

"The graffiti and criminal mischief seems to happen every night," he said. "Even if it's after the fact, it's important that it gets reported to us. If we don't know about it, we can't do more directed patrols in the area or foot patrols to try to catch people in the act."

In response to recent incidents, Shepherd said police have already begun conducting more foot patrols downtown in an effort to "know more about what's going on."

Slay said she believes that even a modest outcome from next week's meeting could prove beneficial.

"If even one person walks away feeling like they know how to be a better neighbor, it's a win," she said.

**BOND**

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voters would support. She said the District in turn attempted to keep the new bond's assessment below that figure, and the Harrison bond is estimated to start at \$1.90 per \$1000 in assessed value for its first year. (This represents the combination of the existing high-school bond, set to expire in 2025, and the prospective Harrison bond).

Thus, for the owner of a home valued at \$170,000, which the District used as the median value of a home in Cottage Grove, the annual cost of the Harrison bond would be \$323, or \$26.92 per month. Compared to the rate local property owners paid on the existing CGHS bond in 2015 (\$1.53 per \$1000), the new bond would add a cost of \$5.24 per month or \$62.88 per year.

However, the current CGHS bond rate has fallen over its lifetime as the assessed value of property in the District has grown and more homes have been built. (The District's stats say that the assessed value of property has risen from \$812,412,894 in 2001 to over

\$1.3 billion last year).

In 2001, its first year, property owners paid \$2.16 per \$1000 of assessed value on the CGHS bond, a rate that dropped each year except 2010 and 2014. Thus, the District calculated that the Harrison bond — using the average rate of the CGHS bond over its lifetime — would cost the owner of a \$170,000 home an additional \$2.13 per month, or \$25.56 per year.

Parent said the District used a flat growth rate in the assessed value of property of 2.75 percent to calculate the ongoing cost of the Harrison bond. For the owner of a \$140,000 home, the new bond would cost \$266 per year or \$22.17 per month, which is \$3.03 per month lower than the cost of the CGHS bond in 2001 and \$4.32 higher than the CGHS bond cost last year. The owner of a home valued at \$200,000 would pay \$380 for the Harrison bond, or \$31.67 per month, a \$6.17 per month increase from the 2015 high-school bond assessment and a \$2.50 monthly increase from the average rate of the CGHS bond through its lifetime.

**HATCHERY**

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common in the hatchery, injuries also happen more often and disease can be more prevalent.

The genetic changes are substantial and rapid, the study found. It's literally a process

of evolution at work, but in this case it does not take multiple generations or long periods of time.

"We expected hatcheries to have a genetic impact," Blouin said. "However, the large amount of change we observed at the DNA level was really amazing. This was a surprising result."

With the question put to rest of whether hatchery fish are different, Blouin said, it may now be possible to determine exactly how they are different, and work to address that problem. When the genetic changes that occur in a hatchery environment are better understood, it could be possible to change the way fish are raised in order to produce

hatchery fish that are more like wild fish. This research is a first step in that direction.

This work was performed using steelhead trout from the Hood River in Oregon. It was supported by the Bonneville Power Administration and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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