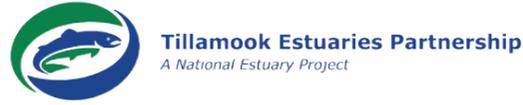


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## Garibaldi Days!

Annual event was big success

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## Council sets new water rates to attract business

A new rate structure aimed at attracting large industrial water users and keeping existing businesses in Garibaldi was approved by City Council in July.

The new rate system, according to City Manager John O'Leary, lowers payments for large commercial users during those times of the year when their usage is low.

As a result, big commercial water users will pay about the same as large users in other coastal cities whose rates O'Leary surveyed while researching the new plan.

"On the commercial side," he explained, "we've created a more balanced structure that should help us keep the commercial users we have, as well as attract new commercial users in the future."

Describing the measure's effect on residential users, O'Leary noted, "The more water you use, the more you'll pay."

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Seated from left, Betty Thomas, Mayor Suzanne McCarthy and Jerry Bartolomucci.  
Standing from left, Terry Kandle and John Foulk



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# Garibaldi Days celebration bigger than ever

Organizers of this year's Garibaldi Days event have termed it a big success.

For the first time this year, arrangements and financing for the three-day event at the end of July were handled by the city's Tourism Commission. In the past, Garibaldi Days was organized by the city's now-defunct Chamber of Commerce and later by the Lions Club.

"The Tourism Commission brought fresh blood to the event that helped reinvigorate it," Commission Chairman Kevin Greenwood said. "People from the Lions Club were still involved, but the event wasn't the burden on them that it had been when they were solely responsible for it."

According to Greenwood, nearly 60 entries took part in the July 30 parade, not quite double the number from last year.

"We had more vendors, great music at the Old Mill and exquisite weather," he added.

Former Garibaldi Mayor Ev Brown,



who coordinated the event for the Lions Club last year, noted that there were several more volunteers involved in this year's celebration.

Greenwood praised a number of individuals for their efforts at putting the event together.

Mayor Sue McCarthy, who served as

co-chair for the weekend celebration, "really stepped up and used the heft of her title to generate enthusiasm for the event," Greenwood said.

Patty Swain of The Garibaldi Pub & Eatery "put on a great event with the people from our sister city of Sparks, Nev." he added. And, he said, Tourism Commission member Gene Tish, owner of The Garibaldi House hotel, "continues to be a whirling dervish of good ideas and leadership."

Greenwood thanked John Ramer of Backscratcherz for producing the event's four-color program; Tammy Stover, who conducted T-shirt sales, and Laurice Meyers, who coordinated the parade.

Others he thanked included Lorraine Vandecouvering, Patty Watson, Maureen Shore and Sharon Stafford.

The Garibaldi Days Committee met after Garibaldi Days to critique all aspects of the event and will meet again later this calendar year to begin plans for next year's event.

## Calendar

### Mon., Oct. 3, 2011

10 a.m. Tourism Commission meeting  
Where: Garibaldi Inn & Suites  
Regular monthly meeting of the Garibaldi Tourism Commission. For more information, contact Chairman Kevin Greenwood at 503-322-3292 or kevin@portofgaribaldi.org.

Where: Garibaldi Museum, 112 Garibaldi Ave. Free admission for all those in costume. Treats available. For more information, contact Dan Haage at 503-322-3327 or info@garibaldimuseum.com

### Sun., Nov. 6, 2011

Daylight Saving Time ends

### Wed., Oct 5., 2011

6 p.m. Event: Tsunamis and the Oregon Coast  
Where: Garibaldi Museum, 112 Garibaldi Ave. James Roddey of Oregon Dept. of Geology gives a presentation on tsunamis and the Oregon Coast. Admission: Free. Light refreshments served. For more information, contact Dan Haage at 503-322-3327 or info@garibaldimuseum.com

### Mon., Nov. 7, 2011

10 a.m. Tourism Commission meeting  
Where: Garibaldi Inn & Suites  
Regular monthly meeting of the Garibaldi Tourism Commission. For more information, contact Chairman Kevin Greenwood at 503-322-3292 or kevin@portofgaribaldi.org.

### Tue., Nov. 8, 2011

Election Day

### Mon., Oct. 10, 2011

10 a.m. Garibaldi Days Committee meeting  
Where: Garibaldi City Council Chambers  
Organizing meeting for the 2012 Garibaldi Days event. For more information, contact City Hall at 503-322-3327.

### Wed., Nov. 9, 2011

7 p.m. Port of Garibaldi meeting

1 p.m. Tsunami Warning Test

### Fri., Nov. 11, 2011

Veterans Day

### Wed., Oct. 12, 2011

7 p.m. Port of Garibaldi meeting

### Mon., Nov. 14, 2011

1 p.m. Tsunami Warning Test

### Mon., Oct. 17, 2011

7 p.m. Regular City Council meeting  
Where: Council Chambers

### Mon., Nov. 21, 2011

6:30 p.m. Regular GURA Business Meeting  
Where: City Hall

### Mon., Oct. 24, 2011

7 p.m. Planning Commission meeting  
Where: Council Chambers

7 p.m. Regular City Council meeting  
Where: Council Chambers

### Fri., Nov. 25-26, 2011

10 a.m. Event: Holiday Open House, Raffle & Christmas Gift Shop Sale  
Where: Garibaldi Museum, 112 Garibaldi Ave.  
Open House at the Museum.  
Admission: Free.

### Thu., Oct. 27, 2011

6 p.m. ODFW public meeting  
Where: Community Hall, 6th & Acacia  
For more information, contact Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife at 541-867-7701

### Mon., Nov. 28, 2011

7 p.m. Planning Commission meeting  
Where: Council Chambers

### Mon., Oct. 31, 2011

10 a.m. Event: Halloween Celebration

## City budget targets tourists

### Room taxes will fund new branding campaign

Garibaldi City Council passed its 2011-2012 municipal budget June 20.

The \$3.5 million measure contained only one significant change from what had been approved by the city's Budget Committee in May.

City Manager John O'Leary said the council added another \$5,000 in transient room tax (TRT) money to the Tourism Commission's appropriation to develop a branding program and an Internet tourism website for the city. Council's action brought the commission's appropriation to a total of \$15,000.

Prior to the budget's passage, O'Leary predicted that the Tourism Commission, established by Council in 2010, would be fully funded because of steadily increasing TRT revenues.

He said Garibaldi's TRT revenues — taxes collected from guests by motel, hotel, RV parks and other tourist accommodations — have been rising steadily the past two years. O'Leary said they are expected to hit

\$80,000 this year and go as high as \$90,000 next year.

Otherwise, the budget approved by the Council contained no major changes in city financing or employee levels. All four positions in the Public Works Department were funded, but O'Leary said cuts, including staff reductions, will most likely have to be made next year.

O'Leary noted that the new budget will deplete the city's reserves "slightly."

The new budget did not restore the water system improvement fee that was dropped from last year's budget in order to ease the financial burden on residential water users during the continuing economic downturn. The charges were instituted in 2006 in order to pay for future replacement of one of the city's two aging water reservoirs.

But, he said, the city will still be able to replace some water system infrastructure "in smaller increments."

The measure also contains money to replace the city's police car and a large Public Works truck. But, O'Leary noted, that money will only be spent if absolutely necessary.

## Commission picks marketing theme

The Garibaldi Tourism Commission has settled on a theme for promoting the city as a visitor destination.

"Visit Garibaldi, Oregon's Authentic Fishing Village," is the concept around which a campaign to lure more overnight visitors to the city will be built, according to Commission Chairman Kevin Greenwood.

Greenwood said the new logo will be used primarily in marketing and advertising outside of the county.

The five-member commission, formed by city ordinance a year ago, has declared one of its top goals to be development of new events to draw more visitors to the city for overnight stays.

In line with that goal, Greenwood said the commission is working with local resident John Ramer to establish a new cycling event featuring races of 100, 50 and seven miles that would end in Garibaldi starting in the fall of 2012 and raise money for literacy projects. He described the new event as a "Tour de Literacy."



A similar event, "Reach the Beach," takes place each spring in Pacific City. It features rides from four different starting points in Oregon — Portland, Newberg, Amity and Grand Ronde — and raises funds for the American Lung Association.

Greenwood said the commission has also developed a request for proposals from vendors to prepare an Internet website for Garibaldi.

## 9 beats 7 in City-Coast Guard game

Softball is usually considered a game of skill and athleticism. But, when the Garibaldi Fire Department took on a team from the U.S. Coast Guard Station July 30 on the grade school field as part of the Garibaldi Days festivities, the gift of gab proved to be an even more valuable asset.

"We had agreed to play seven innings," said Fire Chief Jay Marugg. "But at the end

of seven, the Coast Guard was up by a run. So, we talked them into playing a full nine innings."

At the end of nine, the fire department was ahead. The final score was Fire Department 20, Coast Guard 17.

"We both had a blast and may play a game once a month until the rains come," Marugg said.

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# Bargain Hummer on duty at Fire Department

The Humvee is on duty. Sporting a new coat of paint, hardtop, decals, lights, siren, emergency radios and a water tank, the Garibaldi Fire Department's bargain brush unit and beach rescue vehicle has been in service for a couple of months now.

"It's great," said Fire Chief Jay Marugg. "We've already used it in a couple of beach rescues."

The city acquired the vehicle from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), which, in turn, had acquired it through the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program. City officials wrote a grant to obtain the vehicle from ODF. The vehicle, a 2007 model with only 573 miles on it, cost the city \$770.

According to Marugg, replacing the vehicle the city had been using with another just like it would have cost anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000.

The Humvee arrived in January, but it needed a lot of work to prepare it for service with the fire department.

Marugg praised David Norville of Bay

Welding & Fabrication on Miami Foley Road for his work on the project.

"He did three times as much work as he charged us for," Marugg said.

Norville, the chief said, fabricated cab doors and tool boxes for the Humvee and painted it red.

"Without him, it wouldn't have turned out nearly as well as it did," Marugg added.

Marugg also credited several members of the department for work they put in on the vehicle. He said firefighters Steve Schroeke, Joe Motsinger, Jules Wolk, Bob Larson and Matt Nowicki put in a lot of time sanding the vehicle in preparation for paint, as well as installing lights and radios.

Marugg said firefighters have driven the vehicle in local parades this summer, including the June Dairy Parade in Tillamook, Rockaway Beach's July 4th Parade and the Garibaldi Days Parade.

"The guys thought it would be a 'chick magnet,'" Marugg said with a laugh. "Turns out it's a dude magnet, instead. They all want to drive it."



Fire Chief Jay Marugg, left, and Asst. Chief Martin McCormick show off the Fire Department's refurbished Humvee brush fire and beach rescue vehicle.

# Former City Exec appointed to Planning Commission

Former City Administrator Joe Wrabek has been appointed to the Garibaldi Planning Commission.

The City Council named Wrabek, who served as City Administrator from June of 2000 to July of 2004, to fill the unexpired term of Planning Commission member Everett Brown at its May meeting. Brown's term runs until the end of this year.

"I have a background in planning and have been a city planner," Wrabek said, explaining why he sought the appointment. "I have the time and I wanted to make a contribution."



Joe Wrabek

Wrabek said he had served as city planner in the Oregon cities of Vale, Huntington, Union and Phoenix.

"I don't have an agenda for the Planning Commission," he added, "but I think now would be a good time to clean up paperwork and revise the city's comprehensive plan. Not much is happening in town now, but you want to be ready when something does happen."

Wrabek suggested that the city might want to consider changing its zoning in the waterfront area.

He said most property in that area is zoned Water Dependent 1, a designation that was "forced on the city decades ago" through the statewide land use planning process.

WD-1 zones are intended to provide

space for water-dependent and water-related uses in support of the marine industry. Permitted uses include low-intensity recreation, such as viewpoints or fishing areas; navigational aids; and industrial uses, such as piers, wharves, and other terminal and transfer and processing facilities for passengers or waterborne commerce including fish, shellfish, timber or timber products, metal and port activities associated with such facilities.

"The idea was to keep it like a 19th Century fishing village," he said. "Only we're not a 19th Century fishing village. I'm in favor of flexibility. Small towns need as

much of that as possible. There's none down there."

City Manager John O'Leary said the city and the state will work together to review the potential for reducing the amount of WD-1 zoned land within the city.

Brown was the city's mayor when the Garibaldi Urban Renewal Agency (GURA) was formed. When his mayoral term ended, he said, he sought a position on the Planning Commission so he could continue working with GURA as the commission representative. Since then, he has been named to an independent seat on the agency board.

# Port seeks grants to rebuild wharf

The Port of Garibaldi is seeking grant money to rehabilitate its aging wharf.

"The wharf is at the end of its economic life," said Port Manager Kevin Greenwood. "We can't market or solicit businesses to locate on a wharf that can't support the heavy weights needed for a working waterfront."

Greenwood noted that 700 feet of the wharf, which dates back to 1941, needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$3 million.

Greenwood explained that the Port's intention is not to expand the wharf's footprint.

"It would be an urban renewal project that could draw new business into the Port. We've had two prospective businesses approach us about locating on the wharf," Greenwood said, "only to have them back away when they realized that the wharf couldn't support their weight requirements."

Greenwood said there are six different potential sources of funds, among them the federal government and Connect Oregon, a state grant program that distributes funds aimed at developing marine, air, rail, transit and other multimodal projects statewide.



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# Blessing the Fleet



High winds and choppy seas marked the day as nearly 200 active duty and retired Coast Guardsmen, commercial fishermen and their families as well as local officials and residents gathered at the Port of Garibaldi May 28 for the 31st annual Blessing of the Fleet. The event is held to honor mariners who have lost their lives at sea and to pray for the safety of those who continue to make their living on the ocean. The event includes a reading of the names of those who perished at sea during the previous year and the sounding of a bell followed by a moment of silence.



## Water rates restructured; sewer rates remain the same

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O'Leary told citizens who attended a July 11 town hall meeting that the new rate structure was not designed to increase water revenue to the city. Most residential water customers – 60 percent, in fact – won't see much of an increase in their average water bills as a result of the change, he said.

"Some of that 60 percent will see a few dollars more in summer depending on whether they have gardens."

The city, O'Leary explained, would keep its monthly base rate of \$24.50, but reduce the minimum amount of water it covers from 6,000 to 4,000 gallons a month.

"Most people don't use much more than that on average," he asserted. "The costs for the 5 percent of customers who use the most water will go up an average of \$5 to \$7 a month. If you use 10,000 gallons a month, your current bill of \$34.22 a month will go up to \$41."

He predicted that 40 percent of residential water users will end up paying \$10 to \$15 a year more.

At the July 18 City Council meeting, companion measures relating to the new

### Water Rates

For a single-family residence, the base water rate is \$24.50 for 4,000 gallons, and an additional \$2.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons. Commercial water rates vary based on meter size, and are as follows:

Meter Size	Base Rate	Base Gallons	Overage Rate
3/4"	\$24.50	4,000	\$3.00
1"	\$36.75	8,000	\$3.00
1-1/2"	\$49.00	12,000	\$3.00
2"	\$73.50	16,000	\$3.00
3"	\$98.00	32,000	\$3.00
4"	\$196.00	64,000	\$2.50

### Sewer Rates

For a single family residence, the base sewer rate is \$50.00 effective July 1, 2011. Commercial users are charged \$43.75 for each residential equivalent unit (REU). REU's are determined by dividing a commercial customer's usage in the prior year by 4,000 gallons and 12 months (or 48,000). This number is rounded up, and represents the equivalent usage of a single-family residence.

rate structure also were approved. Council voted unanimously to keep the city's sewer rates the same as they are now and to permanently discontinue water system improvement fees that had been put in place in

2006. Those fees, aimed at growing the city's reserve fund to pay for future improvements, were suspended for a year in 2010 to give water users in the city a break during the bad economic time.

The vote to adopt the new rate structure came after a sparsely attended public hearing and some discussion.

Councilor Terry Kandle objected to any change in residential water rates, except for cost-of-living adjustments. He proposed instead to reduce the base rate and overage rate for the city's largest commercial users and start a marketing program focusing on the lower rates to attract new businesses to Garibaldi.

He noted that the city has received "zero revenue" for its only four-inch commercial water meter since fish processor Bay Ocean Seafood closed its facility in the Port of Garibaldi in 2009.

In addition, he suggested that the city consider lowering other commercial rates for smaller users after it realizes savings from future staff reductions in the Public Works Department and "if it's in the city's best interest to do so."

The new rate structure was approved, however, by a 4-1 vote.

Afterwards, Kandle stood by his proposal to begin a marketing program based on the lower commercial rates, saying it "stands alone." The other council members agreed.