



SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- **April 20th** - City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ City Hall
- **May 18th** - City Council/GURA Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ City Hall
- **May 25th** - Memorial Holiday - City Hall will be closed.

The City of Garibaldi is actively seeking the following positions: 2 council members, 2 planning commission members, and 3 budget committee members. Please see our website for more details!

All meeting notices and agendas will be posted on our website. A hard copy will be posted on our bulletin board in the City Hall building as well as our outdoor one. There is also one posted at the Post Office. We encourage and welcome citizens to attend.

Contact Us:

Garibaldi City Hall - Office hours are Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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City of Garibaldi turns 80!!



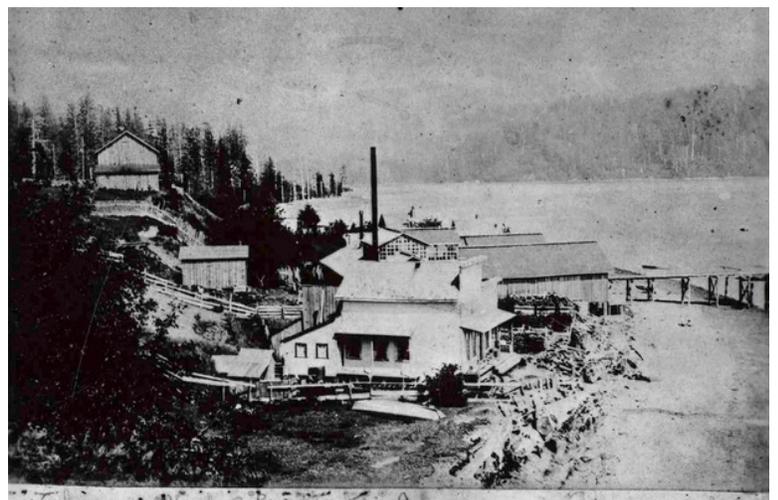
Whitney Co. Sawmill in 1926

Garibaldi, Oregon began as a timber and fishing community on Tillamook Bay, growing through logging, milling, and maritime trade, especially after bay jetties improved shipping. The city was named after Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi and incorporated in 1946.

Its population peaked in the 1950s with the opening of major lumber and plywood mills, though mill closures and events like the Tillamook Burn led to economic decline. The Whitney mill opened in 1921. Its prominent smokestack—now the only remaining structure—was built by the Hammond Company between 1927 and 1928.

Over time, Garibaldi transitioned from an industrial hub to a small fishing harbor town known for its maritime history, preserved at the Garibaldi Museum, and for scenic attractions such as the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad.

Garibaldi's first school, Hobson School, was built in 1896 and relocated in 1907 near its current site. A new high school opened in 1926, allowing local students to attend secondary school in Garibaldi rather than Bay City. In 1954, several north Tillamook County high schools were consolidated into Neah-Kah-Nie High School near Rockaway Beach, after which Garibaldi High School became a grade school.



First known picture taken of Garibaldi

City Manager's Report

I want to take a moment to speak candidly about where the City is right now and where we're headed.

Like many small cities, Garibaldi is dealing with challenges that didn't develop overnight, like aging facilities, limited staffing, and financial pressures that have accumulated over time. Addressing these issues requires more than short-term fixes. It means taking a hard look at how the City operates and making decisions that support long-term stability, even when those decisions are not the easiest or most convenient.

One recent example is the temporary closure of City Hall due to a mold issue. Out of an abundance of caution, we made the decision to close the building and shift operations while we gather more information and determine the appropriate next steps. I understand that this has been disruptive, and I appreciate the community's patience. Health and safety both for staff and the public have to come first.

At the same time, this situation highlights a broader reality: some of our facilities and systems need attention, and in some cases, significant investment. These are not issues that can be ignored or deferred indefinitely.

Behind the scenes, staff have been working to strengthen the City's foundation. That includes improving financial oversight, reviewing operations, and identifying where we need to make changes to ensure that the City can continue to provide essential services reliably. Much of this work is not immediately visible, but it is critical to putting Garibaldi on a more sustainable path.

Despite these challenges, City staff continue to deliver the services the community depends on every day. In a small organization, that takes flexibility, professionalism, and a strong commitment to public service, and I want to recognize their efforts. Please be kind to them; they're working extremely hard under difficult circumstances.

In the months ahead, you will likely see more discussion at the Council level about service levels, infrastructure needs, and the City's financial direction. These are important conversations, and I encourage residents to stay informed and involved.

My role as City Manager is to be clear-eyed about the City's condition and to make decisions that put us on solid footing for the future. That work is ongoing, and while progress may not always be fast or easy, it is necessary.

Thank you for your patience, your engagement, and your support of the City of Garibaldi

Public Works Update

The City of Garibaldi Public Works Department is continuing to move forward on several important infrastructure projects in coordination with AKS Engineering. Current work includes the South 7th Street SCA Grant project, repairs related to the Driftwood Avenue and Highway 101 manhole raise, and the beginning stages of the City's Water Master Plan. Public Works is also applying for grant funding to support the development of a Stormwater Master Plan, which will help guide future drainage improvements and strengthen long-term infrastructure planning.

Public Works would also like to remind residents not to flush wipes of any kind, even those marketed as "flushable." Unlike toilet paper, wipes do not break down properly in the sewer system and can cause blockages, damage pumps, and lead to costly maintenance. Most recently, the crew had to clean out the pumps at the Lions Lift Station because wipes had clogged the system. Disposing of wipes in the trash instead of the toilet is a simple step that helps protect Garibaldi's sewer infrastructure and keep the system running properly.



GARIBALDI FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, EMS & SUPPORT PERSONNEL
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Step up. Learn real skills. Protect Garibaldi.



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- Make a real difference locally
- Hands-on training & skills
- Teamwork, leadership, confidence
- Experience for fire/EMS careers
- Ages 16+ welcome

TRAINING INCLUDES

- Fireground safety & equipment
- Hose handling & ladder ops
- CPR & First Aid
- Communication & teamwork

COME TO DRILL NIGHT!

**107 Sixth St,
Garibaldi, OR 97118**
Thursdays | 6PM - 8PM
Firefighters • EMS • Support
(503) 322-3635

ANSWER THE CALL — YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU.

Library News

Dear community members,
I hope this message finds you well.

I'm reaching out on behalf of the City of Garibaldi to invite you to be featured in an upcoming edition of our city newsletter. It will include upcoming local events and news.

The newsletter will be posted on our website as well as our Facebook page. I can also print copies as needed for residents that don't have access to a computer. People will also be able to sign up to have it sent directly to their email through our website as we get closer.

I would love to include an article from you to share with our local residents!

If you're interested, please feel free to reply to this email with your article attached by Tuesday, March 24th. I will be posting it on March 31st.

Thank you!!

Garibaldi Branch Library
TEEN CHALLENGE:
BOOK TITLE HAIKU

Challenge: Create a haiku using book titles found in the library. Take a photo of your haiku and share it with the librarian for posting.

Haiku is a form of traditional Japanese poetry that is known for its brevity and focus on capturing the essence of a moment or a feeling comprising three lines with a 5-7-5 syllable structure. It captures fleeting moments, nature's beauty, or emotions with simplicity.



Example above from books in library reads:

Daughter of Daring
Living a Feminist Life
Cooking with Magic



GARIBALDI EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS (GEV)

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30pm.

(Locations will be announced prior to each meeting while the community hall remains closed.)

GEV's mission is to empower the community with training, continuing education, support, and access to resources to face any disaster or disruption. In bolstering preparation at the individual level, we hope to create a confident and resilient Garibaldi.

We're here to help

What Information do you need to be prepared? Want to learn more about emergency preparedness and Garibaldi Emergency Volunteers?

Email us with question or comments at gev97118@gmail.com.

What you can do

GEV needs volunteers. Bring your skills and knowledge to help yourself and your neighbors. What skills do you have? Everyone can contribute in their own way.

To learn more, visit the Garibaldi Emergency Volunteers Facebook page and check out our bulletin board at the Post Office for updates and information.

Be prepared, not scared.