Winter Edition

NEWSLETTER

CITY OF GARIBALDI



UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 11/28 - Christmas Tree Lighting - 6:00 pm @ the city park by OCSR
- 12/14 - Council Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 12/24 & 12/25 - City Hall closed
- 12/30 - City Hall Closed
- 1/1 - City Hall Closed
- 1/11 - Council Workshop - 4:00
- 1/12 - Planning Commission Meeting - 4:00
- 1/18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/25 - Council Meeting - 5:30
- 2/8 - Council Workshop
- 2/9 - Planning Commission Meeting - 4:00
- 2/15 - City Hall Closed
- 2/22 - Council Meeting - 5:30

CITY HOLIDAY EVENTS















A Message from the City Manager

The City of Garibaldi is pleased to announce that our downstairs City Hall office will officially reopen on December 1, 2026! We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors back to our downstairs office and continuing to provide friendly, convenient service to our community. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the closure and are excited to reopen this space to the public.

The City has been working on several important projects and priorities, including the City Manager recruitment process, financial accountability, essential City services, and improving internal operations. Our goal remains to provide responsible, reliable services while making thoughtful decisions that support the long-term needs of Garibaldi.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the holiday season together! Please watch for information about our community Christmas decorating contest and join us on November 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Park near OCSR for our annual Christmas tree lighting. We will have hot cocoa, cookies, and a special visit from Santa! As a reminder, City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and on Monday, November 30, as staff work to move back downstairs into our updated workspace.

I encourage everyone to stay involved, attend City Council meetings, share your ideas, and continue supporting the people and businesses that make Garibaldi such a special place to call home.
On behalf of the City, I wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for allowing us to serve this community.
Warm regards,

Public Works

Help Keep Our Sewer System Flowing!

The City of Garibaldi Public Works Department reminds residents and businesses that only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down toilets.

Disposable wipes (including those labeled "flushable"), feminine hygiene products, paper towels, diapers, and other personal hygiene items should always be placed in the garbage.
Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) should never be poured down sinks or drains. These materials can solidify inside sewer pipes, causing blockages and costly backups. Instead, allow grease and oils to cool, collect them in a sealed jar or let them solidify in a tin can, and dispose of them in the garbage. Improper disposal can damage sewer equipment, cause backups into homes and businesses, and result in expensive repairs that impact everyone who uses the City's wastewater system.

Please do your part to protect our sewer system. A few simple disposal habits can help prevent costly repairs and keep our wastewater system operating safely and efficiently.

Garibaldi Fire Department
Looking Ahead to 2027

As 2026 comes to a close, we begin looking ahead to 2027 and the opportunities and challenges it will bring. One of the most important priorities for the Garibaldi Fire Department in the coming year will be the renewal of the Local Option Levy, which provides funding for essential department staffing.

The Local Option Levy was originally approved by voters in November 2022. It provides funding for two full-time positions within the Garibaldi Fire Department: the Fire Chief and the Division Chief of Training. The levy was established at a rate of $1.35 per $1,000 of assessed property value, and that rate will remain unchanged for the upcoming renewal election.To help the community better understand how these funds support the department, below is an overview of the primary responsibilities of each position.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief provides the overall leadership, administration, and supervision of the Garibaldi Fire Department. This position is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, budgeting, and coordinating department operations to protect the lives, property, and environment of our community.

Responsibilities include fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue operations, investigations, disaster response, emergency preparedness, and applicable emergency medical services. The Fire Chief also represents the City of Garibaldi in coordinating with neighboring fire departments, law enforcement, and other governmental agencies to strengthen regional emergency response and public safety.

Division Chief of Training

The Division Chief of Training is responsible for managing the training and professional development of both volunteer and career department personnel. This position plays an important role in recruiting and retaining department members while ensuring personnel are properly trained and prepared to respond to emergencies.

Responsibilities include coordinating training programs, maintaining department training records, supporting fire prevention and preparedness initiatives, assisting with quality assurance, and helping improve overall department effectiveness. This position also assists the Fire Chief with administrative responsibilities and projects, as well as identifying and pursuing grant opportunities that support the department's long-term sustainability and goals.

Understanding the Importance of These Positions

Both positions are classified as exempt positions and are not eligible for overtime compensation. This means that when the Fire Chief and Division Chief of Training respond to emergencies after regular business hours, on weekends, or during holidays, they do not receive additional compensation or accrued leave for those hours.

Their responsibilities extend well beyond a traditional work schedule. These positions provide consistent leadership, operational oversight, training, coordination, and emergency response support that are essential to maintaining an effective and prepared fire department.

More Information Coming Soon

Over the next several months, the City and Garibaldi Fire Department will share additional information regarding the Local Option Levy renewal, including its importance to department operations and the services it helps provide to our community.

We appreciate the continued support of our residents, volunteers, and community members. Maintaining a well-trained, adequately staffed, and prepared fire department is an important investment in the safety and well-being of Garibaldi.

Library News





Hello Garibaldi!
As the weather cools and the days shorten, a cozy library is a great place to be. The library offers a wide variety of resources (including streaming platforms, online news and magazines, language, educational, and how to apps), services (book a librarian and more), and programs. In addition, Garibaldi Branch
Library regularly offers:

Tuesday Tea – Enjoy a cup while you browse.
Storytimes – Every Friday at 11:00am – fun for all ages
Spice Club – Spice kits are offered quarterly. Come to our next Spice Club on Thursday, January 14, 2:00pm to pick up your spice kit and meet other spice adventurers.
Craft & Chat – Join other creatives on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm.
Book Club – A no pressure book club that meets the third Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm. Drop insare welcome!
Teen Time Your Way – We know teens often have a lot going on in their lives. Therefore, teen activities are always available! Drop in when it suits you and check it out. Create a book title haiku, try your hand at blackout poetry, or try one of the other activities available. The library is a great place to take a break, create, and explore.

It is our library's mission to empower residents and build a better community through learning, knowledge, and inspiration. We value our partnership with the City of Garibaldi in bringing library access to this community.

Garibaldi Emergency Volunteers

Sign up for Emergency Alerts by texting your zip code to 888777 then Follow the prompts.
We are always looking for new members. We really need someone familiar with the Grant writing process.

We are getting close to moving our emergency supplies into the container. Shelving will be our next purchase.

Extended power outage plan: If Garibaldi experiences an extended power outage, we intend to open the "Community Support Center" during daylight hours. It will offer charging stations, hot beverages and updated information. Sorry, no pets.

Our next meeting is on January 11th at 5:30 City Hall