

voters' pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election | **November 4, 2025**



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Official Ballot Drop Sites

All Ballot Drop Sites **Open** 24 hours a day – 7 days a week starting Wednesday, October 15, 2025

All Ballot Drop Sites **Close** at **8:00 pm**, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Note: The following drop boxes will be available for this election

Find a Drop Site Near You: <https://yamhillcounty.gov/407/ballot-drop-sites>

Amity

Amity City Library
307 S Trade Street

McMinnville

Chemeketa - McMinnville Campus
288 NE Norton Lane

Courthouse (Inside lobby)
535 NE 5th Street
Accessible during normal business hours

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box
(East end of Courthouse parking lot,
enter on 5th and Ford Streets)

Yamhill County Clerk's Office
(Ballot box located outside and inside lobby)
414 NE Evans Street

McMinnville Library
225 NW Adams Street

Postmarks can count!

As of January 1, 2022, an Oregon Elections Official can accept and process a ballot that arrives at their office via the USPS if the envelope was postmarked by Election Day.

- Ballot envelopes must be signed
- The envelope must have a Postmark (or USPS indicator) on or before Election Day
- The envelope must arrive by the 7th day after Election Day

Voting Information

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2025 Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be received at the Yamhill County Clerk's Office or postmarked by October 14, 2025.

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A resident of Oregon
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day

Update your registration if:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name or signature changes
- You wish to change your party affiliation

You may **register to vote** or **update your registration** at www.oregonvotes.gov

VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need assistance with voting or casting your ballot, call the Yamhill County Elections Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) or TTY (800) 735-2900. We will provide staff to assist you in voting. You may authorize a friend, family member, or other trusted person, who is not affiliated with your employer or union, to assist you. (ORS 254.445)

REQUESTING A REPLACEMENT BALLOT

If you make a mistake on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, please contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) to request a replacement ballot.

Original ballot packets are prepared 30 days before the election. Any registration changes (address, name, party affiliation) that occur after the original ballot packet is prepared will inactivate the original ballot packet, and a new ballot packet will be issued. The new ballot packet will have the word "reissued" or "replacement" printed on the ballot return envelope between the barcodes above the address. Always vote the most recent ballot packet you receive. All inactivated ballot packets will be rejected.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your ballot packet to ensure it contains the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Postage-paid, purple-trimmed envelope to be signed and returned with your voted ballot

Don't forget to sign the ballot return envelope!

Prepare to return your voted ballot:

- Insert your ballot in the postage-paid ballot return envelope that includes the secrecy weave. Election staff will ensure the secrecy of your ballot.
- Remember to **sign** your ballot return envelope. Read the voter's statement on the return envelope and sign in the signature box. Your ballot will not be counted if the ballot return envelope is not signed. Every signature is verified against the voter's signature on file, and the signature must match for the ballot to be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.
- Return your voted ballot by mail (no stamp required) or to any Official Ballot Drop Site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Ballots that are mailed and postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day must be received by the Clerk's Office within seven days.

Track your ballot:

- To track the status of your ballot you can sign up for ballottrax at: <https://yamhillcounty.ballottrax.net/voter/> or you can access this information through My Vote at: <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/pages/myvote.aspx?lang=en>

Only registered voters within the city limits of McMinnville are eligible to vote on this measure.

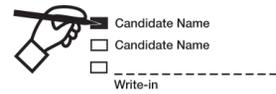
How To Cast Your Vote

Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice with a pen (blue or black ink). Do not use a felt tip pen.

To vote for a person not on the ballot, fill in the box next to the “write-in” line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided.

You do not have to vote on all contests. Contests you do vote on will still count.



Check for errors

If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.

If you would like to change your choice on a contest, draw a solid line through your original choice, then make your next selection.

If you think you made a mistake, call the Yamhill County Elections Office.



Sign your ballot return envelope

You must sign your ballot return envelope or your vote **will not count**.

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.

Insert your ballot into the ballot return envelope (not another person’s ballot). If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all ballots enclosed will be rejected.



Return your ballot

- By mail in the prepaid postage ballot return envelope (no stamp required)
- Postmarks can count! Ballots mailed on or before Election Day must have a postmark (or USPS indicator) and must arrive by the 7th day after Election Day to be processed.
- To any Official Ballot Drop Site
- To the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 414 NE Evans St., McMinnville, OR 97128

Track your ballot with ballottrax^{***}

Sign up today to receive Ballot Status Alerts!

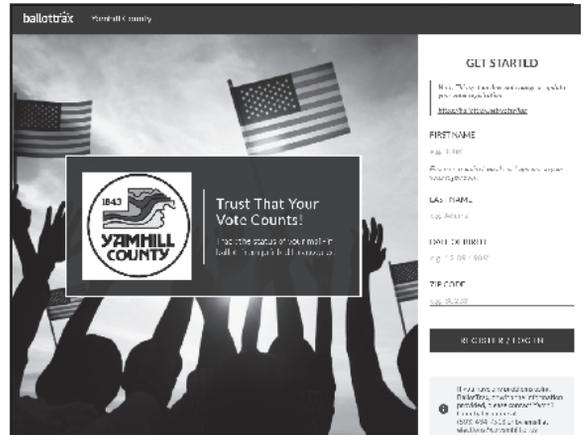
Would you like to receive a text or e-mail message when your ballot has been received by our office?

The Yamhill County Clerk, in partnership with i3Logix, offers Yamhill County voters a service that provides notifications regarding their ballot status.

Participating voters will receive alerts at different points on their ballot's journey. Text, e-mail, or voice alerts will notify voters when the Yamhill County Elections Office has mailed their ballot and when a voted ballot has been received.

Alerts will indicate that your ballot has been accepted, or whether it has a non-matching signature or another defect that requires further action by you, the voter.

There is no charge to Yamhill County voters to sign up for this service. Voters will have the option of receiving text, e-mail, or voice alerts. Sign up today to begin receiving messages. *Text message charges from your phone service carrier may apply.*



To sign up for this service visit:

<https://yamhillcounty.ballottrax.net/voter/>

(link is external)

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Scan this QR code to sign up today!



Measure 36-237 City of McMinnville

Ballot Title

36-237

Bonds to build Recreation Center; update parks, senior center, library

QUESTION: Shall McMinnville build an aquatics/recreation center; enhance library, parks, senior center; issue bonds not exceeding \$98,500,000; require citizen oversight?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: McMinnville's population has more than doubled since the last major renovations to many of the community facilities. City recreation facilities and parks have aging infrastructures and deferred maintenance.

This measure authorizes \$98,500,000 principal amount of bonds for capital projects, expected to include:

- Purchasing property and building a combined swim/aquatics and recreation facility.
- Renovating senior center.
- Expanding the children's area and adding bathrooms at the library.
- Making improvements to some parks.

Since 2019 the City has worked with the community to design the projects, including reducing the price and scope of the projects from earlier proposals. If bonds are approved, the annual tax rate is estimated to increase by \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for bond payments. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates, changes in assessed value. Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 21 years of issuance.

The City would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

- Fitness studios, cardio space, and weight training equipment.

Renovated Senior Center

- A refresh of existing rooms and features.
- Redesigned entrance for people with mobility issues.
- Safety enhancements.
- A covered outdoor area for classes, gatherings and activities.

Improved Parks and Open Spaces

- Safer and newer playgrounds with play opportunities for children of all abilities.
- Park safety additions such as lighting, cameras, and visibility.
- Additional park amenities that could include pickleball courts, a turf field, expanded skate park, and a non-motorized boat launch.

Enhanced Library Facilities

- Expanded spaces for activities and learning opportunities for children and families.
- More restrooms.

How The Bond Is Projected to Change City of McMinnville Property Taxes

If this measure is approved, the annual bond tax rate is estimated to increase by \$0.95 per \$1,000 in assessed value, which results in a total estimated annual bond tax rate of \$1.79 per \$1,000 for all city general obligation bonds. The actual bond tax rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

Due to property tax limitations, the assessed value (used for determining taxes paid) is frequently lower than the market value (estimated sale value) of a property. In Yamhill County, the average ratio of assessed value to real market value for Residential properties was 50.4% in 2024-25. According to the Yamhill County assessor, the median assessed value for a detached, single-family home in McMinnville was \$229,000 in 2024-2025. If this measure is approved and based on the estimated tax rate for the bonds, the estimated additional tax paid for that home would be \$217 a year, or about \$18 a month.

(This information furnished by Jennifer Berg, Library Director/Interim Parks & Recreation Director.)

Explanatory Statement

Why The Bond is Being Proposed

McMinnville's population has more than doubled in size since any major renovations or additions to the Community Center, Aquatic Center, or Library. After an independent assessment in 2019, the city formed an advisory committee to consider how to renovate these facilities informed by an updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan that received thousands of comments from community members. After initial proposals were presented in 2024, the city has worked with the community to reduce the scope and price of the bond substantially.

What The Bond is Expected to Pay For

This measure authorizes \$98.5 million of bonds for capital projects, expected to include:

New Swimming and Recreation Facility

- Lap/Competition pool for fitness swim meets with spectator seating.
- Recreation pool, with warmer water for physical therapy, fitness classes, and swim lessons, as well as play elements for families.
- A two-court, multi-purpose gym for basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and fitness classes.
- A drop-in child care center for people using the facility.
- Modern classroom and meeting space for educational, social, and cultural opportunities such as art classes, meetings, and support groups.

Measure 36-237 Arguments

Argument in Favor

As a former Mayor of McMinnville, longtime citizen, and local business owner, I support this bond measure.

During my tenure as mayor from 1985 to 2008, I oversaw the most recent pool renovation that was completed in 1986, incorporating parts of the original 1956 facility. It opened with fanfare and has served the community well for nearly 4 decades, serving our kids, our adults, and our seniors. The time has come to invest again in this core element of our community, and this time, it's time to build new.

The community center was built in 1924 as the National Guard Armory and in 1980 renovated to serve some recreational and community gathering purposes. While decently serving a community of 15,000 residents, it does not serve a population that has doubled. In addition to inadequate parking, this old armory neighbors our county jail and mental health office, making it often an incompatible use. It's time to build new.

A combined new recreational and aquatics facility will serve McMinnville today and into the future. Yes, your property taxes will increase but you will see the tangible result of your investment. Community investments like this improve the physical, social, and mental well being of communities. Community investments like this attract new business and young families, something very important considering our aging population demographics.

Please join me this November in voting yes - yes to a new recreation center, yes to better parks, yes to more library and senior center - Yes for McMinnville!

Ed Gormley, Mayor of McMinnville 1985-2008

(This information furnished by Ed Gormley.)

Argument in Favor

The McMinnville School Board unanimously and enthusiastically endorses Measure 36-237 as a critical step towards ensuring that our children and families have what they need to succeed—both academically and socially.

As a school board, we may focus on what happens in our district buildings, but we know full well that students cannot thrive without great spaces for recreation and learning beyond school hours.

We want to ensure that McMinnville continues to be a place where families want to live because of our excellent schools and first-rate community facilities. This requires investment in our parks, library, and recreation facilities for all ages.

Please join us in supporting Measure 36-237.

McMinnville School Board Members:

Larry Vollmer, Chair

Gerardo Partida, Vice Chair

Christine Bader

Lu Ann Anderson

Jason Bizon

Abbie Warmbier

Doris Towery

(This information furnished by Larry Vollmer, McMinnville School Board.)

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Argument in Favor

It's time to build a new recreation and aquatic center in McMinnville. As long time community members and business owners, we are in full support of this effort.

Our current community and aquatic centers are no longer sufficient for a community that has more than doubled in size since their initial opening. The buildings are failing, not for lack of care, but for age and use. We are a community that has always valued our pool - a pool that enriches the lives of all ages including nearly every elementary school aged child in town and surrounding communities through our survival swim program.

Our city is full of generations of swimmers because they had access to lessons and competitive programs like the McMinnville Swim Club and our high school swim program. Today, these programs are chock-full and limited by the space of our current pool. We want the aquatic center to continue to be a pool for everyone. It cannot do so in its current state and location. It's time to build better.

It's time for the citizens of McMinnville to come together to support a new combined aquatic and recreation center, one that speaks to the very foundation of a community by offering gathering spaces for us to improve safety and our mental, emotional and physical health.

Voting YES for this will be an investment in your neighbors and the future of McMinnville.

Steve and JacE Macy

(This information furnished by Steve and JacE Macy.)

Argument in Favor

I was born, raised, and then taught and coached for 30+ years in the McMinnville school district. I grew up swimming and recreating in many of the same facilities that exist today. It should go without saying that we are long overdue for upgrades to our public facilities, inside and out. I believe in the value of investing in our future by investing in our Parks and Recreation, Senior Center, and Library facilities.

I started playing pickleball four years ago. I've watched the sport grow on a local and national level. The McMinnville Pickleball Club is 300+ members strong and growing. On any given day, you'll find the lower city park courts overflowing with a wide variety of people of all ages. Pickleball's benefits for a community are well known: the sport boosts local economies, fosters social connections, and improves physical and mental fitness. I can tell you that it has done all of those things for me. It also has a low barrier to entry. A paddle and ball is all you need!

New, improved, and pickleball dedicated courts in a location where there is one stop shopping recreation, better bathroom facilities and adequate parking will allow our club to continue to grow, host tournaments, and ultimately get more McMinnvillians recreating. This will improve the health, economic vitality, and social fabric of our community. Additionally, year round pickleball play in more gyms will give our growing senior community opportunities to continue to play safely.

The McMinnville Pickleball Club Board of Directors agrees - Vote YES for more Pickleball Courts. Vote YES for a new combined Pool and Community Center. Vote YES for an improved Library and Senior Center. Vote YES for more recreational opportunities in our community.

Cheryl Shockey, Retired McMinnville School District teacher and coach, McMinnville Pickleball Club Director

(This information furnished by Cheryl Shockey, McMinnville Pickleball Club.)

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Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 36-237

We were privileged to serve McMinnville Parks and Recreation as Directors. During that time, we saw how our community's spirit of collaboration and mutual respect consistently produced projects that enriched our lives and sustained McMinnville as a thriving city.

Today, the community-wide bond before you is a magnificent reflection of McMinnville's historical community spirit. It is the product of extensive citizen input and shared vision through McMinnville's 20-Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (2024) and the Parks, Recreation and Library Buildings Master Plan (2021). Together, these plans evaluated the Community Center, Aquatic Center, Senior Center, and Library. More than 3,000 residents participated, with guidance from a 19-member citizen advisory committee (MacPac).

After thorough review, the City Council identified urgent priorities: a new combined Community and Aquatic Center to replace outdated facilities, renovations to the Library and Senior Center, and needed upgrades to parks and greenspaces. These investments will expand our capacity to meet today's needs and those of future generations.

Success will require bold commitment, just as past generations showed foresight in building the facilities we enjoy today. With your approval, the resources and means to accommodate these critical needs will be addressed.

McMinnville's incomparable civic spirit is as strong as ever. How we manage this great opportunity before us will test our stewardship and our community fortitude in securing quality and pride in our livability for the next 50 years.

This bond is a great, citizen driven project that will serve us well into the future. Please join us in voting yes.

Jay Pearson
Retired McMinnville Parks and Rec Director
Galen McBee
Retired McMinnville Parks and Rec Director
Susan Muir
Retired McMinnville Parks and Rec Director

(This information furnished by Jay Pearson.)

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 36-237 to support the economic vitality of McMinnville

The McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce formally endorses the McMinnville Community Parks and Recreation Bond. This investment is essential for the future of our community and our economy.

When companies evaluate where to locate or expand, quality of life is always a deciding factor. Communities with strong recreational amenities and modern infrastructure consistently win new investment. By upgrading our facilities, McMinnville strengthens its position as a desirable, competitive place for businesses to grow and thrive.

Our economy also depends on attracting and retaining talent. Families and young professionals want to live where there are opportunities for wellness, recreation, and community connection. This bond invests in exactly that. It supports our existing businesses by making McMinnville a more appealing place to live and work, helping employers compete for and keep the skilled workforce they need.

Parks and recreation facilities are more than buildings—they are gathering places where neighbors connect and relationships are built. A modernized recreation center will serve as a hub for community life, strengthening pride in our city and reinforcing McMinnville's reputation as a vibrant, forward-looking community.

The bond also provides a responsible, long-term solution by consolidating two outdated facilities into one modern center. This reduces inefficiencies, lowers ongoing maintenance costs, and ensures McMinnville has the infrastructure to serve residents and businesses for decades. It is a smart investment that meets both today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

As the Chamber of Commerce, we know that thriving communities depend on forward-thinking infrastructure. This bond is not just about recreation—it's about economic vitality, workforce development, and community well-being. We encourage you to join us in voting **YES** for McMinnville's future.

John Olson
President/CEO
McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce

(This information furnished by John Olson, McMinnville Chamber of Commerce.)

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Argument in Favor

Vote YES on #36-237 to support McMinnville Public Library.

Our library is a vital cornerstone of community life and the cultural heart of McMinnville, but it hasn't had a major renovation since 1982, long before the internet, computers, and smartphones became commonplace. In that time, McMinnville has more than doubled in population, and the role of the library has grown far beyond books. Today, it is a hub for early learning, digital access, resources, and community connection.

But our current library can't keep up.

This bond would direct \$4.5 million to accomplish what's long overdue: expand the children's room and add much-needed public bathrooms.

These aren't extras. They're essentials.

The current children's space is too small, too cramped, and often too crowded for families to use comfortably. When aisles are blocked and programming is held in another part of the building, many families choose to leave. That's a loss we can't afford.

The library also lacks adequate public restrooms, despite being one of the only options downtown. Long lines put unnecessary strain on staff, families, and patrons alike.

Libraries are the foundation of a thriving, connected, and informed community. These common-sense, cost-effective solutions will serve all ages and make our public library safer, more accessible, and better equipped for the next generation.

We can't predict every need ahead. But we can act on what's right in front of us. Our library needs care and investment. This bond delivers both.

Vote YES for our children.

Vote YES for a community that invests in its future.

Vote YES for a library that truly serves today's McMinnville—not the McMinnville of 1982.

Sara Tucholsky, President, McMinnville Library Foundation
Sylla McClellan, owner, Third Street Books
Maureen Barney, Linfield University Nicholson Librarian
Jenny Gapp, MLS, High School Librarian
Heidi Sumner, Middle School Librarian
Maureen Tracy, Elementary School Librarian

(This information furnished by Sara Tucholsky, Library Foundation.)

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 36-237 to ensure our community has safe, functional, and welcoming facilities for generations to come.

The CPR PAC is a group of community members dedicated to improving McMinnville's recreational and cultural facilities. Many haven't updated in decades and no longer meet the needs of our growing community.

Since 2019, we have worked with the City and thousands of residents to identify the best approach for renewal. The McMinnville Project Advisory Committee (MacPAC)—a group of 19 community members, elected leaders, and staff—led a two-year process with 23 public meetings, site visits to other Oregon facilities, and extensive community engagement. More than 3,000 residents provided input through surveys, open houses, and public comment. In January 2020, a city study confirmed that without action, the existing Aquatic Center and Community Center would require costly emergency repairs or threaten closure.

Recognizing community concerns about affordability, our group worked over the past year to research comparable projects and right-size the proposal. The revised bond reflects both the urgent facility needs and the financial realities families face today.

This measure is the product of years of careful study, open dialogue, and shared commitment to McMinnville's future. It represents the work of neighbors, volunteers, and city leaders who came together to find a balanced, cost-effective solution.

Our group has been working on this project tirelessly because we believe that McMinnville deserves functioning facilities for years to come. We are parents, teachers, and business owners. We take our kids swimming. We play at our parks. We check out books from the library. A lot of us grew up in McMinnville. We are using the same facilities we have used for years. Let's do better. Future generations deserve better.

We invite you to review the full record of this process on our website CPRPAC.org. Please join us in supporting Measure 36-237.

Kevin Chambers
Lisa Macy-Baker
Kitri Culbertson
Meredith Maxfield
Zack Geary
Sara Tucholsky

(This information furnished by Kevin Chambers, CPR PAC.)

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Argument in Favor

As senior citizens who use the Sr. Center frequently, we are writing in support of the purposed plan for updates to the existing facility. It is well-used by many seniors, but could be open to so many more with these updates. The fitness and activity rooms are small which limits the size of classes that can be held. There are times when people have had to be turned away from classes because there was no room. That's not the friendly atmosphere you want presented to the community. Lunches sponsored by the Friends of the Sr Center have also had to turn away people because the room can only hold so many. How great it would be to be able to accommodate all who wanted to come! The covered outdoor area needs to be expanded to also increase the number of people that can attend classes and activities there – and to be comfortable during inclement weather. As many seniors have mobility issues, the bathrooms are in need of serious updates to accommodate those needing extra space and/or help.

Wouldn't it be nice if this was known as the Center of Senior Life! It has been shown that socialization is one of the most important aspects of keeping seniors healthy! With the proposed updates, more seniors would have the opportunity to meet people, enjoy socializing, try new classes, and stay healthy through exercise classes. It would be a comfortable, welcoming place to gather! **Vote YES!**

Tim and Emily Duerfeldt

(This information furnished by Emily & Tim Duerfeldt.)

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 36-237

The City of McMinnville has had a swimming pool for over 100 years!

The McMinnville Aquatic Center (MAC) has become a beloved landmark for generations of children, families, and seniors seeking fun, fitness, and friendship. I worked at the MAC for 26 years and can personally attest to its incredible impact on our community. It's a hub for affordable, inclusive recreation that has served tens of thousands over the years.

From swimming lessons to family swims, lap swimming, youth teams, and senior fitness programs—including the weight room—the MAC truly offers: *Something for Everybody*. It's also been one of McMinnville's largest youth employers—maybe even the largest.

The current MAC opened in 1986, incorporating parts of the original 1956 facility. It launched with major issues, including a poorly constructed roof and inadequate HVAC system. These were only partially addressed in the early to mid-1990s. That the MAC has remained functional and thriving is a testament to the dedication of City staff and our supportive community. But the facility is now nearing the end of its useful life. It's aging, outdated, and in need of replacement.

Over my 30-year career working in more than a dozen aquatic centers, I can say without hesitation that McMinnville stands out for its deep commitment to Parks & Recreation—especially swimming. The MAC has been more than just a pool; it's been a cornerstone of health, wellbeing, and connection for our town.

It's time to reinvest in our future and continue this legacy. Let's move forward boldly—because McMinnville deserves it.

As we like to say at the pool: **Welcome to McSwimville!**

Rob Porter
Retired Aquatic Center Manager

Murilo Martins
McMinnville Swim Club Executive Director and Director of Coaching, and MHS Swimming Co-Head Coach

Dianne Haugeberg-Shea
McMinnville Swim Club President

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Measure 36-237 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Vote YES on #36-237 to support McMinnville's health and well-being.

The heart of McMinnville is the families who have been here for generations and new folks putting down roots. The City of McMinnville works hard to provide opportunities for people to gather, but our existing spaces are in disrepair. New and updated spaces will allow for safer, more impactful gathering.

As a **counselor at McMinnville High School**, engaged citizen, and mother of two school-aged children in McMinnville, I believe this community investment is vital to the health and well-being of our people.

Our kids face rising rates of anxiety, depression, and sedentary lifestyles. In my profession, I spend countless hours connecting with local teens. The past 18 months were tragic for the youth of McMinnville. Seven teens lost their lives to accidents, medical conditions, and suicide. This loss of life devastated families and friends. To heal, we need connection to things that truly matter: each other.

Our youth need positive, healthy opportunities to gather and connect. **This bond directly supports the health and development of McMinnville's youngest.**

Parks and recreation programs provide more than play; they offer structured activities, mentorship, physical fitness, and safe places to gather and grow. Having access to new and updated programs and facilities bridges a gap the people of McMinnville have been living with for a long time. Voting in favor of this bond addresses a need for engaging, healthy, well-balanced opportunities for people of all ages to take care of their bodies, minds, and spirits.

Let's ensure McMinnville's next generation has the resources to thrive - physically, socially, and emotionally. Vote YES on the community, parks, and recreation bond.

Sara Linnertz, MA, High school counselor

Georgine Benner, High school counselor

Jedel Yunker, Middle school counselor

Matthew Hogan, Middle school counselor

Hallie Carpenter, EdS, School psychologist

Amy Halloran-Steiner, LCSW

Silas Halloran-Steiner, MSW

Sean Williams, President, McMinnville Youth Collective

Sandra Lucas, Life Counseling

Rony Lucas, Life Counseling

(This information furnished by Sara Linnertz.)

Argument in Favor

A vote in favor of the Parks & Rec Bond is a 100% the right call for McMinnville. This is a vote for a healthier and safer McMinnville. It is a vote for investing in every stage of life; for those who find their community at the senior center, for those who dive deep into health benefits provided at the aquatic center, and for the children in our community who build lifelong skills and friendships on the field with their teammates.

For too long, our essential parks and recreation facilities have been underfunded and neglected, jeopardizing the very infrastructure that supports McMinnville's well-being. Our aquatic center, community center and other community spaces are no longer safe or suitable. This is not just about a lack of funding; it's about a critical decision to invest in our community spaces. My perspective as a father tells me our kids **DESERVE** this. My perspective as a youth sports organizer tells me our community **NEEDS** this.

This Bond offers a responsible solution to an urgent problem. This plan is not about building new, unnecessary facilities; it is a commitment to upgrading and preserving the legacy we already have. It will fund essential repairs and renovations to ensure our community centers, parks, and pools are safe, accessible, and ready to serve our community for decades. Please stand with myself, and with McMinnville Soccer Club in support of this Bond. Your vote for the Bond is a powerful statement that the future of our community's mental and physical health, and the future of our community spaces are top priorities. **Together, let's make an investment that will provide the means for a healthier, safer, and more vibrant McMinnville.**

Andrew Larkin, President - McMinnville Soccer Club

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Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 36-237 for our community!

The following list of endorsements represents a broad coalition of community members, business leaders, current and former elected officials, and local citizens who are united to support the passage of Measure 36-237:

Kim Morris
Sal Peralta, McMinnville City Council President
Zack Geary, McMinnville City Councilor
Scott Cunningham, McMinnville City Councilor
Carson Benner, Owner, Cellar Ridge Construction, former McMinnville School Board member
Pat Crowley, Owner, Chapul Farms
Jen Feero, Baker Street Real Estate
Stacy Martin, Baker Street Real Estate
Erin Stephenson, Partner, Atticus Hotel
Deven Paolo, Owner, Solid Form Fabrication
Jesse Allen, Owner, Jesse Allen Construction
Troy Hyder, Owner, Lone Fir Landscaping
Mike Van Buren, Market Sales Manager, Builder's First Source
Diana Riggs, Owner, Mac Market
Todd Severson, Owner, Mac Market
Ryan McIrvine, Athletic Director
Miriam Vargas Corona, Executive Director, UNIDOS Bridging Community
Jennifer Linder, PhD, Linfield Psychology Professor, Media Researcher, and Developmental Psychologist
Patty Haddeland, ARNP-C, Retired Director of Student Health, Wellness, and Counseling, Linfield University
Debbie Harmon Ferry, Linfield University
Steve Bernhisel
George Humlie
Freddie Lamb
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Meg Ordaz
Rob Stephenson
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Dr. Scott Cochran
Jenn Green, DO
David Hayes, MD
Ryan Berger, MD
Cole Gross, MD
Steven Maxfield, MD
Kevin Wherry, MD
Bruce Williams, MD
Mona Ornelas-Staneck, MD
Stan Primozich, former Yamhill County Commissioner
Kellie Menke, former McMinnville City Councilor
Janis Braich, former McMinnville School Board member
Kevin Jeffries, former McMinnville City Councilor
Scott Hill, former Mayor of McMinnville

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Measure 36-237 Arguments

Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association of Oregon
urges Measure 36-237

VOTE NO ON MCMINNVILLE'S \$98.5 MILLION BLANK CHECK

The City of McMinnville wants nearly \$100 million for a new pool and recreation center—which are luxuries, not essential city services.

In this economy, we cannot afford luxuries.

The city bundled this with routine maintenance for the library and parks—items that should be paid for through normal yearly budgeting. **This all-or-nothing package is designed to force your hand.** Don't let them.

This massive bond proves the city failed at planning.

Officials claim population growth justifies the spending, but that growth should have created more tax revenue to properly maintain what we already have.

This bond is a bailout for years of poor money management.

This measure will slam property owners with a new tax of 95 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. For an average homeowner, that's hundreds of dollars in new taxes every year. With families struggling to pay bills, now is not the time for a \$98.5 million taxpayer-funded recreation center.

Tell the city to live within its means. **VOTE NO on Measure 36-237.**

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(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon.)

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