



# Philomath

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## Get to Know Your New City Councilors

On January 12th, three community members will be sworn in as new members of the City Council. This is your opportunity to learn a little more about each of them and how they plan to work for the community.

**Eric Niemann** decided to run for City Council because it provides an opportunity to serve the wonderful neighbors and community members that call Philomath home. He considers it an honor to be on the Council. Eric's wife, Shelley, is originally from Philomath and the majority of her family still live here. They relocated back to Philomath from Colorado in 2012 to raise their two sons.

In addition to working for IBM and volunteering on the City Council, Eric is currently the Cubmaster of Pack 161 in Philomath and has been an ongoing supporter of an organization called Homes For Our Troops that builds specialty adapter homes for disabled veterans.

Eric is eager to learn how his role as City Councilor can impact new business prospects that can help positively contribute to the community.

**Tamera Hull's** goal while serving on the City Council is to work as a team to take care of our community. She hopes to find out what the needs and concerns of the townspeople are and work closely with fellow council members to meet those needs.

Tamera's family moved to Philomath in 2010 from Arizona. They love the mountains and the ocean and feel like Philomath is the perfect fit for their family. She and her husband Sam have three children, two of which attend OSU and the U of O. Football games are interesting at the Hull's house.

Tamera was previously the Business Development Coordinator for the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and also served as communications chair for a charitable foundation which allocated funds to bring hope and healing to families in need. She's eager to have the opportunity to use her experience to give back to this beautiful community.

**Doug Edmonds** has lived in Philomath for 23 years and had considered running for City Council for several years. Doug  
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**New City Councilors (L-R) Eric Niemann, Tamera Hull and Doug Edmonds.**

### **JANUARY 2015 COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

**January 1** – City offices closed all day for New Year's Holiday

**January 2** – Tree recycling by Republic Services

**January 6** – 5:00 PM Park Advisory Board meeting at City Hall Council Chambers.

**January 8** – Last leaf pickup day and tree recycling by Republic Services

**January 12** – 7:00 PM City Council meeting at City Hall Council Chambers

**January 19** – City offices closed all day for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

**January 24** – 9:00 AM City Council Goal Setting at City Hall Council Chambers

**January 26** – 7:00 PM City Council meeting at City Hall Council Chambers (if needed)

is not a newcomer to the city government scene, though, as he's served on the Planning Commission for the past four years.

Doug and his wife Lillian have three grown, married children and two grandchildren. He started the PHS FIRST Robotics Team and mentored the team for 10 years. His day job is as the Director of Technology at Market Viewpoint in Corvallis.

One of Doug's goals while serving on the Council is to continue to keep Philomath a great city to

live in and help in keeping Philomath a business friendly city. He's also looking forward to learning more about how the city gauges how well it's doing and the budget process.

As members of the City Council, each new member will also serve on two standing committees and as liaison's to community organizations. If you see them in the community, take a moment to thank them for volunteering for your community!

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## Mayor Sloan Thanks Outgoing City Councilors



**Mayor Rocky Sloan (center) thanks outgoing City Councilors Charla Koeppé (left) and Nolan Bartlow (right).**

At the final City Council meeting of 2014, Mayor Rocky Sloan took a moment to recognize two of the three members of the Council who will not be returning in 2015.

Councilor Nolan Bartlow chose not to run for re-election in November after serving on the Council from 2013 through 2014. During his term, Councilor Bartlow served on the Budget Committee and Public Works Committee. Mayor Sloan presented Nolan with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the City.

Due to term limitations in the Philomath City Charter, Councilor Charla Koeppé was ineligible to run for re-election in November. Councilor Koeppé served on the Council from 2005 to 2014. During those 10 years, she chaired the Finance & Administration Committee and served on the Budget Committee and Ordinance Committee. Charla also served as the City's liaison to

the Philomath Frolic & Rodeo, which she and her entire family have been involved in for many years. Mayor Sloan presented Charla with a plaque including a key to the city for her decade of community service.

Outgoing City Councilor Matt Bierek was unable to attend the December City Council meeting and will be recognized at a future meeting. Councilor Bierek was also ineligible to run for re-election due to term limitations. He served on the Council from 2005 to 2014, chaired both the Public Works and Ordinance Committees, served on the Budget Committee and was the City's liaison to the Philomath Community Foundation.

Mayor Sloan thanked each of these community members who dedicated substantial personal time and skill to the betterment of Philomath. Three newly elected members of the City Council, Eric Niemann, Doug Edmonds and Tamera Hull, will be sworn into office at the January 12, 2015, meeting.

### Get That Job!

Ever wonder what the secret is to getting your foot in the door? Or how to make an online application rise above the rest? Join us for a three part employment help series led by Bobbi Becker, Employment Specialist at **Goodwill Job Connection**. Each help session is free of charge and about 45 minutes long.

**Monday, 02/02 Networking Know-How**

**Monday, 03/02 Applications, Your Ticket to an Interview**

**Monday, 04/06 Tackling Interview Nerves**

All sessions start at **2:00 pm** at the Philomath Community Library located at 1050 Applegate. Call **541-929-3016** for more information.

