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If I Were Mayor

If I were the Mayor of Tillamook I would first think about the residents of Tillamook County. I would think about jobs, safety, and of course fun to keep Tillamook busy. So, what ideas could we use to support Tillamook County with safety, jobs, and attractions that will keep the town running smoothly?

The first idea is to pick up trash that careless people put on the ground. I usually see trash and sometimes dirty socks on the floor that doesn't belong on the floor of our streets. For starters, picking up trash will make Tillamook look clean, and I think that if our town is dirty and I'm a tourist I would rather go to the next town to visit and spend my money there. Most tourists will probably take my example and move to the next town. It also is a great opportunity for people to have a job here. It might be hard to pay the people who pick up the trash because people don't really pay for someone to pick up trash that's not in their area where they live. As a Mayor I could encourage and support citizens to volunteer to clean our neighborhoods and streets if that were the issue.

For safety reasons I would put more sidewalks. Every time I walk to and from school I always get scared of getting run over, I'm also walking on people's lawns! So by putting sidewalks we could walk to where ever we're going without worrying about getting run over and not walking on peoples lawns. It is also helpful to small kids, young mothers, runners and dog walkers. The bad thing is, is that the sidewalks will cost a ton of money, and some people won't be taking their usual route to and from their house. So, sidewalks is, a safety solution and a money problem.

My next idea is, an arcade, a place where kids will love to go to when they're bored. Arcades are fun to some people and especially kids. By building an arcade in Tillamook, more tourists and residents will want to spend their money. Some tourists will come more often and spend money elsewhere in Tillamook, so

that means more cash for other businesses. The property taxes that the arcade has to pay could be used to build necessary things. For example, roads, sidewalks, jobs, and other stuff that Tillamook needs. The bad thing is that if one arcade gets more popular than other, smaller arcades could go out of business.

One other thing I would do is to put a dog park. My dogs love to run around and play, but they get bored very easily when they play in the same area over and over again. Other dogs might be the same way, and dog owners might think the same way I do. That's why a dog park is a good idea. Another reason is that most parks in Tillamook have the sign No Dogs Allowed on it, which kind of takes the fun out of everything. Also, since they're dogs they don't care about slides or merry-go-rounds, it would just be like an open field. The people walking their dogs also won't have to worry about getting run over by cars or bikes. It will also help with some expenses for Tillamook if we charge the same price for when people go to the river or campsite, or the same price as bigger dog parks in bigger cities. One disadvantage to this idea is probably the dogs business, and most of the time dog owners don't pick up their dog's accidents. To help with that situation I think we could put out trash cans and plastic dog dispensers for people to pick up their own dogs' dung. Other than that I think a dog park is a good idea for the town of Tillamook.

If I were the Mayor I would find a way to build sidewalks, pick up trash, build an arcade, and make a dog park for our community. I think that those ideas would improve Tillamook County.

If I were Mayor.....

Name: Abby Absher

I live in Tillamook County because my mom and dad lived here when I was born, but after I turned two we moved to Huston, Texas. My mom and dad divorced, and my mom took me back to Oregon where we've been stuck ever since, which is okay with me. I love Tillamook! This is where my family lives this is home, for me anyway. I come from a long line of fisherman. My grandparents, Mary and Jim Miller opened up the Miller's Restaurant Bar and Grill. This is my home. That's why I want to make my home bigger, brighter, more entertaining and exciting, and I want to open my home up to other people.

If I were mayor, I would build a musical arts theater. It would be open to everyone and anyone who have musical talents. I would do this because my mom is the director/owner of Dance Zone, I've been dancing since I was two years old, and I'm still dancing today. Also we would host dance competitions, singing competitions, band competitions, etc.... The reason why we would host competitions is because it's always good to have a little friendly competition, and because I do dance competitions. Another reason why I would do this for the benefit for Tillamook because individuals need entertainment. My dance group and I have to go out to Portland just to do a dance competition.

One idea I have is, changing in Tillamook County is the tourist attractions. I would keep the Cheese Factory one of them because it is a major part of Tillamook and the farmers. I would add a mall because when I was little I would pretend I was Sharpay Evans off of High School Musical, and go shopping with my mom in Portland. I would also put in more pools. Not the ones like the YMCA but something like a water park. Nice and big, with room for families and friends to come and enjoy.

In addition I would make sure we keep the rules we still have in Tillamook, like no drinking and driving, no under aged drinking, no driving under the age of 16, and definitely no stealing. I would want to make sure that the citizens of Tillamook County are safe, that would be my first priority. We would have safety classes for kids and young adults.

Another idea I have is I would keep Tillamook County "green". I would have a sign-up sheet for anybody who wants to help pick up trash and recycling. Then we would hold meetings for where we would pick up trash and recycling. It would be at the beach, parks, forests, and roads. After that I would start the process over again.

Consequently, we would need money to do these things. However Tillamook has an account so we can put in new businesses and make sure we have enough individuals to help support the businesses. After we convince the company that we can have them here and they can get enough business, then we will start building where the business is going to be.

If I were mayor I would make sure my community would be safe and enjoyable to the public and to the people who live here. If I were mayor I would make Tillamook County a wondrous place for everyone.

Daniel Garcia

If I Were Mayor...

If I were mayor I would fix abandon houses, build a mall, create a theater, build an arcade, and fix the roads. I feel like Tillamook needs to be a big city. My family leaves to have fun. If Tillamook had other options people would stay, tourists too. There's nothing fun to do here. But if Tillamook gets these things Tillamook will soon become a fun place to live in for teenagers.

Fixing abandon houses would improve Tillamook's looks. It would also make more people want to come and live here Tillamook. People don't want to live here because the houses are dirty and need repairs. Grass needs to be mowed, sidewalks fixed, potholes filled, and parks cleaned. It would also make a better place for someone to live in. Even though it takes money and time, selling the houses would generate the money from taxes and maybe make more money for Tillamook.

Building a mall would help the teenagers save money for college by providing jobs. It would create new jobs for managers, construction workers, and electricians. More money for Tillamook. It might also make small stores go out of business, but we could put small stores in the mall so when people are hungry they can go and buy themselves a snack. We need a mall like the one in Lincoln City. I would put the mall downtown because all the attraction is there. One difficult idea is we need to get a business license, and get help from the small business administration at the college, however, I believe that we could do it.

Creating a theater would create entertainment. But the bad thing is the owner has to pay for the restoration of the theater. But with the money they earn they can they can slowly start paying. People in Tillamook want to watch a movie. They have to drive to watch a movie in Portland, Lincoln City, or Seaside. It would create employees (more jobs). I would get money to revitalize the theater, by making a town fundraiser. We need to have meetings with cities to encourage them to help with our projects.

Making an arcade will also be great. A lot of teens will want to go to the arcade, it will generate a lot of money, and it brings more entertainment to town. It keeps people in Tillamook so they keep and spend their money in Tillamook. The bad thing about an arcade is it could make little arcades go out of business, but the good outweighs the bad.

Roads need fixing. They damage our cars a lot. For example the tires get ruined. It will lower the costs of repairing are cars. It will make our cars last longer. We need to repaint the roads because sometime we do not even know if we are in the right lane or not. One difficulty of this idea is it takes a lot of money and time, however, I believe that fixing the roads is a very important thing for Tillamook. Safety looks nice to visitors.

If I ever became mayor I would encourage Tillamook to do these things, fix abandoned houses, build a mall, create a theater, build an arcade, and fix the roads. We need these things to make Tillamook fun, safe, and nice. Parents ask themselves why are my kids in trouble?! It is because there is nothing fun to do, there is no distraction! If I were mayor I would do all these things to help the teenagers stay out of trouble, make more jobs, bring tourists, clean up our town, and live a good life.