



Manzanita Reporter

Summer 2007

PETERS NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Carl Peters is Manzanita's Citizen of the Year for 2007. The award was announced by Council President Walt Locke at the June 6th City Council meeting. Peters has been a member of the Manzanita Planning Commission and the Manzanita Budget Committee. He has served as a volunteer at the North County Food Bank and as a member of its Board. His public service also includes working on the Board of the Marie Mills Center.

He is known locally as Manzanita's unofficial ambassador of good will and someone who always has the time to help anyone who needs it. He works at a local grocery store on the weekends and does his best to make sure that everyone leaves the store with a piece of candy and a smile.

A committee made up of former Citizens of the Year selected Peters for this year's honor. He will serve as the Grand Marshall for this year's Manzanita Fourth of July Parade.

CITY KICKS CODE ENFORCEMENT UP A NOTCH

The City has hired a part-time code enforcement officer to better address violations of City rules and regulations. The code enforcement duties will be part of a new police officer position that began June 1, 2007. The officer will initially look into violations of short term rental rules, but will be available to follow up on other problems as assigned.

Better code enforcement is a concern that has been raised often with the City Council by citizens. With this new position, more attention will be paid to finding and correcting code violations. Citizens should continue to contact the Public Safety Department or the City Manager's office when they have concerns on possible code violations.

TV TRANSLATOR SERVICE TO CHANGE

Residents getting their television signal from the Neahkahnie Mountain translator should expect changes in the operation of the translator in the near future. Government funding for the maintenance of the translator has been reduced, and by FCC mandate all television broadcasting must go digital by February 17, 2009. These changes affect the economic viability of the translator and the cost to users. Community support is needed in order to keep the translator and to make the necessary conversion to digital service.

Radix TV is a commercial company that is now the local agent for the Neahkahnie Mountain translator. Please contact them at 1-866-523-1626 for more information or visit www.Radix.tv on the web.

KNOTWEED CONTROL PROGRAM UNDER WAY

The City Council has approved a program to get rid of Japanese knotweed within the urban growth area of the City. A private contractor licensed to apply herbicide has been hired to

inject an herbicide (Aquamaster) into the cane-like stems of the plants. As a service to property owners, the City intends to undertake knotweed control on private as well as public property. Consent forms have been mailed to affected property owners.

The City is not asking or requiring private property owners to do the work themselves, as there is a greater chance of the weed spreading if not controlled correctly. Cutting or weed whacking the plant is not effective, as the plant can develop an extensive root system that if not controlled will result in knotweed emerging at other locations.

Japanese knotweed is a highly invasive plant that in recent years has appeared in patches around the city. Left unchallenged, the plant could easily spread and crowd out other more desirable plants in the community. The plant is very difficult to control, and at this time, the community has a chance to take care of the problem before it becomes overwhelming.

FARMERS' MARKET ON FRIDAY EVENINGS THIS SUMMER

The Manzanita Farmers' Market will debut on Friday, June 29th. The market will feature seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, and food booths. The market will be held every Friday evening through September 21st from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the parking lot at 5th and Laneda. The Market has been organized by a local volunteer committee with the

support of the Manzanita Merchants' Association and Windermere/Manzanita.

LOOK US UP ON THE NET!

Information on City programs and services is now available on the internet at ci.manzanita.or.us. You will find useful information such as staff contacts, Ordinances and maps. Links on the City of Manzanita site will also put you in contact with other local services you might need.

SAVE MONEY AND USE WATER WISELY

As temperatures climb and water needs grow, we remind you that making a little effort and using a little common sense can make a big difference in your water bill. Some tips include watering your yard in the cooler parts of the day, not leaving a hose running while you wash your car, and checking faucets and pipes for leaks. The City makes sure that the water will be there when you need it, but please use it wisely.

HOLIDAYS

July 4, 2007 Independence Day
(Parade starts at 1:00 pm)

September 3, 2007 Labor Day
(City offices will be closed)

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? The Manzanita City Council and staff are interested in your comments on City programs and issues. Please send us a note or use this form as you wish: City of Manzanita, PO Box 129, Manzanita, OR 97130-0129; fax to 1-503-368-4145; or e-mail to manzbch@nehalem.tel.net.

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