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REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT TO BE PROPOSED

Petitions are being circulated to request that the Board of County Commissioners conduct an election to seek voter approval of forming the proposed Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District. Officials from five Nehalem Bay area jurisdictions – the Cities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler, the Neahkahnie Water District and the Nehalem Rural Fire Protection District – have been meeting to formulate the proposal to form a new regional fire protection district to serve the entire Nehalem Bay area. Formation of the new fire district would require voter approval at the November 2008 general election.

The 2006 Nehalem Bay Area Cooperative Fire Services study identified several deficiencies in the provision of fire services which will require putting additional resources towards supporting fire services. It will be more cost-effective to organize and pay for upgrading fire services on a regional basis rather than continuing to provide separate city services. Even though the Nehalem and Manzanita Fire Departments are primarily volunteer, they are bound by the same safety rules and regulations as much larger departments.

An economic feasibility plan has been prepared, which concludes that a property tax rate of \$1.15 per \$1000 of assessed value will be necessary to provide the necessary staffing, equipment replacement and station facilities. Look for more information on this Proposal in future issues of the [Manzanita Reporter](#) and on the City website.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPARATION UNDERWAY

As everyone knows, Manzanita is particularly vulnerable to storms of all kinds, not just tsunamis. City residents can be isolated during winter storms, and it can be almost impossible for second homeowners to get to their property to evaluate damage. City public safety and

public works personnel have responded well during these emergencies, but it is clear that citizens must take individual responsibility to prepare themselves.

The City Council has initiated a project that will support individual preparedness and expand those resources to Manzanita neighborhoods. Over 75 concerned citizens met recently to start the process of crafting strategies that will help neighbors work together to meet the challenges nature sends our way. Over this next year **Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Teams** (both residents and second home owners) will be organized. The goal is to transform emergencies into manageable events! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact City Hall. Updated information will be posted on the City's website.

IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR?

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Manzanita Citizen of the Year. A committee of former Citizens of the Year will meet in May to consider nominations and select the individual or couple to be honored this year. To qualify for this honor, one must be a resident of Manzanita or live within the Manzanita Urban Growth Boundary. The Citizen of the Year may be an individual or couple who performs any volunteer community service that benefits our citizens. Quality of service is more valuable in the selection process than length of time served.

Nominations must be in writing and be submitted by May 1st to the Manzanita Citizen of the Year Committee c/o City Hall, P.O. Box 129, Manzanita, OR 97130

DEDICATION OF "PATH TO THE PACIFIC" SCHEDULED

Plans are underway for the formal dedication of the beach access ramp at the end of Laneda Avenue. The dedication ceremony will be on Saturday, June 21st. Construction crews are currently putting the

final touches on the ramp, which will provide access for mobility-impaired people from the street down to the soft sand. The volunteer committee which has been overseeing the construction of the ramp invites everyone to attend the dedication ceremony.

A time capsule will be buried along the ramp, and those interested in putting a message in it may contact Carol Povey at 503-368-5297. An interpretive station on the story of the Neahkahn treasure is also in the works.

FARMERS MARKET OPENS AGAIN THIS JUNE

Get ready! The Manzanita Farmers Market is gearing up for another fun and exciting season. The market is a robust, seasonal, open-air market providing fresh local produce, live entertainment, and ready-to-eat foods. Come join the fun every Friday evening, June 20th through September 12th, 5:00pm til 8:00 pm in the Windermere Realty parking lot on Laneda Avenue at Fifth Street. If you are interested in a vendor space, business sponsorship, market volunteer or dog sitting, please contact Sherri Raschio at (503)368-6710 or Ginger Salkowski at (503)368-3044.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMING SOON

“Pride of the past – Focus on the future” is the theme of this year’s annual Fourth of July Parade sponsored by the City of Manzanita. Applications for this year’s parade will be available by the end of April. Mary Brophy is heading up the parade committee and asks that anyone with questions, suggestions and/or a willingness to volunteer to help to contact her at Manzanita Fourth of July Parade, P.O. Box 14, Manzanita, OR 97130.

MANZANITA CITY PARK – A SPECIAL PLACE

A park plan has been designed by the Manzanita City Park Ad hoc Committee and approved by the City Council. The park design tries to focus on family needs from toddlers to grandparents.

Improvements and maintenance of the park is provided by a combination of services from Manzanita Public Works, a group of volunteer workers who meet on an average of twice a month for ground maintenance, and from donations to hire professional services for mowing and related upkeep. In the past the City has been able to provide some funds, but the large part of financial support has come from the community – donations from local residents, second homeowners and weekend visitors. Improvements in the park depend heavily on these donations.

If you would care to make a dedicated park donation to the Manzanita Trust Fund, please contact City Hall (P.O. Box 129, Manzanita or call 503-368-5343). For more information about the park and the park plan, please see the Manzanita City Web Site.

HOLIDAYS:

May 26, 2008 Memorial Day
July 4, 2008 Independence Day
(Parade starts at 1:00pm)
(City offices will be closed)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT THE CITY WEBSITE AT: CI.MANZANITA.OR.US

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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.

TO: MANZANITA CITY COUNCIL Here is what I think about _____

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