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IS THAT DAMAGED TREE A “GONER”?

Many trees were blown over or damaged by the hurricane force winds that hit the north coast on December 2, 2007. Property owners have been faced with a major cleanup of their land. The Oregon Department of Forestry has prepared a number of good articles to help property owners determine whether or not a tree needs to be taken down. These articles are available on the web at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/news/NR5763.shtml>

The article suggests that before writing off a damaged tree as a “goner”, property owners should ask some of the following questions. Other than the storm damage, is the tree basically healthy? Has the leader (the main upward-trending branch on most trees) been lost? Is at least 50 percent of the tree’s crown (branches and leaves) still intact? (A good rule of thumb on tree survivability is a tree with less than half its branches remaining may not be able to produce enough foliage to nourish the tree through another season.) How big are the wounds where branches have been broken or bark has been damaged? Are there remaining branches that can form a new branch structure?

Some trees may have damage that’s too close to call, may have hidden damage or may have large limbs that are broken or hanging. To help an owner decide what to do about these trees, the article recommends hiring a tree professional. Certified arborists are listed in the phone directory or online at <http://www.pnwisa.org/arborist.html> .

City regulations require that if most or all the trees are taken off a given lot, the owner must submit a tree replacement plan to the City. The City staff recognizes that hazardous trees must be removed as soon as possible and has not required separate tree

cutting permits for hazardous trees damaged by the last storm.

LANEDA BEACH ACCESS RAMP CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Construction crews are making great progress building the beach access ramp at the end of Laneda Avenue. The ramp will provide access for mobility-impaired people from the street down to the soft sand. Wilkins Construction LLC of Astoria was awarded the bid by the City of Manzanita for the project. The ramp is expected to be completed by the end of winter.

The beach access ramp has been the goal of a volunteer committee, which has been working over ten years to make the project happen. The committee encouraged donations of over \$13,000, which will be used towards the \$92,000 project cost. In addition to funds from the City of Manzanita, the project is also funded with grants from the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the state Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Nehalem Bay Senior Affairs Forum, and Debi Coleman.

The volunteer committee is working on some smaller projects to celebrate the construction of the beach access ramp. 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 Neahkahnie treasure is also in the works.

A formal dedication of the beach access ramp is being planned for the spring.

**REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSAL
UNDER STUDY**

Officials from five Nehalem Bay area jurisdictions have been meeting to formulate a proposal to form a new regional fire protection district to serve the entire Nehalem Bay area. Representatives of the Cities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler, the Neahkahnie Water District and the Nehalem Rural Fire Protection District will take a proposal to their respective boards in January to move forward with this concept. 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. 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. It is expected that 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.

Look for more information on this proposal in future issues of the Manzanita Reporter and on the City website.

LICENSES REQUIRED FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY DOGS

Dogs belonging to Tillamook County residents are required to have an annual license, which is renewed in January. Please contact the Tillamook County Clerk's office to obtain a dog license for your pet. Owners must provide proof of rabies vaccination to obtain the license. For more information on the web, go to <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/Clerk/Misc/DogLicenses.htm>.

HOLIDAYS

January 21, 2008 M. L. King Day holiday
February 18, 2008 Presidents' Day holiday
(City offices will be closed)

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