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## **MANZANITA REPORTER**

### **“THIRD TIME’S A CHARM” FOR FARMERS’ MARKET**

The Manzanita Farmers’ Market is getting ready for its third charming season of fun and excitement. The seasonal, open-air market is a weekly social gathering event providing fresh local produce and farm products, live entertainment and ready-to-eat foods. Come join the fun every Friday evening, June 19<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 8pm in the Windermere Realty parking lot at 5<sup>th</sup> and Laneda.

If you are interested in vendor space, becoming a friend of the market, sponsoring or volunteering at the market, please contact market manager, Laura Swanson, at 503-368-3339 or 503-939-5416 (cell), or go to [www.manzanitafarmersmarket.com](http://www.manzanitafarmersmarket.com) for more information and application.

### **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 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 1<sup>st</sup> to the Manzanita Citizen of the Year Committee c/o City Hall, P.O. Box 129, Manzanita, OR 97130

### **RENTAL REGULATION UPDATE UNDER DISCUSSION**

Manzanita residents and second home owners are invited to share their opinions with the City Council regarding regulations that apply to short term rentals on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Manzanita City Hall. The Council has set a goal of fine-tuning regulations on short term rentals and

is seeking public comment before drafting its proposals. The Council emphasizes that its intention is to improve, clarify, and make enforceable existing regulations and not to change the existing formula for the allowable number of short term rentals. Once the Council has heard from rental agencies, individual rental managers and the general public, a new ordinance will be drafted and shared with the public for further comment before action is taken by the Council. Those who can’t attend the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to send their written comments to the City.

### **NEHALEM BAY FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT MOVES AHEAD**

The new regional fire district approved by voters last fall is gearing up to take charge of fire protection services on July 1, 2009. The Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District will provide fire protection services within the combined areas of five Nehalem Bay area jurisdictions – the Cities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler, the Neahkahnie Water District and the former Nehalem Rural Fire Protection District. The Board of Directors governing the new District includes John Steele, Bob Forster, Jim Goble, Jack Allen and Paul Russo.

On July 1, 2009, the current fire departments in Manzanita and Nehalem will turn over all fire trucks and equipment to the new District. Both Cities have also agreed to five-year leases at \$1.00 per year for use of the City fire stations. A small interim office for the new District has been constructed within the Manzanita fire station. The District Board has hired Roy Palmer as interim Business Manager to assist the District in setting up its organization. Palmer, a retired fire chief, will assist the Board in selecting a permanent fire chief and in beginning the process of building a new central fire station. Although it is expected that there will be a few paid staff members, Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue will be primarily a volunteer fire department as the current City departments have been. Until the new Fire District formally takes charge on July 1, 2009, the Fire Departments in the City of Manzanita and City of Nehalem will continue to provide

