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MANZANITA REPORTER

STEVE ERICKSON NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Steve Erickson has been named the 2009 Manzanita Citizen of the Year. Mayor Garry Bullard announced his selection by a committee of former Citizens of the Year at the June City Council meeting.

Mr. Erickson served on the Manzanita Planning Commission from the 1970s until the 1990s. He owns and operates the Manzanita Golf Course and for many years has contributed the use of the course for major annual fundraising events such as the Manzanita Open and the Mudd-Nick Tournament. These events have raised a considerable amount of funds to assist many worthwhile individuals and organizations in the area. He also supports the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Golf Team as the school does not sufficient resources to fund the team.

Mr. Erickson will serve as grand marshal for this year's Fourth of July parade.

NEW FIRE DISTRICT TAKES CHARGE

Starting July 1, 2009, the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District will take over fire protection services for the entire Nehalem Bay area. The new District was approved by voters last November, and has been getting ready to assume responsibility for fire services since then. Residents won't see any big changes right away as the District will continue to house its equipment in the Manzanita and Nehalem fire stations until new updated facilities can be built. The District offices are temporarily housed in the Manzanita Public Safety Station. After July

1, all fire permits for open burning will be issued by the District.

OUT-OF-CITY FIRE FEES TO END

If you live in the Manzanita fire service area, but outside the City limits, for many years you have seen a \$14 charge on your water bill each quarter for fire protection services. The City bills in arrears for fire protection for the previous three months, and the July billing is the last time you will see this charge. As of July 1, 2009, everyone in the Nehalem Bay area will be getting their fire protection from the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District. The new District will levy a property tax rate of \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to support fire protection services.

FIRE SERVICES TRANSFER CHANGES CITY BUDGET

When the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District assumes responsibility for fire protection services on July 1, 2009, some have asked where will the monies go in the City of Manzanita Budget that have supported Fire services. First of all, the three Public Safety Officers, including the Chief, have been paid up to now half out of the Fire Division and half out of Law Enforcement Division. To keep the same level of patrol, both halves of these positions will now be paid by the Law Enforcement Division. Emergency management and the tsunami sirens will still be funded by the City, and those expenses will now be reflected in the Law Enforcement Division budget. After accounting for these items, there is approximately \$48,000 left for other purposes.

The proposed 2009-10 Budget includes an additional \$22,600 for the General Fund

contingency line item, \$11,600 to the Road Fund for street projects, and \$13,800 to the City Hall Expansion Fund for future City offices. These allocations total \$48,000. Given the current uncertain economy, the Budget Committee chose to put the funds mostly into reserves and contingencies.

LOST AND FOUND

Lose an item such as a pair of sunglasses, wallet, or camera? Check at City Hall at 503-368-5343 or Public Safety at 503-368-7229 to see if someone has turned in your lost or misplaced item. People frequently turn things in to either location that they have found on the beach or along the street. City Hall is located at 543 Laneda Avenue; Public Safety is located just south of Laneda at 165 Fifth Street.

NEW AND IMPROVED CITY WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Watch for the new and improved City website in mid-July! You will find that it is easier to navigate and will keep you better up to date with City programs and activities. Check it out at ci.manzanita.or.us.

TOUR OF HOMES IN AUGUST

Mark your calendar for this year's Tour of Homes on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event is sponsored by Manza-Whee-Lem Kiwanis

and the Women's Club of Manzanita/North County and raises money for the charitable activities of the two clubs. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at the booth in the parking lot at Third Street and Laneda.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Garry R. Bullard, Mayor
Leila Salmon, City Council President
Councilors:
Linda Kozlowski, Ray Scales, and Mike Scott

HOLIDAYS

July 3, 2009 Independence Day
(Parade starts at 1:00 p.m.
on Saturday, July 4)
September 7, 2009 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@nehalemtnet.net.

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

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