



Fall 2011

MANZANITA REPORTER

YOUR KEY TO DISASTER SURVIVAL— FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

It's true! The more you know your neighbors, the more apt you are to survive in a disaster! Research data that was developed from the Japanese Tsunami on March 11th of this year has shown the more you know your neighbors the greater the chance of not only surviving, but thriving after a disaster.

Manzanita's 60 Block Captains and Co-captains of Map Your Neighborhood are busy talking with their neighbors to find just the right item or skill at hand that will save lives in an emergency.

Confidentiality is, of course, critical and participation is optional! Our own local computer gurus have created a secure online database where the lists of resources are stored and accessed only by several layered passwords. The data can only be retrieved by the Incident Commander in the event of an emergency or by the Block Captain who entered them.

This program is for full time residents but is also especially important for second homeowners. If there is a major disaster or a significant winter windstorm, your neighborhood captain is the person to contact when you have any questions about your home or property....not Public Safety professionals who will be focusing on community problems.

What is your part? Make sure your Neighborhood Captain has your information. As you will see in this "must read" article, Japan's

use of neighbors knowing neighbors saved lives. You can find the article on the National Public Radio website and then search for: [The Key To Disaster Survival? Friends And Neighbors.](#) For more information contact Paula Peek at ppeek@nehalemtnet.net

We want to be even more ready, prepared and safe when disaster strikes!

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR TAKING BACK DRUGS

After a very successful event last spring, Drug Take Back 2 will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Nehalem Bay Wastewater Agency Treatment Plant, 14000 Tideland Road in Nehalem. The event provides an opportunity to dispose of old or unwanted medicines and other drugs that otherwise might be flushed into the wastewater system or tossed into the garbage can thereby creating environmental issues.

No questions will be asked, and people may turn in whatever substances they wish to get rid of. (Please, no intravenous solutions, injectibles, syringes or medical waste.) This event is completely safe and anonymous!

Follow the signs on October 29th and safely get rid of those old and unwanted drugs in your medicine cabinet!



SHORT TERM RENTAL LICENSE REQUIRED

If you decide that you want to rent out your house in Manzanita to short term visitors, please remember that a short term rental license is required. Renting a house for periods of less than 30 days without a license can subject a property owner to some pretty serious fines. Please check the information on obtaining a short term rental license on the City website or call City Hall at 503-368-5343 for information on getting a license.

YOUR COMMENTS ARE TRULY APPRECIATED

All of the comments the City receives on the "What Do You Think" form below are copied and distributed to each City Councilor and each City department. We are not able to respond back to some of the people sending in their comments, but that doesn't mean that your comments are not read with interest. We hope that many of you will continue to send the City your thoughts on whatever is on your mind. The City Council and staff find these comments to be invaluable in determining what the community is interested in.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

HOLIDAYS

November 11, 2011
Veterans Day
November 24-25, 2011
Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23, 2011
Christmas Eve holiday observed
December 26, 2011
Christmas holiday observed
January 2, 2012
New Years Day holiday observed

(City offices will be closed.)



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

The City of Manzanita is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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 cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us.

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

Name

Address