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MANZANITA REPORTER

TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN (OUTDOORS)?

In February, the City Council will consider a citizen proposal to prohibit outdoor burning within the city limits. The proposal outlines health concerns from smoke from outdoor fires, especially from yard debris. The options being considered include: 1) A total ban on all outdoor burning; 2) Banning outdoor burning except for small recreational fires; and 3) Not imposing a ban and continuing to allow all fires with a proper fire permit.

The City Council is asking for public comment on this proposal before its February 8, 2017 meeting when it will formally consider whether or not to impose an outdoor burning ban of any kind. Comments may be directed to City Manager Jerry Taylor at jtaylor@ci.manzanita.or.us.

NEW SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

A new program to enforce short term rental regulations more rigorously will begin in January. The City Council has updated the transient lodging tax ordinance and the short term rental ordinance to clarify requirements and provide better tools for enforcement. In addition, a new civil infractions ordinance has been adopted which allows the City to take a tougher stance on violations. To be fair to the persons who follow the rules, the City Council has instructed City staff to identify persons not following the rules and to use the new tools to bring them into line.

The new rules set more detailed requirements for local contact persons, require that the City short

term rental license number be listed in all advertising, and raise the maximum fines for violation of the ordinances. Short term rental owners have been emailed copies of the new regulations.

OWNERS SHOULD CHECK FOR TORNADO DAMAGE

The tornado which struck Manzanita unexpectedly last October 14th did obvious damage to the homes and businesses in its path. However, some of the damage may have not been detected yet by homeowners. Some property owners with homes in or near the tornado path are discovering structural damage that was not seen initially. For example, some roofs were lifted up and then dropped back down in nearly the same place; closer examination of these houses reveals that structural supports were damaged. In some cases, the electrical panels of the houses have been severely damaged, and electricity cannot be restored to the houses without the installation of new panels.

Some second home owners may be surprised if they have not had their homes thoroughly checked after the tornado. If they haven't done so already, the City encourages all owners of homes within or near the path of the tornado to have their homes inspected for possible hidden damage.

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS NOW AVAILABLE AT VISITORS CENTER

Beach accessible wheelchairs will now be available to be loaned out at no charge from the Manzanita Visitors Center near the accessible beach ramp. Thanks to a County grant, a storage

area was built behind the Visitors Center to house the beach accessible wheelchairs. Persons wishing to borrow one of the wheelchairs may contact the Manzanita Visitors Center at 503-812-5510 to make a reservation.

NOVEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

The positions of Mayor and two City Councilors were up for election last November. Mike Scott will become the City’s Mayor in January, and Scott Galvin will become the newest City Councilor. Councilor Hans Tonjes was reelected to a new term on the City Council.

At the same election, Manzanita voters rejected by a large margin a measure to prohibit marijuana businesses within the city.

STYROFOAM BLOCKS SOON TO BE RECYCLABLE AT CARTM

Because it is mostly air, polystyrene (styrofoam) costs too much to ship to market. However, beginning January 7, CARTM will be able at last to accept one type of styrofoam!

Tillamook County Solid Waste recently acquired a densifier to squeeze the air out of polystyrene, making dense bricks that are cost effective to ship for recycling. This equipment will combine all of the styrofoam collected at all of the county's recycling depots in a cooperative venture. Start saving the block-type styrofoam that is used in furniture and appliance packaging for CARTM’s first date in January!

Please note, at this time CARTM cannot accept polystyrene meat and deli trays, to-go containers or coffee cups for recycling. As always, CARTM accepts clean 'peanut' packing foam for reuse.

COUNCIL ADOPTS POLICY ON PARADE CHAIRS

Chairs placed on the streets before the annual Fourth of July parade have been creating safety problems, especially when they have been placed on the street one or two days before the parade. Under a newly adopted Council policy, chairs may only be placed on the street and sidewalk after 7:00am on the day of the parade. No reservations using tape, chalk, cables or other devices will be allowed. The Council encourages people to bring their chairs with them when they come to watch the parade. More details on this new policy will be in the next edition of this newsletter.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mike Scott, Mayor
Leila Salmon, City Council President
Councilors:
Scott Galvin, Linda Kozlowski, and Hans Tonjes

HOLIDAYS

January 16, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20, 2017
Presidents’ 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 cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us.

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

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