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MANZANITA REPORTER

NEIGHBORHOODS GETTING PREPARED FOR DISASTERS

Manzanita area citizens are forming themselves into Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness (NEP) teams. Volunteer organizers have identified 29 defined Neighborhoods, and the number is growing every week. There are more than 36 Captains/Co Captains. Fifteen of the Neighborhoods have had "get togethers" or 1-on-1 meetings during which there were discussions and training about emergency preparedness. Approximately 40 volunteers from this program assisted the Public Safety Department by giving information and directions before and during the Tsunami Evacuation Exercise on Sept 23rd.

If you are interested in learning more about forming a small Neighborhood (15-25 properties), call or email Linda Kozlowski, 503-368-7630, lindak@nehalem.tel.net. We need 25-30 more trained Neighborhoods to really have our community prepared to work together after winter storms and other "events" that come our way.

FAMILY FUN AT MANZANITA'S CITY PARK

Bring your horseshoes and try out your pitching ability at the new horseshoe pit located at the southeast end of the park. Or, settle down with a book and enjoy the peace and beauty of the quiet area and bench nestled in the northwest corner. You can also have an old fashioned cookout under the additional picnic shelter added to the park's east side. Come and enjoy Manzanita's city park, it's a special place for everyone!

MAYOR, COUNCIL CANDIDATES UNOPPOSED

Mayor Garry Bullard and Councilmembers Ray Scales and Mike Scott are running unopposed in the November election for additional terms of office. Mike Scott is running for his first four year term after being appointed to the City Council last June. Scott filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Walt Locke. The Mayor runs for a two year term, and the two Councilors are running for four year terms.

HIGHWAY 101 IMPROVEMENTS STILL ON SCHEDULE

Plans by ODOT are still underway for some major improvements to Highway 101 adjacent to Manzanita. The Planning team from ODOT met with the Citizen Advisory Committee on August 19th to review the tentative realignment of the highway, which includes a new bridge over Neahkahnie Creek. The State intends to meet with affected property owners over the next few weeks to discuss specific highway access issues. The Citizen Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in March, 2009 to review some revised plans and hear the results of the discussions with adjacent property owners.

Funding for the bridge and highway improvements are still in the State's transportation capital budget for construction to begin in mid-2011. The bridge will allow improved fish passage along Neahkahnie Creek under the highway. The highway intersections at Laneda Avenue and Manzanita Avenue would also be improved.

**REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT
PROPOSAL ON BALLOT**

Voters in five Nehalem Bay area jurisdictions – the Cities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler, the Neahkahnie Water District and the Nehalem Rural Fire Protection District – will consider a proposal in November to form a new regional fire protection district to serve the entire Nehalem Bay area. 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. An economic feasibility plan concluded that a property tax rate of \$1.15 per \$1000 of assessed value will be necessary to provide the necessary staffing, equipment replacement and station facilities. Please check the City website at ci.manzanita.or.us for additional information on this proposal.

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS TO BE
REVIEWED**

The Manzanita City Council will soon be drafting its goals for 2009. Current goals have been in the area of improving fire services, creating a stable funding source for fire services, and community emergency

preparedness. The Council invites anyone to send in their suggestions to consider for next year’s goals.



HOLIDAYS:

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| November 11, 2008 | Veterans Day |
| November 27-28, 2008 | Thanksgiving holiday |
| December 25, 2008 | Christmas Day |
| January 1, 2009 | New Year’s Day |
| (City offices will be closed.) | |

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CI.MANZANITA.OR.US

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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@nehalem.tel.net.

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

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